

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTH & BUDGET SESSION OF MIZORAM
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY HOUSE FROM
11TH MARCH, 1975 TO 1ST APRIL, 1975.

7th sitting on the 25th March, 1975 at 10:00 A.M.

P R E S E N T

Pu Hiphei, Deputy Speaker in the Chair. Chief Minister,
6 Ministers and twenty eight Members.

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 - (a) Pu P.B. Hikhuma, Deputy Minister i/c Local
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PU HIPHEI

(Reads Bible)

Question No. 61, Pu Sengkhuma.

ORAL ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

FOREST DEPARTMENT

Expenditure for rearing animals in Aizawl Zoo.

*61. PU SANCKHUM: Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge
of the Forest Department be pleased
to state -

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(a) Whether it is a fact that Lisawli Zoo has been maintained by the Forest Department ?

(b) If so, how ?

(c) What is the monthly expenditure incurred for feeding animals kept in the Lisawli Zoo ?

PU ZALLAWM :
DY. MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, the Zoo is maintained by Forest Department with effect from 13.7.72 which was previously maintained by the then Deputy Commissioner, before U.T. Government.

The expenditure is between Rs 800/- and Rs 1,000/-, depending on the number of animals kept. The minimum is Rs 800/- and the maximum is Rs 1,200/-.

PU S4PLIAN4:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, are any staff of Forest Department put in charge of the Zoo ? I want to know the daily expenditure and how many animals are kept and what kind of food they get ?

PU ZALLAWM :
DY. MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, 64 animals were there at the beginning, 28 animals when the Forest Department took over and presently 12 animals.

In the absence of trees, animals can hardly live and we are considering whether to encourage keeping them any longer. Another site is being searched as the present location is not convenient.

Forest Guards, under Ranger, Lisawli Range are deputed to look after the animals. The foods depend on the animals. There is one Himalaya Blackbear, 2 peacocks, 1 tortoise, 1 eagle, 1 male deer, 2 types of Monkeys, both male and 1 snow-bear.

PU S4NGKHUM4:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is a pity that the Minister does not clearly know the condition of a small Zoo. He said the expenditure is between Rs 800/- and Rs 1,000/- but in what manner it had been spent ? We know that due to poor management, animals are dying. Whether supply basis or some staff of the Department buy as much as they want and give false report to the Officers ?

PU ZALLAWM :
DY. MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, food is supplied on contract basis. While it was under Dy. Commissioner's charge, Pt Ralmanthangi supplied the foods/meat, but present it is under Pt Balkungi's Contract. There is a fixed rate which the Contractors have to follow in supplying foods.

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, our keeping animals there is surely a cruelty to animals. Is the Government considering better site for the purpose? There is a fee for entrance, if the Minister is not able to tell the daily income, could he tell us the monthly income?

PU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I do not like our treatment of the animals. Though the expenditure is said to be between Rs 800/- and Rs 1,000/- at one time there was no particular contractor and the keeper was ordered to purchase the food from market. From the record, it was found that more than Rs 400/- was spent within a month. Those who shared the food of the animals, if not to be kept as the animals, should stop their practice. Our keeping of animals and using it as a means of corruption should stop. When was Tender invited and since when the Contract is to be effective? I want to know the exact date.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the Minister said the Zoo is under maintenance of Contractor. What ranks of Officers and staff of the Forest Department are deputed to look after the Zoo as Deputy Ranger, Forester, Forest Guards are said to be deputed and Contractors are said to look after the same? What is the meaning? The Deputy Minister said the Zoo is under ~~independent~~ Range Officer. Why not create Independent Beat instead? Where are the entrance fees submitted and utilised for what purpose?

PU ZALAWMA:
DY. MINISTER. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I cannot reply to Pu Zoliana's question regarding the amount of entrance fees collected per month.

I cannot tell Pu Sangkhuma on what date Tender was invited. Contractor is appointed to supply the foods under the supervision of the Forest Department.

The Zoo is not worth encouraging considering the death-rate and different more favourable site is being searched as reported by the Director, Forest Department and the Divisional Forest Officer.

PU HIPHEI: Question No. 62, Pu Sangkhuma.
Dy. Speaker.

Issue of Grden Passes within Turrial Plantation Area on no objection Certificates issued by Forest Deptt.

