

**SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(EIGHTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FOURTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 18th MARCH, 2016
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

2. * **Resolutions**

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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- * Please see Bulletin Part-II No. 122, dated the 11th March, 2016 for relative precedence of Private Members' Resolutions to be moved.

SPEAKER : For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Psalm 84:11

Starred question No. 21 from hon. MLA, Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister of Food, Civil, Supply & Consumer Affairs Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many times rice is distributed in a month?
- b) The amount of monthly quota of rice per head;
- c) Whether there is an empty go-down in Mizoram;

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister, Pu John Rotluangliana to answer the question.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No. 21 is:-

- a) Monthly quota of rice is distributed twice. As of BPL and AAY, it is distributed twice as per fixation of TPDS.
- b) For adult, 1 kg per head in a week within Aizawl and 2 kgs at the Supply Center and Aizawl Suburbs.
- c) For the time being, we have no empty rice go-downs in Mizoram. Since the implementation of Food Security, there is no more BPL where as under AAY scheme, 17 ½ kgs is issued at the rate ₹3/-.

Presently, under PHH, 5 kgs of rice is issued at the rate of ₹3/- and under NFSA, 5 kg at the rate of ₹15/-. Although the Food Security Rules instructed supplying the entire monthly quota at a time, we issued only half of it and the since we are just starting and we will supply the 2nd installment will be issued by the end of this March.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, numbers of incorrect ration card is found (including the Chief Minister's ration card) since introduction of the Food Security Act. My questions are: -

- i) If such ration cards remain in used on issuing ration quota under the Food Security Act;
- ii) What is the total cost of expenditure incurred by the Govt. for the incorrect ration cards?
- iii) When will fixing of incorrect ration cards be completed? Is the incorrect data reliable and if it is necessary to update?

SPEAKER : He gave 4 supplementary questions and there is another member with another question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, you have said that 5 members may give their questions and not 5 questions. (*Speaker: Did I say 5 members?*) Yes, you did.

Pu Speaker, as mentioned by the House Leader on the 16th of this session, should punishments given to those responsible for the incorrect ration cards? The date of birth, months and years on any ration cards are printed as nil. I opine they deserve punishment for this mistake. What is the cost of printing of 1 ration card?

SPEAKER : It was a slip of tongue when I said 5 members and I do apologize for that.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Only one supplementary question from one member is quite less, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : That is why the owner of the question should be careful and he needs to give other members time for their questions.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I opine making a supplementary question out of another supplementary question is unbecoming for the practice in the House.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, any member may feel the need to ask another question out of the information he received from the question of his predecessor. So, I opine it is an unusual practice of the House to make restriction to only one member.

SPEAKER : Let me explain it. Some of the main questions comprises sub-numbers of 'a' to 'd' or may be even more; and, when a suppl. question is made from the main question, it again contains question Nos. 1 to 3 or more. As such, no time is left for other members to ask another question. So, it is courteous to save time to other members. Let us try to adapt with it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, one moment before the answer.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the former Speaker let the members asked any question as much as possible by adjusting the time for suppl. Question so as to save a sufficient time to answer the question. But it is your choice, Pu Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That is what I am trying to say. It is your choice since the House presides under your speakership. Even if it was a slip of tongue to grant 5 members to ask the question, it is still your choice not to allow today even though the members interested should be given liberty. Many questions arrived in a day and it takes a lot of time if we concentrate too much on one particular question with its supplementary questions.

SPEAKER : The Speaker should not take advantage as he pleased and free and fair conduct is good as far as possible. I now request the concerned Minister to give answer to the questions.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: I agree if there are more supplementary questions. The issue of incorrect Ration card prevails everywhere and I even plan to call a press conference if our leaders permit. I am grateful for having the time to clear myself from accusations.

Even there are incorrect entry with date of birth, month and years, it does not make any different in the amount of issue of ration quota for we maintain 8 kgs per head. Order has also been issued for supply of the entire quota to any name entry in the previous ration card but could not be implemented in the new ration card as yet but will be regularized when such ration is issued. I do apologize for the mistake and an order for correction has already been issued with copy to each DCSO and Local Councils. It is planned to deal with the case by the month of April, Pu Speaker.

The Central Govt. permitted only 760,000 families under the Food Security

which may be equally distributed on population base. It is somewhat difficult to maintain an equal distribution since there are families with 3, 4, 5 or more members; there are more than 20,000 AAY families under this limited amount. Other states have no problem since it is maintained as per the Food Security only where as in our state, everyone avails ration supply. The maximum amount that the Food Security permits to a person is 5 kgs and those under the Food Security receive 5 kgs at the rate of ₹3/-. Apart from the Food Security programme, the Govt. provides 3 kgs to each person at the rate of ₹15/-. Anyone outside the Food Security are provided 8 kgs at the rate of ₹15/-.

In response to Pu Lalruatkima, I believe we were given ₹75 lakhs under Food Security for printing of ration cards; there are 2,40,000 ration cards yet to be made at the rate of ₹10/- per card. Yet, we received suggestion from some Local Councils and Village Councils that the charge should at least be ₹20/- per card but the Food & Civil Supply Department has not been informed as yet. There are also some Village Councils who charge ₹10/- per card.

The main reason for wrong entry in the ration cards is that there are some forms which had not been filled particularly on the date of birth section. Some forms which had been submitted have age but no date of birth, month and years being given; and, since the computer system could not take such blank entry, its automatically enters date of birth or month as on 1st. Apart from this, the Food & Security system demanded the eldest woman as the household head of the family but there are many in which the eldest man being entered as head of the family which interrupts the relationship status.

Anyway, we regret for the mistakes and we are taking measures to correct it by this coming April. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, he did not give a clear answer to my supplementary question and he did not answer whether the data being entry are reliable or not.

SPEAKER : The Minister to answer the question.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, statistic we have is not unreliable and the process is quite complicate as number of BPL family as per the

record of R.D. and Supply Department also are not in tally. Rice production as per record of the Agriculture Department seems to be sufficient enough to feed the entire state and that the Supply Department needs not to exist; it indicates our statistics are inaccurate. (**PU LALRUATKIMA:** If that is a fact, the Agriculture Minister should clarify it.) That is his concern and he will clarify that. Many of our statistics are inaccurate but it hardly affected ration card since we are supposed to cover even those who are not covered by the Food Security programme. Therefore, the Selection Committee from every area will decide who will be put under the coverage and we will regularize it later along with the ration cards.

SPEAKER : I now request Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana to ask Starred Question No. 22.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, will the Taxation Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) If there is any check-gate which is not under the administration of District Taxation Officer/Assistant Commissioner but administered by the Commissioner Officer/Directorate;
- b) If so, which check-gates?
- c) What is the reason?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister Pu Lalsawta to answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is: -

- a) There are 3 check-gates administered by the Commissioner/Directorate.
- b) The following are administered by Commissioner of Taxes: -
 - i) Vairengte Taxation Check-gate, Vairengte
 - ii) Zemabawk Taxation Check-gate, Zemabawk
 - iii) Lengpui Airport Taxation Check-gate, Lengpui
- c) The functions and managements of the check-gates are quite sensitive and complicated and so are decided to be put under the Commissioner of Taxes from the Head of Office.

SPEAKER : Any other Supplementary question?

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, I believe Zemabawk and Lengpui

Airport are under the District which is not administered by the Commissioner and are directed from Aizawl. They are now both a part of Aizawl city. In the early days, the Inspectors looked after Vairengte and Kolasib check-gates and Kolasib now being a district capital, the Assistant Commissioner administers the check-gate. Not because Vairengte is of a sensitive task, I believe that the authority will soon be handed over to the Assistant Commission; it is also more appropriate for the District.