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*62. PU SANGKHUM: Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of the Forest Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether it is a fact that some persons obtained Garden Passes within Turrial Plantation Area from Revenue Department as the authorities of Forest Department have issued no Objection Certificates for such issue of Garden Passes ?
- (b) If so, whether Forest Department failed to maintain Forest Plantation at Turrial ?

PU ZALLAH: DY. MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, some persons are issued such Passes. They are Pu Makkhama and Pu Sallianput. The Forest Department requested Revenue Department to cancel these Passes as they encroached Plantation Area and Reserve. No objection Certificate is not issued by Forest Department and the Passes were temporary. The Forest & Revenue Departments are taking actions.

PU SANGKHUM:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, how could the Revenue Department issue Passes, without obtaining no-objection Certificate, to encroach Plantation Area where Government spent much money ? Could Passes or Permits be issued in the absence of no-objection Certificates ?

PU ZALLAH: DY. MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, if the applicants claim it to be outside Reserve Area, we cannot completely ignore. In this case, it was done as an experiment. This Plantation was started from 1970 and took-plan started in 1971. The applicants took advantage of the situation. After planting was done Departmental correspondence started between Forest and Revenue Departments. The Permits were purely temporary and actions are being processed.

PU SANGKHUM:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, he said the Passes were issued due to misunderstanding and at the same time he said it was not allowed. Actions are being taken on what was done in 1972. Who will be responsible for causing damage to the Plantation area, the Revenue Department or the concerned party ?

PU SALLIAN:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, is it true that one of the 2 Passes which expired at the end of the District Council term,

was re-sold to other person? Is it a fact that the Revenue Department after conducting enquiry/verification around 24 January, declared the area vacant and issued pass for 36 bighas? How many planted trees are within the Pass Area? The Land Revenue Act, 1956, rule 3(a) declared the Revenue Department to have no authority on the matter, yet the said Department without conducting enquiry and investigation issued Passes. Will the Government take action on the case?

PU VALIVENGAL :
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, the Permits were issued by the erstwhile District Council authority to which the then Forest Department made objection. The Revenue Department also instructed the District Council to refrain from it as it was outside the purview. The District Council was dissolved and the case remained uncared for. One of the Pass-holders, obeying the appropriate authority deserted the site but the other one re-sold it. The Revenue Department investigated the area and found it to be 12 bighas but measuring all the boundary sides it became 72 bighas. The Forest Department complained it as outside our purview. As the Forest Land Plantation is encroached upon the Permit was cancelled.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No. 53, Pu Vandalhrucic.

INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

Number of Rice Hullers given on Loan and the number of serviceable and unserviceable.

*53. PU VALALHRUCIC: Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of the Industries Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Of the Rice Hullers issued against Loans, how many were serviceable upto end of 1974?
- (b) How many of them were unserviceable upto 1974?
- (c) What is the reason for unserviceability?
- (d) What action is taken by the Government on this matter?

PU KHATTIAKHUEAL :
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, 90 of the Rice Hullers given on Hire Purchase Loan were unserviceable upto end of 1974. Two Hullers were found to be unserviceable due to manufacturing defect. Among the serviceable, some had running defect, but the Government cannot deploy mechanics to look after them. The Govt. is searching for machines but still not found such men.

PU R. ZOLIANI: Mr. Dy. Speaker, may we know the address of the Company who supplied these Hullers? Is there guarantee from the Company? We know 2 companies are engaged in the Supply, but when the machines are out of order, did the Mechanics demand much money from the owners?

PU SANGKHUM: Mr. Dy. Speaker, to which village the 2 unserviceables were issued? Does the unserviceables mean that they cannot start the engine or which is not useful to do work?

PU K.T. KHUM: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the two (2) Companies are - (1) Mac Steel Industry, Delhi, with guarantee the period of which I do not know. On cases of engine defect, during guarantee period, the Company is responsible for repairing and the travelling expenses of the mechanics have to be borne by the owners as that is company practice.

The unserviceables are condemned and the said 2 unserviceables are due to manufacturing defects and not yet issued. The Board concerned is considering allotment but replacement is being demanded from the Company to replace the 2 machines with manufacturing defects. When Government issue machines on hire-purchase basis, the Government does not bear installation charges. The allottees have to bear about 25% or 10% of the expenses after agreement is signed between the two parties.