This has been given a lot of concerns by the NGOs and the people of the District; and, unlike Zemabawk and Lengpui Airport Check-gates, I was wondering if it is ready to be administered as soon as an order is released to administer it by the Assistant Commissioner of the District Headquarters, Kolasib and not from Aizawl.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I believe we can assume the question as “Vairengte is quite far from Aizawl and why is it administered from Aizawl?” The reason is that the road is approved by the Govt. and it is the main route for transportation of our daily needs. It is crowded and the people also wanted to be administered from Aizawl. There are times when it is necessary to check for gunrunning, taxations as well as Law & Order problems. Therefore, it plays an important role for these problems and I believe we will continue to do so.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, may I ask another supplementary question? (*Speaker: Yes.*) Is there a proposal to combine all the check-gates of Vairengte in one?

SPEAKER : The Minister to answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Taxation Department cannot do this alone. There used to be an attempt to combine them for multipurpose but it cannot be achieved as planned due to some reasons. The House Leader is present today, and if he opined this to be necessary, step may be taken as instructed.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima to ask Starred Question No. 23.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Will the Minister of Environment & Forests Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Since when the regular Director at Advanced Research Center for Bamboo and Rattan (ARCBR) was unavailable?
- b) Is there a plan to place a regular Director's post? Is it possible to deploy the ethnic citizens for a regular ARCBR Director?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: My answer to the question of hon. Member, Pu Lalruatkima is: -

- a) ARCBR is of the unit of Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat which is under the Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE) of the Central Govt. So, the State Forest Office is not aware of since when the said Director was unavailable.
- b) Since ARCBR is under the Rain Forest Institute, Jorhat, we have no knowledge as of plan to place a regular Director post or not. However, the Environment & Forests often submit an application to the concerned authority to deploy the ethnic citizens under ARCBR.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, the ICFRE published an advertisement on the 5th January, 2013 and the Mizoram Forests Service Association also asked for an NOC from the Govt. which could bring a lot of developments to the people and the workers. But why are they not given NOC till date and why are we so reluctant to produce NOC to the staffs posted on Deputation while ICFRE can produce NOC?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, our State Forests Service Officers can be posted on deputation and we have recently sent one of our State Forests Officers to Dehradun. The State Forests Service Officers have their time overfull and when the ICFRE published the advertisement, one Forests Officer applied to it which should not have been done as it could lead to a serious consequence. However, there were some requests from the Associations. This file is of a recent and I have it with me for almost a day now and we are looking into it; we had our hands full and we find it quite difficult. We will see to it with our leaders and

the deputation may be done to an acceptable position.

SPEAKER : The hon. MLA, Pu Chalrosanga Ralte to ask Starred Question No. 24.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the Minister of Public Health Engineering Department be pleased to state: -

- a) If there is a proposal to generate Lungphun Lui to feed Buarpui and the villages nearby;
- b) If so, what is the situation?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: With your permission, Pu Speaker, before answering the question, the previous Ministry took measures on Saitual Greater Water Supply Scheme, and due to the efforts of the hon. Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla and former PHE Minister, Pu S. Hiato, the water is now obtained with the help of diesel engine and the P & E Department started pumping the water since last night. Secondly, despite several problems on Saiha Water Supply Scheme, we are now able to pump the water to Saiha since 8:20 pm last night.

To answer the questions: -

- a) There is a proposal to generate Lungphun Lui to feed Buarpui and the surrounding villages.
- b) The Project Report of Buarpui Water Supply Scheme (pumping) is completed and is now submitted to the North Eastern Council (NEC).

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, an Engineer-in-Chief is presently taking a temporary charge; for how long he will take the charge?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the former Engineer-in-Chief got a promotion to Secretary and the present Engineer-in-Chief is not of a temporary charge; he entered through proper channel.

SPEAKER : Moving to Starred Question No. 25 and Er. Lalrinawma to ask.

ER. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the PHE Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) Nos. of dustbins distributed under SIPMIU; and, the cost of one dustbin?
- b) What is the total cost?

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, SIPMIU is the subject of Urban Development and not under PHE. However, as a minister of UD & PA, I have prepared myself and the answer is as follows: -

- a) 1,23,950 Nos. dustbins were distributed to 61,975 families (2 dustbins each) till the 25th February, 2016. The cost of 1 dustbin is ₹186.86
- b) The total cost is ₹2,31,61,279/-.

Pu Speaker, we received an approval for Aizawl Solid Water Resource Management on behalf of CPHE, Ministry of Urban Development, Govt. of India, on 11th November, 2014. We made a proposal to submit DPR to the Ministry of Urban Development and for distribution of dustbins to 66,094 families in Aizawl city (2 dustbins each) with a capacity of 20 liters. The population of Aizawl according to 2011 census is 2,93,416; and, since Aizawl Solid Water Management Project is planned to be started from Tuikum in 2015, the population projection is calculated as 3,19,837 with 66,094 families.

Unfortunately, when the Govt. of India approved of our DPR, the proposed 20 litres is reduced to 10 litres which we currently distributed. We collect the wastes by teaming with LDB and we are doing the quotation for the waste vehicles. The waste of Aizawl is determined as 159.88 tons per day and the population as 3,19,837 in which a person is calculated to have 495 grams of wastes in a day.

The sanctioned amount for 1 dustbin is ₹212.82 and we supply at the rate of ₹186.86. Since this item is of national competitive bidding, tender is released for suppliers and manufacturers of India. It was also published on National and Local newspapers, on the website of SIPMIU and of the Govt. of India. Among the 5 bidders, Ms. Milkamal Ltd. Mumbai, Maharashtra is selected with the approval of ADB and MoUD.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 26 from Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Will the PHE Minister be pleased to state the number of families of Sakawrtuichhun who already have water connection.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, till the 3rd March, 2016, 92 households of Sakawrtuichhun are given water connections.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Is there a proposal to supply the same to the remaining 232 families? And, since the capacity of the existing tanky is insufficient, can it be to fill at least twice a week?

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, efforts have been made to supply those who have not yet received the connections and we have been considering to provide a larger tanky under SIPMIU from ADB funding. We are currently doing the earth work to accommodate 3,00,000 liters tanky.

Regarding supply of water twice a week, we find it difficult as of now for the distribution line is quite old and less sufficient to feed the increasing population. We received a sanction from Asian Development Bank for replacement of the distribution line for Aizawl and the contractors has already been selected. For example, the tanky which is now in used takes 36 hrs for filling up but the new one is supposed to take only 3 hrs for it will bring more pressures on higher level ground.

Like I had said before, even if we pump more and more water, we can hardly have enough due to old distribution line. We are working on it as Luangmual tanky too is now connected for the distribution line. Likewise, measure is taken for Sakawrtuichhun. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, is it true that an advance payment of water bill for 6 months is necessitated for Bilkhawthlir? And, why is water consumption bill at Vairengte higher than the others?

SPEAKER : Can the Minister answer the question?

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, advance payment for 6

months is not a mandatory for Bilkhawthlir; and, ₹20 is charged every month on Public Water Point. But the department, in concern for convenience of the public entertains payment for 6 months at a time.

The Department supplies water during the Christmas season as much as possible within Aizawl, Lunglei and several areas which may affect water meter higher than usual. Likewise, water bill at Vairengte is higher in December but again reduced from January.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : The case need to be clarified otherwise the Govt. may be blamed for such inconsistency.

SPEAKER : Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu to ask starred Question No. 27.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Will the PHE Minister be pleased to state if new water tanky may be provided to Keitum as well.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Yes, in 1982, a tanky with a capacity of 65,000 liters was installed at Keitum but like of other places, it has now becoming old and can no longer receive full storage. As such, we are going to provide a new reservoir from the fund which may be pulled from various sources.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 28 from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, will the Higher & Technical Education Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) Whether the Govt. disburses stipends and book grants to the technical students;
- b) Nos. of students who have received such grants;
- c) The amount of such grants disbursed in 1 year.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, provision of book grant and stipend to the technical students was discontinued since 2012.

SPEAKER : Any Supplementary question?

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, why was it discontinued?

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the Council of Ministers on its meeting on the 21st August, 2012 decided not to continue with such provisions due to financial problem. However, any student is instructed by the Higher & Technical Education Department to apply for scholarships and NEC stipends to the Ministry of Tribal & Minority Affairs.

SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Unfortunately, my question was not admitted due to delay in submitting. Despite my request to include it as unstarred Question, it was not. So, will the Higher & Technical Minister be pleased to state: -

- i) When a regular Principal for Mizoram Govt. Colleges will be appointed;
- ii) Nos. of vacant post of Lecturer/Assistant Professor in Mizoram Govt. Colleges;
- iii) The total amount of financial aids disbursed to several colleges from RUSA;
- iv) The Nos. of Doctorate Degree holders under Higher Education Department.

SPEAKER : Can the Minister answer the question?

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, is the aforesaid Council of Ministers, of a State Council of Ministers or Cabinet of different States? Since the technical students cannot be treated at the same level with students of other lines, their future depends on commitment from the Govt. I am asking if the Govt. determines to continue with the said provisions.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, there are many students in and outside Mizoram who could not continue with their study due to closing of grant in aids from the Govt. So, I am asking a favor to the Govt. to reconsider the case.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Saying a Council of Ministers generally implies the Cabinet, Pu Speaker. Notification is issued that any student may apply for scholarships to the aforesaid central authority. Pu Speaker, it may be noted by the members that despite our financial problems, much importance is given to the students' welfare.

Regarding vacant post in college, I am not able to provide the exact figures since it has a long list. We have many vacant posts with 107 Nos. for General Degree course and 127 for the entire department. Presently, there are 115 Nos. holders of Ph. D Degree being employed, 6 on contractual basis and 9 as a part-time and totally 130 Nos. We are taking measures to have a regular Principal and we will continue to do so until the Finance Department gives its approval.

As of funds under RUSA, ₹84 lakhs is received for infrastructure development of each college under RUSA. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Question hour is now over. 3 members, Pu H. Zothangliana, Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte and Pu T. Sangkunga have begged leave of the House and were granted.

As per our Rules No. 27, we will move to Private Member's Resolution. So far, we received 56 resolutions and are all admitted. The Resolution which may be moved in the House is picked randomly on 10.3.2016 out of which the Resolutions of 19 members are shown on the Bulletin Part-II, Dated 11th March, 2016 and are placed in sequence, First, I request Pu K.S. Thanga to move his Resolution.

PU K.S. THANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is a privilege to have the time to move my Resolution that, "We resolve that the House is deeply pleased for the ongoing efforts of the Govt. to implement Medical College."

Before I move my Resolution, let me explain that Falkawn is 14 kms away from Aizawl. In 1998, the Planning Commission granted ₹40 crores for the State Referral Hospital during the Congress Ministry under the leadership of the hon. Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla. Soon after the general election came up and the Congress ministry had no time for the implementation. As the MNF assumed the upcoming Ministry and in 1999, the 50 bedded building and staff qtrs. were constructed for 10 years.

The Mizoram Institute of Medical Education & Research (MIMER) was renamed as the Medical Education & Research indicating it is not only meant for studying Medical Doctor or MBBS but also for Specialists and Super Specialists. Among the North-East states, Sikkim and Meghalaya have 1 Medical College each, Manipur and Tripura have 2 and Assam has several Medical Colleges; only Arunachal

Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram remain without Medical College till today. A well-equipped hospital is first needed to have a Medical College and measures are taken to that effect since the beginning of 2008 under the Congress Ministry to establish a Medical College. Later in 10.12.2012, the Nos. of beds was upgraded to 150 and the Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla inaugurated it.

The Nos. of beds are again upgraded to 250 and since Mizoram is selected for establishment of Medical College under the Govt. of India, there are several measures which need to be worked on. To establish a Medical College which requires numbers of doctor and other staff, an affiliation is needed from Mizoram University with a security deposit of ₹3,00,000/-. There may be some flaws in the process but we are taking steps to have a well equipped Medical College so that the people can make the best use of it.

There are guidelines of the Medical Council of India which need to be followed in order to have a Medical College. I request the members, Govt. employees and the people to assist the Govt. on implementing the Medical College.

Funding : The State Referral Hospital, Falkawn was selected for a Medical College by the Govt. of India in 2014 in which the Govt. of India will grant ₹170 crore and the Mizoram State Govt. will contribute ₹18.9 crore. The Finance Department, on 9.6.2015 allots ₹556 lakhs for the State matching share and steps were taken with this before the Govt. of India granted us. The Govt. of India also granted the 1st installment of ₹20 crore on 29.6.2016 for Mizoram Medical College.

Steps taken for establishing Medical College: On 16.4.2014, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the Govt. of India and the Govt. of Mizoram signed MoU and notification was issued on 21.4.2014 for taking measures on the Medical College

The 1st Advisory meeting was held on 9.6.2014 as several meetings had also been held since then. An application was submitted to Medical Council of India on 29.8.2014 for a 50 seats Medical College and an application was again submitted on 31.8.2015 for a 100 seats Medical College.

Since the Govt. of India declared that a Medical College should not have less than 100 seats, we planned for the 100 seats but there are several works to be done to increase from 50 to 100 seats, it delayed the process. An application for MBBS should

be submitted on August, 2016 so that the 1st Batch is started on June-July, 2017. It will then be checked by the Medical Council of India and so, preparation is now in full swing.

The KMB Project Ltd., a constructing agency of Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation takes measure from 6.10.2015 so that the hospital buildings, laboratories and Lecturer Theater are well equipped. Several staffs are also appointed including Medical Superintendents and staff nurses. Presently, there are 201 employees and more to be appointed as per requirement.

Situation of the State Referral Hospital and Medical College : There are 35 Specialists and non-Specialists Doctors, 87 Nursing staffs and there is a proposal to appoint more.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, he is now stating his resolution by reading out some information; why was I not allowed to do the same with my resolution?

PU K.S. THANGA : Pu Speaker, this copy of information is with a long detail and I am doing it as I believe the members and the people will understand the condition more clearly.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, any resolution should be submitted before 10 clear days; so, he had enough time to prepare himself for the resolution since almost 1 week falls in between.