PU C. LALRUAT: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the Departmental Mechanics should be deployed for installation. How many times did the Departmental Mechanics help in installation? How many allottees and how many trials they installed after signing agreement?

PU VANLALHRUAT: Mr. Dy. Speaker, is the Govt. aware that Hullers allotted to Haulang, Thingfal, Thingsat, Hnalian etc. are lying unserviceable and considered them to be serviceable?

PU K.T. KHUM: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I said the Govt. is not responsible for installation but might have helped install^{ation} at free-cost. The Asst. Director is not responsible for installation as there are no machines are issued on hire-purchase basis. The allottee and the firm/company have to reach an agreement for installation. 102 Hullers were issued out of which 90 are

installed and serviceable but I don't know the case of the rest. The allottees have to do installation and import missing parts and mechanics have to be employed by them.

PU SANGKHUM: Mr. Dy. Speaker, many families are made bankrupt with these machines. The machines are not good and unserviceable but the Government consider them serviceable. I have personally submitted defect report to the Minister but that is not given importance. One Huller allotted to Kepren is lying unserviceable and the Asstt. Director has personally seen to it. Now, it is only a big block of iron with high cost. Is the Govt. aware of this condition and intend to take further action?

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the Asstt. Director, is said to be irresponsible due to absence of mechanics, but one mechanic is there who is very busy? Does he work and visit villages only by order of the Govt. or by personal conviction of the importance?

PU K. T. KHUM: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the Government is aware of the defects as mechanical/manufacturing defects are not avoidable and expert hand is needed to run machines. To solve the problems 2 posts of Mechanics are being created to look after the machines.

PU SANGKHUM: Mr. Dy. Speaker, inspite of the difficulties involved, why are old machines imported? Is the Government aware that the machines are old and unserviceable?

PU VANLALHRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, is the Government aware that some Hullers are not serviceable from the date of issue? Will remedial action be taken if reported?

PU K. T. KHUM: Mr. Dy. Speaker, in every hire-purchase basis, the loan have to be the expenditure for repairs and the Govt. is free from responsibility. Though the said mechanic was not expert, he was sent out to interior villages. In this case, the Govt. mis-stepped on its way.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No. 64, Pu F. Hrangvle.

Utilisation of Industrial Loan.

*64: PU F. HRANGZELA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of Industries Department be pleased to state-

Whether Industrial Loans so far granted by the Government were utilised by the loanees for the purpose for which they were taken?

PU K.T. KHUMLA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, majority of the loanees are found to have utilised the Loans for the right purposes although some are found to have misused and explanations are being called for. They explained that they faced various difficulties like non-availability of the required machines and irregular services due to insufficient power supply. Utilisation Certificate and reports are being collected from the loanees to make sure utilisation.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No. 65, Pu Vanlalhrucia.

SECRETARIAT ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Promotion of L.D.As of Civil Secretariat whose increment of pay as L.D.L. are withheld for not having qualified in typing test.

*65: PU VANLALHRUCIA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of S.L.D. be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether it is a fact that some of the L.D.As in the Civil Secretariat who are barred from their pay increment due to their not passing of typing test are given promotion to U.D.As. ?
- (b) If so, is it permissible under the rules to give promotion to higher posts to those who are not even fit for pay-increment while they were L.D.As?
- (c) Under what rules are such promotion made ?

PU LALSANGZUALA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, for answer to
(a) they are given promotions
(b) there is certain rule governing it
(c) Section 11 of the Central Civil Service Rules.

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PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, If they are given promotions should the Government debar them from pay-increments?

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, is there a Govt. policy to give one year time as probation period to those who have not passed typing test and discharge them from duties after finding them unsuccessful in the next test?

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, when L. L. As are promoted to U. D. A. there is difference in increment scale as the increment scale of L. D. As is not applicable. The L. D. As are instructed to pass typing test within one prescribed year and those who cannot pass that test are barred from increment. Some physically handicapped persons are given exception. None is discharged from service due to failure of typing test. The Departmental Promotion Committee is responsible for promotion and there is no instruction for dismissal. Hoping that standard of efficiency will be improved, passing of typing test within one year is prescribed. There is a Committee to maintain efficiency and on the basis of their review report, service of some staff may be terminated.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No. 66, Pu Saitlawma.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

District-wise disbursement of Agricultural Distress Loan

PU SAITLAWMA:

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Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the General Administration Department be pleased to state -

(a) What is the total amount of Agricultural Distress Loan which has been disbursed during the last 3 years in Mizoram?