PU K.S. THANGA : To continue with my speech, Pu Speaker, there are 2 technical staffs, 8 clerical staffs, 4 drivers, 45 Grade-IV and totally 201 staff. The status of the Doctors is in progress and a Pediatrician had joined just yesterday. Apart from these, we also have other doctors under several lines as given below: -

- 1) Medical Superintendent - 1
- 2) Deputy Medical Superintendent - 1
- 3) Surgeon Super-Specialist - 2
- 4) Pediatrician - 1
- 5) Dental Surgeon - 4
- 6) Radiologist - 1
- 7) Orthopedic - 3

- 8) Medicine Doctor - 4
- 9) Dermatologist - 1
- 10) Gynecologist - 2
- 11) ENT - 2
- 12) Ophthalmologist - 2
- 13) MBBS - 3
- 14) Anesthetic - 1
- 15) Ayush Doctor - 1
- 16) Pathology - 1
- 17) Pulmonary Medicine - 1
- 18) Microbiology - 1
- 19) Multi-Disciplinary Research Unit - 2
- 20) Non-Communicable Disease - 1
- 21) National Programme for Prevention & Control of Deftness - 1

Total Nos. of Doctors - 35.

Routine scheduled for Gynecology OT is on Tuesday & Thursday, Dental on Monday, Orthopedic on Wednesday, ENT on Monday & Tuesday and Surgery on Wednesday & Friday.

Measures Undertaking: The Hospital buildings are renovated and repainted along with the windows, doors and bathroom floors. (**Speaker:** *You may read the figures as well.*) The repairing of the ground floor of OPD building is almost completed as only the windows and electric wire fitting are left to be done. Repairing is necessary as most of the works during the MNF Ministry were left unfinished and so were repaired the Congress Ministry took the charge from 2008.

There was a proposal for 4 Nos. OT's, 3 are in used and 1 is under preparation. ICU is being set up with 10 beds as a separate ICU for children is under proposed. The Administrative building for the Medical College is under repair and a physiology laboratory and faculty room is under construction on the ground floor. The 1st floor is occupied for an office and is repaired for Director Faculty and other staffs, the 2nd floor for library and conference hall, and for Blood Bank, it is under repaired.

There are equipments which are continuously bought including Anesthesia work station, Patient monitor BP, Ultrasound, portable OT light, Pulse Oxy-meter, Photo-therapy, Endoscopy, Blood Bank refrigerator, thermo machines (**Speaker:**

The report is too technical for the members.) Many works yet to be done for the Medical College and the Govt. is working on it... (*....Interruption.....*) That is why it is necessary to give it in detail. Pu Speaker, I have to move my Resolution first, let them have their own time, later. I request the members not to interrupt my speech, I am the mover and I am not finished.

To continue with it, some equipment is now on its way for delivery. Now, the Govt. is working on the Multi-Disciplinary Research Unit (MRU) under the initiative of the Research Scheme Project, Department of Health Research and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for the progress of the Medical College in medical research.

We will soon have Molecular biology equipment which is quite popular and widely used. There are only a few centers in the North-East with PCR and electroforasis; it will be the first in the history of the Mizoram Health Department. For information of the members, Pu Speaker, PCR is used for detecting genetic testing; Tissue typing is a procedure in which the tissues of a prospective donor and recipient are tested for compatibility prior for transplantation.

We will soon have a Paternity DNA testing machine at Falkawn and several equipments for Medical Research as well as 5 parts differential Hematology Analyzer & fully auto-Bi-chemistry Analyzer. We are also taking measures to provide 24 hrs emergency services with a casualty of 10 beds. A 24 hrs specialist on call duty is now available and 10 beds are attached for MDRTB multi drugs resistant. ICU with 10 beds, MIR and CT scans will soon be installed.

The Director of the Medical College will soon be appointed; it will consist of 3 departments with 1 each of the Professor, Associate Professor and the Assistant Professor for each faculty and 3 tutors in every MBBS Department.

Several committees were held under the chair of the hon. Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chairman of Board of Management; the members includes Pu Lal Thanzara, Dr. B.D. Chakma, Pu K.S. Thanga, Vice Chancellor of Mizoram University; Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary of Health & Family Welfare Deptt. with Invitees such as Dr. N.K. Mohanty, Advisor to Govt. of Mizoram and Dr. K. Ropari, Director, Health & Family Welfare. Apart from this, we have Advisory Committee, Inspection Committee, Construction sub-Committee, Procurement Sub-

Committee, Academic Sub-Committee and Support Group and other members representing the concerned Departments.

I believe the members will also be pleased on the measures taken by the Govt. of Mizoram. So, I request the members to support my Resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister and Finance Minister left the House for a short period, they will return soon.

As per Rules 131, 15 minutes will be allotted to each member and Pu K. Lalrinthanga will start the discussion.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu speaker. I am quite pleased with today's Resolution.

The Govt. initiated measures for establishment of the Medical College during the previous Ministry but left uncompleted due changing of the ministry. The next Ruling Ministry then continues with the project but by altering the original plan like dividing the contract works to numbers of contractors which immensely affected the quality of the works where as some works being left uncompleted. So, the hospital remains incomplete for a long time. It is further learned that some staff quarters were used for domesticating chickens.

As my party came back in power, many problems were inherited; so, proposal was made for purchase of machineries to continue with the on-going project but was again invalidated during the MNF ministry from 1998 to 2008. While that is the case, it is very impressive that the Chief Minister and the concerned Minister are making intensive efforts for the achievement of the establishing Medical College.

The foundation stone of Tuirial Hydel Project was laid by the then Chief Minister in 1998. However, the ministry changed during the course of its development and the new ministry did nothing for its completion. In 1998, there were only 48 landowners in the proposed site of Tuirial hydel project but the numbers immediately increased to more than 1000 when compensation is claimable for such area but the government ignored the problem. The new ministry when it was formed in 2008 revived the work. It is great to hear that the project is readied for commissioned in the coming October. The same problem goes with Falkawn Referral Hospital and if the

government gives enough important of this problem, huge amount of expenditure could be saved. I am grateful that it could be completed by now.

It is also a great thing to learn that the Mizoram Institute of Medical Education & Research is due to be established as this will pave a way to develop the medicinal plants in our state as it will also help in employment generation. The effort made by the Hon. Chief Minister and the Minister concerned for establishment of the Medical College in Mizoram is really praiseworthy. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have another resolutions being submitted relating to the subject of this resolution. I would like to propose amendment of the resolution. It is a fact that not only our state but also other states of the North East face financial problems. Therefore, it is opined that it may be better if this medical college is transformed into central college as it is will also help us in resolving financial problems of our state as well as the proposed Mizoram University.

It is apparent that the financial problems will prevail in any ministry. Meanwhile, setting up a Medical College is taking a lot of expenditure as it is estimated that at least around ₹70 crore would be needed every year. Apart from this, we have numbers of building to be constructed including a separate college building for teaching staffs and non teaching staffs. Keeping all these in view, it seems difficult for the state to meet the financial needs. So, I proposed that this resolution may kindly be amended as I have stated. If it is agreed and be passed, we will be able to pursue to the central government unanimously; we could follow the same set up as of NEIGHRIMS. I, therefore, proposed that "Let necessary steps be taken to transform the State Referral Hospital into a Central Medical College." I hope we are capable to do so with the efforts of the government. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : His main point is for the amendment of the resolution. According to Rule No. 129 of the Rules of Procedure, a resolution could be amended through a resolution for amendment which may be moved by another member. A copy of the proposed amendment should be given to the mover of this important resolution. According to Rule No. 130, a resolution may be amended by submitting proposal for amendment one clear day before the day fixed for the discussion of the resolution. Besides, the Speaker may allow the amendment in his

own discretion; I am saying this for kind information of the members. Let us now give time to Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I am excited to hear this resolution as we were very anxious as a student to have a medical college of our own. And, I am also glad to see the initiatives taken by this ministry to implement the medical college. We have learned misuse of enormous amount of funds for this project in the previous ministry where as the total amount of fund available for Referral Hospital is ₹76.6 crore. However, it was started with construction of smaller buildings like staff quarters as the contract works could be given to their party workers but the main hospital building was left out. As such was the case, staff quarters etc. were later used for different purposes since the hospital could not be materialized.

I am glad to hear that there is a new initiative for the establishment of medical college in our state. We the Mizos are having various kinds of health problem. According to the Zozam Newspaper dated the 1st June, 2017, the annual expenditure incurred by the Govt. of Mizoram due to tobacco related diseases is more than ₹150 crore. We have seen in cities like Mumbai and Kolkata that there are numbers of patients from Mizoram with cancer cases. The total amount of expenditure of the Govt. on MR Bill of the Govt. employees within a year crosses ₹80 crore and obviously huge amount is spent by the rest as well. It means that huge amount is flowed outside on refer cases. If project for the said hospital is successful, we could save a huge expenditure. I understand proposal for the amendment but for the time being, I prefer to pass it as it is.

One of the leaders of opposition parties recently stated that we have no qualified doctor among the Mizos; his words deeply crosses my mind as we have a lot as many are in service outside Mizoram. In fact, experts are not the first provision for a medical college. We hardly had any expert when Mizoram University was started. We must know that development of this kind of institution needs a gradual process and it can be developed once it is started.

So, with the need for medical college in our state, I express my gratitude to have this kind of resolution today and I am supporting it wholeheartedly. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now have a break and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

Er. LALRINAWMA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad to have this kind of resolution today. I also think that we will all be pleased to hear about it.

However, the initiative for establishment of medical college in Mizoram has been started a long time ago but no remarkable success has yet been made till today. It is obvious that there are many obstacles to achieve first such as problems relating to qualifications and provisions. I have studied the 'Minimum standard requirement for Medical College for 100 admission annually' laid down by the Regulation 1999 (Amendment up to July, 2015) of Medical Council of India. It seems very difficult to fulfill all the requirements laid down by this rules. It requires more than 256 staffs for clinical section alone and another 132 qualified personnel in the Non-Clinical branch. In total around 528 employees including Ancillary service are required.

Out of 528 total employees, around 206 should be of MBBS or above degree holder. Besides, it requires certain experiences and achievements also. Considering all these requirements, I opined that it is an enormous job to have a Medical College; the financial requirements and other necessities are also huge. In spite of all these obstacles, we need to take the steps for its establishment.

It came into my mind when an agreement was signed with the Catholic Bishop Conference of India in the year 2007 - 2008. We know that the Roman Catholic Church has made an enormous contribution in academic sphere. However, the agreement was not pursued as election was declared soon after it was signed.

I would like to mention that transfer order of 33 nurses from Aizawl Civil hospital to the Referral Hospital is being issued as 10 had already been released. Thus, the remaining nurses are compelled to work harder. As already stated, it seems preferable to run the medical college in collaboration with other party. If not, its status may be too low. Whereas the requirements made by the Indian Medical Council are difficult to meet and thus may be passed if there is a political commitment. However, I found it is a formidable task looking at the requirements alone.

I am happy with this resolution for establishment of medical college alone. Yet, I opine it should be dealt with a proper plan and efforts so that we may have a good medical college for its concern with our life and death. Therefore, it is essential

for us to have a good faculty equipped with advance materials and also to set up the desired institution. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, I express my heartiest gratitude for being able to discuss a resolution for the establishment of medical college in our state. It signifies the efforts of the hon. Chief Minister with great visions.

An effort for establishment of referral hospital was initiated under the guidance of the Hon. Chief Minister today during the previous ministry, the same time while NEIGRIHMS also was started. However, the initiative was left out and could not be materialized as the ministry was changed.

Er. Lalrinawma was right when he stated that if any ministry is not strong enough to deal with an important matter, collaboration with other parties needs to be sought. As this ministry returns to power, the abandoned referral hospital was revived and it started functioning as it supposed. This is the result of having a visionary leadership. The same was happened in dealing with Tuirial Hydel Project also. I am grateful that the referral hospital was revived and started functioning as it should be. If it was not left out for so long, we should have better hospital today.

This resolution is the result of the efforts made by a great visionary leader. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I support this resolution moved by Pu K.S. Thanga.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga may take his time.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Mizoram is facing various kinds of health problems as so the past and we used to invest much of our money for medical cost. As there are limitations in the hospitals of our state, many patients are referred to other states. Seeing such problems which pervade our state, efforts were initiated for Medical College in Mizoram thanks to the vision of the then Chief Minister of Mizoram way back since 1998. It is great to see the result today.

When the officials of St. John Medical College, Bengaluru visited the proposed site for establishment of our Medical College, it was agreed. St. John

Medical College is a medical college accredited five stars standard by UGC and it is where there is a huge prospect for improvement and further development. We have to admit that ours may not be developed enough in the beginning as the Medical Council also set a minimum guidelines. However, it is not necessary to fulfill all from the start but expected to improve gradually; it may later rise above the requirements in the future.

There is an initiative for establishment of college at Lengpui by Jesuit Fathers. They are the one who are undertaking several institutions in 32 countries around the globe. However, the requirement might not have been met at the beginning, but they still are the one who runs prestigious colleges like Loyala College of Kerala. Similarly, the Medical Collage may not be developed enough in the beginning but it may still be an advanced medical college in the future.

This government is marching forward with a vision of developing a full-fledged institution. I do hope that it will certainly serve the needs of this state in the future. Even if it is small in the beginning, I hope that it will one day become a great medical college with the effort of the government. Thus, the initiatives in this regard are notable. I therefore support this resolution. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Who will be next? Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is a fact that we are all very grateful for the initiatives to establish a medical college in our state; yet, it does not end here. So, we need to think of what is best for our state; it may be affected by the level of political commitment we have.

We definitely want to have a medical college. However, considering our economic and financial condition, we are proposing to have a better means for its establishment. We know that there are many institutions funded by central government; even in our state, we are having Mizoram University, Veterinary College under Indian Council of Research & Regional Institute of Para Medical and Nursing. Horticulture College is also set to be established under the Indian Council of Research. All these institutions funded by the central government are a complete blessing for our state.

Pu Deputy Speaker, there are various sources of running our Medical College

such as centrally funded and state's owned. For example, RMC is run by the seven states of the North East in the past but now it is of the central government; we also have NEIGRIHMS in Shillong. Secondly, the state's owned Medical College, the like of which we are discussing today. Developed states like Karnataka are having more than one of such medical college. The other type of Medical College is which we mentioned earlier, which is run by trust or society. Examples are CMC, Vellore, Ludhiana and St. John's Medical College.

A Medical College may also be run by PPP Mode and Sikkim Manipal University is an example of such college and is run by Karnataka College on PPP Mode. We, the opposition members never objected running a medical college, we are just proposing to determine the best for our state.

Grants have been provided by the central government almost every year as in Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh in 2014; 6 other states had also been granted the same in 2015. AIMS were even established in Himachal Pradesh and Assam. In the centrally established Medical College, 50 seats are reserved for the states and the other and the rest allotted by the central government.