(B) What is the recovery made so far from the loanees?

PU CH. CHEUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, the total amount of the Loan disbursed is Rs 15,16,822/- out of which Rs 10,25,000/- has been recovered.

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PU SAITLAWM: Mr. Dy. Speaker, from which District recovery is best and from which District recovery is poorest ?

PU CH. CHHUNG: Mr. Dy. Speaker, from Mizawl District, Rs 4,48,161/- has been recovered, from Lunglet District Rs 2,00,538/- and from Chhintuipui District Rs 3,75,387/- and considering the population basis recovery is best from Mizawl District.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No. 67, Pu R. Zoliana.

HEALTH & FAMILY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Construction of fund raised for Advisory Committees for Hospitals, Dispensaries and Primary Health Centres.

*67: PU R. ZOLIANA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the Health & Family Planning Department be pleased to state-

(a) Whether the Government of Mizoram constituted Advisory Committees for Government Hospitals, Dispensaries and Primary Health Centres in Mizoram ?

(b) What are the total amount so far raised for each Committee with effect from 27th June, 1974 to date ?

(c) If not formed, why not ?

PU P. B. NIKHUM: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the Government has constituted such Committees and is still constituting, but contribution is not collected.

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, there is an order that rules will be effective from the date of its publication in the Mizoram Gazette. On which date it was published? From which date it is in force? Why is the Advisory Committee constituted and still being constituted? Did not the Government notify its action to the public?

PU P. B. NIKHUM: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I do not know the exact publication date.

The public is notified and the 3 Deputy Commissioners are in charge of their respective District. The Committees are already constituted in Lunglet and Chhimtuiput Districts and it is being processed for Lixawl Dist. Some M.L.As and officials are Members of these Committees but such M.L.As are also Members of important Assembly financial Committees and the Speaker's permission has to be obtained for their inclusion. Such permission is being processed. In many Group Centres these Committees are constituted.

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, it is a pity the Dy. Minister cannot tell the publication date. Those Rules are not yet published in Mizoram Gazette though it should be effective and in force from the date of publication. How could it be effective and in force before publication in the Gazette?

PU R. DOTINIAI: Mr. Dy. Speaker, in which villages these Advisory Committees are already constituted?

PU P. B. NIKHUMAI: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Pu Zoliana
DY. MINISTER. said notification is not yet made in the Gazette. There is no harm in forming the Committees before notification in the Gazette, but the Rule provides that it should function from the date of publication. The Committees are constituted in Saiha, Lunglet, Thingsai and being processed for Lixawl District.

PU SANGKHUMAI: Mr. Dy. Speaker, we have carefully re-examined this Advisory Committee as it concerns important matters. Yet, till today we have not constituted Hospital Advisory Committee for Lixawl District. Through this Committee we may be able to relieve the burden of the poor. What is the use of constituting a Committee without prior Gazette notification and that cannot function effectively? Why Gazette notification is still pending till today?

PU P. B. NIKHUMAI: Mr. Dy. Speaker, there is no harm
DEPUTY MINISTER. in forming a Committee but the Gazette notification determines its function and effective date.

Many factors like insufficient power supply, machinery defects, shortage of staff determine delay in Gazette notification. But every Rule after being framed is sent for Gazette notification as found in the Rules itself and that is a must. It is a pity that delay arises due to technical difficulties.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question hour is over. I shall announce the results of election to Estimates and Public Accounts Committee -

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF ELECTION OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE.

For P.A.C. MEMBERS:-

1) Pu Lalhmingthanga (2) Pu Saitlawma.
3) Pu C. Lalruata (4) Pu R. Dotnata
5) Pu K. Sangchhum (6) Pu Ngurdawla
7) Pu Lalhlira (8) Pu J. Thanghuame
and 9) Pu K.C. Thakuri- (they) are proposed with Seconders and as no contest is made they are declared elected.

For ESTIMATES COMMITTEE MEMBERS:-

1) Pu K.L. Rochama (2) Pu Hrangala
2) Pu Sangkhuma (4) Pu H.K. Chakma
5) Pu Sapliana (6) Pu R. Zoliana
7) Pu F. Hrangvela (8) Pu Lalkunga and
9) Pu L.P. Thangzika - are proposed with Seconders and with no contestants they are declared elected.

The Chairmen of the two Committees will be elected from amongst them later on.

Now, Pu Ch. Chhunga, Chief Minister shall lay "Government Letter regarding Grant of Special Pay to Under Secretaries to the Government of Mizoram" on the Table of the House.

LYING OF PAPERS

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Dy. Speaker, I beg to lay, as required by Rule 264 of the Rules of Procedure, the "Government's letter regarding Grant of Special Pay to Under Secretaries to the Government of Mizoram".

INTRODUCTION OF THE LUSHAI HILLS DISTRICT (VILLAGE COUNCILS) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1975.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu P.B. Nikhuma, Deputy Minister i/c L.A.D. shall beg leave of the House to introduce "The Lushai Hills District (Village Councils) (Amendment) Bill, 1975".

PU P.B. NIKHUMA:
DY. MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, with your permission, I beg leave of the House to introduce "The Lushai Hills District (Village Councils) (Amendment) Bill, 1975". Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Any objection to introduction?
Let him introduce it now.

PU P.B. NIKHUMA:
DY. MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, with your permission, I beg to introduce "The Lushai Hills District (Village Councils) (Amendment) Bill, 1975".

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

We shall ^{have} General Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Budget for 1974-75. Supplementary Budget, page 1, line 20 should be corrected as "3,00,000/-" instead of "30,000/-". Pu Ch. Chhunga, Chief Minister shall move his Supplementary Budget.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR 1974-75.

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs 2,5,34,600/- only be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1975 under Demand Nos. 4, 5, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 25, 29, 55 and 56".

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Members in favour of passing the Demand say "Aye" (Members Aye). It is passed.

Pu Khawtinkhuma, Minister shall move his Demand.

VOTING ON DEMANDS.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram and with your permission, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs 2,58,000/- only be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come

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in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1975 under Demand Nos. 27 and 39".

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members in favour of passing say "Aye". (Members- Aye). It is passed.

Pu R. Thanliana, Minister shall move his Demands.

PU R. THANGLIANA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram and with your permission, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs 3,84,000/- only be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1975 under Demand Nos. 18, 26, 33 and 35".

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members in favour of passing say "Aye". (Members-Aye) It is passed.

Pu Lalsangzuala, Minister-in-charge shall move his Demand.

PU LALSANGZUALA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram and with your permission, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs 11,01,000/- only be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1975 under Demand Nos. 1, 3, 9, 12, 28, 34, 43 and 63".

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members in favour of passing say "Aye". (Members-Aye). It is passed.

Pu Vaivenga, Minister shall move his Demand.

PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram and with your permission, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs 82,06,000/- only be granted to

the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1975 under Demand Nos. 7 and 23"

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members in favour of passing say "Aye" (Members-Aye). It is passed.

Pu Zalamma, Minister shall move his Demand.

PU ZALAMMA:
DY. MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram and with your permission, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs 15,50,000/- only be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1975 under Demand Nos. 30, 37 and 38".

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members in favour of passing may say "Aye". (Members-Aye). It is passed.

Pu P. B. Nikhuma, Dy. Minister shall move his Demand.

PU P. B. NIKHUMA:
DY. MINISTER

Mr. Dy. Speaker, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram and with your permission, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs 27,51,000/- only be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1975 under Demand No. 24.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members in favour of passing say "Aye" (Members-Aye). It is passed.

Let the Minister-in-charge introduce "The Appropriation Bill (No. 1) of 1975" for consideration and voting.

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INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION (NO. 1)
BILL, 1975.

PU K.T. KHUMA:
MINISTER. Mr. Dy. Speaker, with your permission,
I beg to introduce the "Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 1975".

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members in favour of passing say
"Aye". (Members-Aye). Any objection?
(Members- silent).

In the general Discussion on the Budget for 1975-76, the Business Advisory Committee's recommendation that Chief Whip and Opposition Leader shall be given 20 minutes and 10 minutes for Leaders shall be followed. If that is not sufficient, we shall make it 15 minutes and 30 minutes for Ministers.