By running a medical college our own means, we may not be able to fulfill the requirements of Medical Council of India, we have to note that it has the power to de-recognize any college mid way; yet, let us hope that would not happen. Apart from this, having a good teaching faculty is another problem for the state. However, I do hope that we could resolve that problem if we have a high level of political commitment.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we, including the opposition members, all wish to have a prestigious medical college, playing a blame game would not bring any development for this project for it is the result of every step taken by each party who were in the ministry. So, what is important is how to pursue as we should not let it end merely at the point of passing the resolution. Let every steps necessary be taken for the establishment of this Medical college which is the vital need of our state. Let us ask ourselves why we wouldn't approach centrally funded and run medical colleges while many other states have the same. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. B.D. Chakma.

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, since it concerns my academic line, I would like to have a few words. I think that we need mutual commitment of each party for the achievement of medical college in Mizoram. A Medical or technical college, it is not only state's assets but the national as well. We, Mizoram are among the top five states in terms of education. However, on health issues, we are still having high on MMR, Cancer and HIV cases. Thus, we really need a medical college in this perspective also; we must act as quick as possible to have a medical college in our state.

We have RIPANS here at Aizawl and Nursing College at Lunglei, many of those who graduated from these institutions are working outside our state. While I was working at Badarpur, the nurses never deal with the case of child delivery but by doctors. However, in the case of Mizoram, nurses handle such responsibility their own ways and our doctors are just witnesses. This shows the quality of our institutions and I hope that it will be the same if we could establish medical college.

Pu Dy Speaker, I opine a complete faculty may not be necessary in the first year as only the subjects like Anatomy, Physiology and Bio-Chemistry will be given in the first year. Other faculties may be started only from the second and third year in which four or more demonstrators will be sufficient for such subjects. I request the opposition members also to support this resolution so that it will be started this year or the next year. If we achieved our own Medical and Engineering College, it will be an inspiration for the students as well for they will be able to set up their future plan from middle school standard; this will further help us improving our education as well. So, I am fully supporting this resolution moved by Pu K.S. Thanga. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please allow us to change the chair. *(Pu John Siamkunga, Panel of Chairman at the Speaker's Chair)*

CHAIRMAN : Who will be the next? Pu P.C. Lalthanliana.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Chairman, I am really pleased by this resolution for our state is craving for this kind of institution. I have also studied the rules and regulations and also the minimum requirements for a medical college. As already stated, I found a little too formidable to run this college from the state fund. It is my opinion that it might be better to run this college as a central college if possible.

I will not say many things about the past. From our position today, I am very pleased for the steps taken and I do hope that it will soon be successful. With these words, I would like to support the resolution. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Chairman, I think that I am one of the most anticipated members of this House. I faced a kidney transplant on 28th February, 2014; the amount of my medical reimbursement was not less than 20 lakh rupees. If we achieved our own Hospital as proposed today, huge amount of public money would be saved. I knew more than 130 patients who are facing similar cases as I was in the hospital outside our state and they have many problems to deal with to get their treatment. Despite many experts within our state to take care of such patients and to investigate their cases, it is impossible though due to shortage of necessary equipments. All such problems will be solved if we achieved a medical college.

I am thankful that this kind of initiative is made under the guidance of the Hon. Chief Minister, the Hon. Health Minister and all concerned officials. I think that it will be better still if we include 'Falkawn' denoting the place in the resolution. If it is successful, we could easily reach it within a very short time. Therefore, on behalf of all the people who need this kind of hospital so much like me, I supported this resolution. Thank you.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Chairman, education has often been regarded as the best investment. We the Mizos are very fortunate for being an aspirant society for education as we are ready to give our all for the cause education. We have High School only after 1950; colleges were later opened after 1960 with the commitment of people like Pu Pachhunga as we are now having around 22 colleges at present.

However, in today's development, it seems that technical education is more and more important besides general line. Meanwhile, our state does not have even a single medical or engineering college even though we are one of the states with the highest literacy rate. From this point of view also, we need to try our best to find a way to run this college. We, the Mizos being self-sufficient in the past; we have a trait to contribute for the welfare of the public. If we impart awareness to the people to have sense of ownership, I believe that we will be able to run this college successfully; I hope that we could also avail foreign aids to run the college. I have a

firm believe that we could succeed in availing all the needs to run the medical college.

I suggest we consult our experts to start up this valuable asset of the state and expert pensioners, if necessary may also be called back to help us starting this college at least two or more years. This way, I think that we may surely achieve if we all try our best at our respective places. Therefore, I am really thankful for this resolution and I am also supporting it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I would like to point out only two or three reasons for my appreciation on this resolution.

I am glad that our leaders today are aware of the difficulty to have a medical college for they had achieved many difficult things in the past. It was known to them the difficulty of having Lengpui airport when it was proposed; however, it became successful as we have seen today.

Despite difficulties as pointed by several members, I strongly believe in the efficiency of the Hon. Finance Minister and the Hon. Chief Minister on financial management to establish our own medical college. During the 13th Finance Commission, we had incurred a debt of only ₹52.41% while up to ₹74.80 is permissive during 2014-2015. This may even decrease more by the next year. The maximum fiscal deficit according to the norms of the 14th Finance Commission is 3% of the GSDP of the state. However, the Hon. Finance Minister has said that our fiscal deficit will be only 0.15%. Under this kind of good governance, I hope that it will be possible to run a medical college successfully and I have a firm believe on our government.

As already mentioned by Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, I am very glad because it will surely be a blessing for the poor and downtrodden people of the state who need better medical treatment; we have numbers of people in such condition even in my constituency and I could clearly see the need of Medical College and Hospital for their concern. My son had faced a surgery at St. John's Hospital once and I deeply craved for such hospital for our state even it is a little difficult since the amount of expenditure for conveyance on referred cases is enormous. If this could be done in our own state, we could save crores of money for our state.

Apart from this, this Medical College will be served as a source of better education to our youth for it will be accessible more easily, they will also have a better chance to have seats in medical college which will be a good motivation for them as well. I also think that there will be no problem to convert the college as being proposed if the state is unable to manage it in the long run. So, I opined it is better to start the college as state owned institution and I think that will also be possible with the efforts of our efficient leaders.

Besides, this Medical College will produce doctors for other states as well; and, when such doctors return to their respective states, they will remember our state wherever they are which will be in turn a blessing for our state. It is desirable to see many doctors in India who may complete their course from our Medical College and I think that this should be taken as a challenge. So, I gladly support this resolution moved by the Hon. Member Pu K.S. Thanga. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is a pleasure to have a discussion on the Resolution moved by the hon. MLA, Pu K.S. Thanga and the steps taken for establishment of Medical College. We need to work hard and support each other in order to achieve a successful Medical College. However, I am afraid this resolution would end up to nothing like the Private Resolution from Pu S. Laldingliana which was passed on 1.4.2010. We are allotted ₹20 crore from the ₹184 crore of non-recurring Grant-in-Aid and ₹25 crore to Arunachal Pradesh; and, I am afraid that this will ends up like funds provision allotted to the I.R. Battalion.

We all seem to know that NIT is not reaching our expectations and the mover also seems to move his resolution cautiously with a view of the negative outcome. As we are beginning to have the State referral hospital, some ruling members ridicules the original buildings as being used for chicken farming. In this regard, it may be noted that the Nursing school building at Thingdawl had also been used for the same as referral hospital. Thus, both the ruling and the opposition party are at stalemate as no party wins on the debate of this topic. So, blaming each other's party would do nothing good so should not be repeated. As pointed out by Dr. K Beichhua, the 44 buildings, Administrative Block 'A' & 'B', Laboratory Block 'B' OPD building etc. were the effort of the MNF Ministry. It is possible that some works had not been incomplete during our 10 years ministry for some reasons but not deliberately.