Now, we shall discuss budget for 1975-76.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR 1975-76.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I am glad we can discuss Budget for 1975-76. The Budget cannot be gone through within two or three days, but the money sanctioned is much more than last year. The large amount is not what we want, but its achievements by the Departments is more important.

There is much provision for P. I. E. whose duty is to supply water to the public. But they cannot perform their duty to our satisfaction. Pumping water from Tlawng river is delayed due to absence of power, diesel etc. but I think that can be stored sufficiently. P. I. E. implemented two of its plans and this provision will not be utilized for the benefit of the public.

Water to the villagers is to be pumped from some river. When the Estimates Committee conducted investigation at Durtlang, Lokicherra, Sihphir, Champhai etc. where much money had been spent, nothing of the plans had been implemented. But the contractors and the workers earned the benefit and could enjoy, while the public suffered by it. In Champhai Water Supply Scheme, pipes are already fitted but they are all on the surface now. Before U.T. Government was formed, water supply scheme has been started at Chhiahlang, but water could not yet be applied to the public till today. In general people do not get advantage by pumping and gravitational methods of Water Supply Scheme. More provision may be made for Water Supply scheme in this Budget and the Department concerned shall have to utilise it properly. Our nearby rivers are not sufficient to supply us water; hence the Dept. have to solve this problem early.

The Central Government made a target to supply water to the public, fixing a specific period. I wonder when our Government will take that example to supply water to the public. We are poor in planning schemes, and I wonder whether during the 5th or 6th Plan we shall get sufficient water supply! We should try to supply water to the public within a fixed time and try our best to achieve that scheme. The people rely on the Government and fulfilment of their hope should be aimed instead of spending the money for useless purposes.

In the Education Department, Post-Matric Scholarship appears to be increased, but Secondary Education is not mentioned. Rs. 5/- of 1953-55 may be equal in value to present day Rs 40/-. As such scholarships of Secondary Education should be increased. We have one Inspector for Aizawl area and Asst. Inspector for Lunglei and Chhimitupui Districts. Our Education Department set up is not good. There are big Officers and Directors at the head, but with no sufficient Inspectors and their inspection of Schools is not satisfactory. When I asked how many times the Schools in my constituency were visited, the reply was not even once the Schools were visited, making lame excuses that one river was flooded and blocked their crossing to the villages. But that should pose no problem as I myself have crossed it many times. They might not have visited the Schools due to shortage of staff. In the Budget, one Inspector only is provided for. I would ask whether the number of posts will be increased? One of the Directors was proposed to be posted at Lunglei, but the process is all wrong. If Inspectorate is not sufficient, could not the posts of Inspectors and Asst. Inspectors be increased? If Schools are not inspected at regular intervals, teachers become lazy. We introduce trainings like Basic, Normal, Graduate Teachers' Training etc. where they learn good practices and methods, but we have to see whether the Students profit by their new knowledge in the training. To see that the teachers are not lazy sufficient Inspecting Staff and diligence is necessary. One Head Teacher who trained Guru, Basic etc. training sold edible things to his students during break-hours. One Inspecting staff told me that his School is one of the poorest. If we ask the reason why, it may not be due to the laziness and negligence of duty by the teacher. The School was inspected only once by the Inspecting Staff after disturbance broke out. In order that the trained teachers implement their knowledge to the benefit of their respective School, the higher authorities have to be well-equipped and active in performance. Basic training Course is two years expecting good result, but in order that they implement their knowledge to the students' benefit we must ensure that it is properly implemented and sufficient Inspecting Staff is required for that purpose. Many Schools located along motor roads are not visited/inspected at regular intervals and I ask- could not the staff be increased?

According to Government's policy, Nursery education is to be amalgamated with Pre-Primary and Primary Education, which proves that Grants for Nursery School building, maintenance etc. are utilised for Primary Schools. Building grant for Lungpho (Nursery) School No. I was utilised for extension of Primary School No. I building; so also is the case in Sialsuk School. There is separate provision in the Budget for Nursery Education. I wonder if Nursery Schools could be abolished and amalgamated with Primary Schools.

Though Budget Provision is large, many items are not meant for the benefit of the public. The figure of amount for maintenance of towns is almost equal to the figure for development of villages and interiors.

We have to consider improvement of the villagers. As some Acts do not provide for, provisions for villagers are surrendered without good result. To save surrender of sanctioned money, rich people of towns are given the works. If any Act prohibits practice of any kind, it has to be repealed by another Act which shall make it lawful and practicable. Our 3 years old Government have framed only about 10 Acts till today. Acts like Village Council Acts, Ministers Car Advance Rules etc. by which we may gain personal profits are given special considerations. After 3 years of Ministry, the Agricultural Loan Act is not yet amended to enable our village farmers to enjoy such facilities. In order that we may work effectively and actively for the benefit of the villagers, our Government has to see what rule, order etc have to be reviewed and amended to suit the condition of our life.

PU R. HRANGVELA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I am glad we have the opportunity to discuss Budget for 1975-76. We are getting more provision than last year, but this may also create misunderstanding amongst ourselves. Unless and until physical achievements are found, we cannot say whether we are glad or sad. If we look back to the past 3 years, we have made some progress.

We depend mainly on Agriculture and we urged our farmers to produce more. The Govt. also made much provision for its development. Yet, the wrong beginning made things unsatisfactory. The Central Government wishes us success in Agriculture and made provisions for Loans. Yet due to minor matter the Revenue Department cannot issue permanent Passes yet and have not yet framed Rule for the purpose. We may be enjoying a luxurious life here, but how and in what manner the Central's provision for agriculture has been utilised by our farmers? If we cannot frame that rule why should we continue to occupy the high seat? We all want to change our method of

cultivation, but it is a pity and shame that the Govt. cannot yet frame a rule so that our farmers could enjoy Loans and Grants facilities. Many Budget provisions may be made for Loans, but if not surrendered these rich people of Aizawl will utilise it for other purposes. The Government must be aware that Potato can grow abundantly at Ngurso, near Champhai Town. But it is a pity that the Government cannot give consideration to this matter, that can solve our economic and agriculture problem. The Agriculture Department should try its best for development and produce more.

Development and progress depends on P.W.D. works. Provision is highest for this Department. But it totally fails in its works, not due to the Officers and staff of the Department, but due to the Ministry and its set up. The post of Addl. Principal Engineer is still lying vacant for long time. Considering such factors, we are not in a position to have fullfledged State. We are making lame excuses for delaying promotion of our Officers. Hardships and misunderstandings may prevail between the Officers and Staff, but the Ministry itself is responsible for such crisis. The Administrative set up is not good. It seems the responsibilities and duties of Officers are concentrated in the hands of the Ministry depriving the Officers of their powers. As such, the Department cannot make progress as it should have achieved. The P.W.D. Ministry turns deaf ear to what we pointed out for development and progress to be aimed by the Department. We have repeatedly pointed out the vitality and importance of Titchang Bridge for the people of the region but till today provision is not made in the Schedule of Works. If I am not mistaken, the matter was referred to the Raj Niwas and discussed where construction of bridge was decided. But our Government has not yet made provision for it and I wonder if it is going to manage without proper procedure. As the Administrative set up is not satisfactory, much money has been spent for making some persons richer without achieving progress for the masses.

There is one road that runs between the villages of Laikhan Kawn and Vanzau approaching Lungdar. The land between Vanzau and Lungdar is barren and useless for any purpose. We have submitted many petitions to the Chief Minister, P.W.D. Secretary etc. for transfer/shifting of that road and also referred to the Consultative Committee but no consideration was given to the matter. The P.W.D. S.D.Os and Overseers have taken measurements and noted all the important points but the Ministry and Secretary level did nothing in the matter. Points and information furnished by the Members should be given consideration regarding plans for development.

When I think of water scarcity, dusty streets I cannot blame the Officers and staff but the Ministry itself. Our hardships are increasing day by day and our hope and expectation on our Ministry are disappearing gradually. Come to think of our drinking water, we are getting it by all possible means. Our Streets are very dusty, and we are getting edible things covered with dust. We cannot avoid buying such things and it is a real shame. We have passed Supplementary Budget for huge amount of money but why are we still in this condition? They promised/assured us that money will be no problem but we are poor in utilising and have no proper plan and scheme to make progress.