However, if we ever have a Medical College, it will be of the joint efforts of the present and the past MNF ministry. We all seem to know the problems evolved in the process of setting up a medical college. Yet, it is quite confusing as the number of doctors for our medical college according to the mover of the resolution and application which has been submitted for the same is different.

The minimum requirement for Medical College Amendment, 2016 can be downloaded from the internet which is quite problematic. On the other hand, it is pleasing to have a Mizoram University established from collaboration and we have several Central quota and also 40 seats for students and BDS of central pool. While this is the case, the ratio of our Doctors is still quite low and we need to have more qualified Doctors. We should also be careful on those unqualified Doctors with fake certificates. Yet, I opine it would be of more impressive if this Medical College is named the Central Medical College as MIMER, Falkawn seems to be inappropriate. Anyhow, I hope the Aizawl Civil Hospital would not be neglected. There are some incinerators that need to be upgraded in the Referral Hospital; and, we are still not ready on water supply, lights and libraries. However, we have an inspection team to resolve the problems.

Pu Speaker, the total area of land lease for Falkawn Referral Hospital in the year 2000 as shown in the DLP land lease No. 45 of 2000 was 119.16 bighas while it was 214.84 bighas as on 07/2010 after having another cadastral survey demarcation. Likewise, we are bound to face problems due existence of several LSC's within the area of the Assam Rifles which will soon be vacated. Land for the Referral Hospital was donated by some people and the amount of compensations to that effect is quite less. Likewise, more private lands are acquired by the department in an exchange for job under the Govt. but are remain unfulfilled. While some people willingly donated their valuable to land to the Govt., it is unfortunate that there are some who donated the same but with the hope of compensation. I am afraid that our people may lose their confidence in the Govt. unless inspection is done by the government and cancel some, depending on the case. I have here, list of such compensation beneficiaries which includes the names of some of our leaders and their respective party; I will tear this copy with the hope of immediate cancellation of pass being issued in their names. Thank you.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, as a minister in-charge, I am asking for the copy and I will deal with the matter.

PU LALRUATKIMA : I oblige to do so, Pu Speaker. As mentioned earlier, it would be appreciated if this resolution is slightly changed as the area of Medical College is not clearly specified and the name be changed as the Central Medical College. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I now request Pu R. Lalzirliana, hon. Minister.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it seems that we all support the Resolution moved by Pu K.S. Thanga; and, I agree with the member before me.

The State Referral Hospital was started in 1998 by the Congress Ministry but funds provision of ₹40 crore has been misused during MNF/MPC ministry as numbers of staff quarters were constructed instead of emphasizing on construction of the main building of the hospital which resulted into failure. Allegedly such staff quarters being constructed were used for chicken farming and some 44/50 people as being hired to act as sick patients at the hospital when the inspection team inspected the hospital.

It is appreciated that the opposition members accepted failure of their party's ministry on setting up of IR Battalion. It is a fact that excessive numbers of staff were recruited for IR Battalions without realizing that the Central will not continue to fund the recurring expenditure which led us into failure of the said. Besides, it may be noted that large amount of fund is spent for renovation of such buildings being completed par below quality. Barely 2 years since my party assumed the ministry, numbers of roofing material were supplied but the previous ministry failed to do the same. I also agree with the opinion of Pu Lalruatkima regarding the name of the hospital and being constructed under a great leadership, I believe we can achieve despite many hardships.

During the term when I was in the opposition, the Govt. was working on World Bank Road and the students of Chhimphei blocked their roads in protest against poor quality of the materials used for that construction. The farmers indicated their grievances to the Govt. for not meeting their needs and a rally had even been held in Aizawl. We are fortunate that none of such incidents were witnessed during this 7-8 years term of this Ministry.

It is clear that the opposition members were not satisfied with their leader as they did not completely put their trust in his leadership. So, it wise for us all to agree with the Resolution moved by Pu K. S. Thanga. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is clear that most of us feel the need to change the wording of a particular portion of this resolution but it is only the ruling party having the power to amend Private Member's Resolutions; and if it is agreed, it may be passed later. So, I was wondering if it the Ruling Party agrees to do so. The mover of this resolution too will surely have many things to explain as this hospital is located within his constituency yet it will not be appropriate without clearing name of the hospital.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: It is appreciated to learn that the mover concerns this hospital not because it is within his constituency but for the welfare of the people as a whole.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, I believe the hon. Home Minister also agree to amend it. So, is it possible to follow opinion of the majority?

It is a privilege to have a discussion on the Medical College and I also believe that it will soon be achieved. It is our rightful claim to have University, Medical College and Engineering College but the progress is quite slow, I feel that it has been long delayed yet there is no one to blame for the cause. I often made a suggestion on Medical College even during the MNF Ministry but no progress is seen. We would have had more progresses if it is achieved during the previous term. Anyway, the Prime Minister being the former Chief Minister of a state, I believe he would certainly welcome our approach on having Medical College and that he may grant us fund provision to that effect.

I agree with the opinion that it may be taken up as a Central College and I have often discussed the matter with our Synod leaders and the Principal of ATC as I believe that it can also be established by a Christian Community.

As mentioned by Dr. K. Beichhua, I am afraid that we may not fulfill that ambition even after spending the providential funds. Thus, I opine it is important to

immediately pursue land being offered for the hospital.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Regarding private LSC in the proposed location of the hospital, Pu Speaker, such offer of land cannot be considered unless it is approved by the Revenue Minister and necessary step may be taken only after the member submitted his copy to the House for investigation. But an act of tearing such copy in the House is insulting and would not resolve the problem.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, our opinions on that may not be the same but we all seems to agree with having a Medical College for our state. We are not sure of what will be the best but it is appreciated for being able to discuss on this matter. Thank you.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I had mentioned this in the absence of the House Leader was absent but I would like to inform him that no member seems to object this resolution but felt the need the change the wording as “Let necessary steps be taken so that it may become a Central Medical College” so that we will all be satisfied. I also believe that there is no harm in approaching the Central Govt. for that even if we failed.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, if the member is truly concern for what had been mentioned, he should have said it so by standing and may submit it in a written form otherwise, it degrades the dignity of this august House.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, it is the decision of yours and the members on your right, we are only expressing our opinions and if it is unacceptable.

P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: It should be submitted in a written form as per our Rules, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : It is 4:00 PM and I request the hon. House Leader if he has anything to say.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is obvious we all want it and we need to agree with the resolution. So, I opine it may be amended if necessary. Problems sometimes happened so as to achieve good thing. Even in the discussion for our University, the opposition members wished to have the state

University but the Ruling members insisted Central University which is quite reassuring. So, the same happens with our discussion today. Even though it is difficult to achieve, a Central Medical College is insisted.

We approached the Central Govt. for setting up a standardized hospital as AIIMS in different parts of India, but unsuccessful. The proposed site of Medical hospital at Falkawn had often been visited by the Director General of Health Services and MCI officials and is being approved for the same. Thus, the central suggested that the site is immediately decided. We need a base Hospital in order to have a Medical College but our financial status does not allow us to proceed for the time being. It is prerequisite to have a Director; so, to fulfill the need, we have one from Imphal with a salary of 2 lakhs per month.

As of capacity of seat, we have been given 100 seats against our wish of 50. We are currently working on the Referral Hospital for its base Hospital and since we all are inclined to have a Medical College, we are trying to deal with the recurring expenditure. At the first phase, all the demanded subjects may not be included. It is first important for us to pass the Resolution and prepare ourselves for the Medical College; after it is passed, we may continue to urge the Central Govt. and we may be able to find associates from outside for PPP mode. The first thing we need is funds and so is necessary for us to pass this Resolution as it is.

SPEAKER : I request the Health Minister to make clarification on some points and to wind up the discussion.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is appreciating to learn that the Private Member Resolution moved by K.S. Thanga is supported by all. Most of the members emphasize on the cost of the project and if this project should be of Centrally Sponsored Scheme. In this regard, it may be noted that the hon. Health Minister of the Congress Ministry made an approach to concerned authority for centrally sponsored Medical College but unsuccessful due to the on-going plan for setting up AIIMS type hospital in various part of the country. As mentioned by the Opposition Group Leader, we could have been included among AIIMS typed hospitals if only measures were taken during the previous MNF Ministry. Anyhow, we will proceed as a State Medical College and we may have in future, an opportunity to include the project under the central sponsored scheme.

JIPMER, a Medical College of Pondicherry was established in 1823 by the French and is now taken up under the Central Govt. since 1956. Likewise, PGI, Chandigarh which was established in 1963 has also been taken up under the Central Govt. since 1967, RIIMS, Imphal which was established in 1972 by the North-East states had also been taken up by the NEC in 1995 has now taken up under the Govt. of India in 2007. So, we also have the chance to be taken up under the Central Govt. despite our financial shortage.

Dr. K. Beichhua claimed that Referral Hospital as being initiated during the MNF Ministry and the project as continued by the Congress Ministry. With your permission, Pu Speaker, on the 12th sitting of the 5th session, Dated the 26.3.2008, the former Health Minister, Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga, in reply to the question of Pu Andrew Lalherliana and Pu Lalrinliana Sailo clearly indicated he had no confidence to make any approach for the Referral Hospital.

Er. Lalrinawma mentioned about the risk of following the MCI norms and the demand for large number of qualified Doctors. I would like him to know that if we establish a Medical College despite financial discrepancy, we could possibly in a dire situation if patients keep on dying in the hospital. Despite the original estimate of 50 seats for the medical college, we had been sanctioned for 100 seats and we need to oblige the amount being sanctioned; this is why it is started with 100 seats.

The Revenue Minister has clearly indicated offer of land for Falkawn Hospital and that the caretakers of the Hospital had no knowledge of such land being donated.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, I am not feeding this House with fake document but it is clearly written on the LSC that the land is given by the Health Department.

PU K. S. THANGA : Health Department has no such power to issue LSC.

PU LALRUATKIMA : (interruption)..... It is your responsibility to deal with the case, Pu Speaker. If the department is so inefficient not to know its own responsibility, then there is no accountability in the government. I am certain that the land is given(interruption)..... I am not lying and the document is genuine.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, if the member claims that the said LSC as being issued by Health Department, then, it is a fake since LSC cannot be issued without the approval of the Revenue Minister.

PU LALRUATKIMA : The LSC clearly indicate that the land is given by Health Department.

SPEAKER : It is enough. How about the copy of the document?

PU LALRUATKIMA : I tore it up the copy since he did not ask for it.

SPEAKER : You may hand it over to me anyway.

PU LALRUATKIMA : I can provide the copy and I certainly will, Pu Speaker.

PU K. S. THANGA : To go into the detail, Pu Speaker, MNF issued a Press release which claim LSC as being issued to Pu Sevena of Falkawn. The PR further indicate Pu Sevena himself as saying that he had bought the said land site from Mrs. Dawngi of Aizawl and he again bought another one next to the first from a Police Inspector and that all the neighbors had even witnessed the case. It is further stated that the purchaser as pointing out his feeling of intuition that MNF supporters would feed wrong information to their leaders and that false PR may be issued. ... (Interruption)..... How could I issue LSC for purchase of such private lands?

PU LALRUATKIMA : (interruption) Pu Speaker, it is a fact that he has recommoned the application of the former Unit President and Block President of Falkawn that it may be considered; thus, LSC was issued as per recommendation. Then, the detail in the not4e sheet is marked as 'interrupted' since the Health Department issued from the land lease. Why did they issue?

SPEAKER : The Revenue Minister has already asked to hand over the said copy to him for further investigation where as the Minister also said that he was not involved in the case. So, if you are not satisfied with it, you may go to the Revenue Minister to proof it.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Pu Lalruatkima has expressed his feeling of intuition that the importance of Aizawl Civil Hospital may be overlooked while giving our attention towards the Medical College. I must say that it will not happen as we are trying to upgrade it as well. However, some materials which are unnecessary for Aizawl Civil Hospital are moved.

Pu Speaker, the Medical College should be started with 3 subjects comprising Anatomy, bio-chemistry and Physiology. Each department needs 1 professor, 1 Associate Professor, 1 Asst. Professor and 3 Demonstrators each. So, we have 1 Asst. Professor of locally background for Anatomy and another 1 Mizo Doctor will also be hired. We already have a demonstrator; and, hopefully another 2 mizos will also be appointed for bio-chemistry and Physiology. Despite rigidity of the MCI norms, it is appreciated to learn there are some relaxations for the North-East states.

We believe that there is means to obtain financial assistance from outside like JICA. As we have heard, the expenditures will be quite high but there are many ways to save our expenses as well. I would like to share my gratitude to all the members for their support. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I now request Pu K.S. Thanga to wind up his Resolution and move the House to pass it.

PU K.S. THANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is impressive that 17 members including the hon. Chief Minister, Home Minister, the concerned Minister and other Ministers are participated in the discussions. The oppositions are more inclined toward the Central Govt. while we are feeling a strong sense for being Mizo.

Overall, we all support this Resolution but somehow the oppositions wanted it to be a Central Sponsor Scheme. As the hon. Chief Minister had mentioned, we should first try it and we will continue to take measures according to the situations.

In regard to the teaching faculty, there is a special relaxation for the North-East states and it seems there will be no problem on the Professor, Asst. Professor, Associate Professor and MBBS. We need to give more attentions to the Anatomy Department. The Health Minister, Chief Minister and the Finance Minister give priority to the teaching faculty and there is not much to worry when we have a budget of more than ₹8,000 crores.

Due to blessings and the efforts of the hon. Chief Minister, we are now able to achieve Lengpui Airport and the Mizoram House at Salt-lake, Kolkata. Like I have mentioned, the Specialists may work straight away due to relaxation and we need to give a thought on the benefits. We currently have around 40 seats all over India and if we obtain another 100 more seats at the Central pool, 15 seats will go to the Central quota and we will certainly obtain 85 seats.

We may not have all the knowledge and expertise from the beginning and I believe that referring patients to other states will remain for the time being. Death is inevitable and we cannot escape even in a Medical College, AIMMS, Vellore or TATA Hospital. But the main objective is to provide better knowledge and prevent the flowing of finance to other states.

We should not underestimate ourselves on knowledge. We have numbers of gold medal winning Mizos, we need to know that Mizo youths often excel other states in knowledge. Our leaders are trying to make Mizoram an Education hub as they are also contemplating the Engineering Colleges and many others.

So, I request all the members to support this Resolution and to keep in mind that we can be economically independent without approaching the Central Govt. for help. Thank you, Pu Speaker. So, Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass my resolution.

SPEAKER : Pu K.S. Thanga has moved the House to pass his Resolution; is there any objection? Alright; the House has unanimously passed the Resolution.

We will continue with our Session on Monday, the 21st at 10:30 AM.

(Sitting adjourned at 4:40 PM.)