PU NGURDAFLA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, though I am glad we can have opportunity to discuss Budget for 1975-76 I am not satisfied with provision of Rs.500/- only for Propagation of Hindi and Hindi Training Centre and I wonder what good result will come out with this small amount. Posts of 50 L.P. Teachers have been provided under Plan but that is not satisfactory. Remembering "Free and Compulsory Primary Education of Directive Principles of Fundamental Rights we badly need Primary Education in Temporary -settlement villages. I am also surprised that Under-graduate Training Centre is under Elementary Education Scheme. Under-Graduate Teachers are trained to teach in Middle Schools and higher Schools, but the expenditure is charged under Elementary Education Scheme. As the head is Elementary Education, the fund is utilised for Primary Education and its improvement is to be aimed at. The posts of 3 Superintendents in the office of the Director of Education are not yet filled up since 1973-74. Normal Principle should be followed in regularising Non-Plan into Plans. Budgets are prepared before framing proper plan schemes for utilisation of funds. If Rules are not yet framed, I suppose Budget provision should not be made. After the Rules and plan schemes are prepared Budget provision should be made. For instance, when people apply for Agriculture Loans provision of Rules brings doubt and confusion. As the saying says "Look before you leap" we must ensure that what we did are applicable and in accordance with rules.

As the Hon'ble Member said, P.W.D. cannot be driven straight by mere Orders. The principle should be considered as a whole. The Swaminathan Commission recommends that "In Socialism we should be most careful where money involvement is greatest as capitalism is nearest at this point. The Board should have power to make decision where amount above Rs 2,00,000/- is involved to prevent corruption in contracts and other business for which licences are necessary. This must be the best possible mean as long as we are human beings as concentration of matter in a single hand is unfavourable." In fact, Board's decision is generally acceptable. Generally there are no big contracts. If such systematic programme is not followed, the gap between the rich and the poor will be great.

Class-less Society prevailed in the past, but if we are careless in spending moneyS considering future, we shall surely create sense of class. I mean no particular School, but those good Schools where majority^{of} us cannot afford to send our children and those Schools upon which the Government cannot exercise its power should not be given financial aids. Otherwise sense of Class distinction will automatically spring up. But at present respecting our ancestors' tradition, that gap is still poorly/ slightly bridged. Class distinction is felt economically. As Pu Lalruata suggested, Agriculture Loans should be reserved for Village farmers as the word Agriculture itself is connected with village farmers. Whether Rules are already framed or not, town-dwellers should not be given this Loan. Otherwise "Government of the people for the town dwellers" will come up inspite of our efforts to make lame excuses. We should boldly stand firm in control and not issue the Loan if we are not yet ready to give the village farmers. In fact, Rules do not concern village farmers and we don't expect them to understand. They just demand what they want and we should give them top priority in every case. Government's priority prevails over the whole Government set up, not only the Minister concerned or a particular Department. The visiting Central P.L.C. told us that there is a separate cell, in the Planning Commission, dealing with affairs of Hill Areas whom you should contact. The Cell is very lenient in sanctioning funds for Community Development and our enquiry proved that you had not contacted it to bring out good results. As such, we should take the hint and try to get more funds.

Jail Department needs reformation with sufficient provision and it could be made independent. Those of us who have seen Baroda Jail will know that Agriculture farm was developed within the Compound. The income could meet maintenance expenditure. But such scheme is not felt here.

We have repeatedly pointed out insufficiency of Inspectorate Staff. Is it that the Central Government cannot sanction sufficient grants/ funds to meet the heavy expenditures as there are big ~~officers~~ in the Education Department? The Government have to see to this matter and solve it clearly.

PU R. DOTINALL: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I was wondering if we were not going to have opportunity to discuss Budget. Anyhow I am glad we can discuss it now. I was wondering why even the Ruling Party members themselves have no confidence on the Ministry. The Ministers are still the same persons which was previously a Mizo Union Ministry, but now turned Congress Ministry. Though 2 new Ministers are added the Ministry appears to be much weaker.

Pu Ngurdawla sounded despair with the Ministry. The Chief Minister is absent now. Ministers are supposed to be present while Budget is being discussed.

Mizo Union Party's policy is to "uplift the poor" while that of Congress is "Garibi Natak" but they nearly drive the poor away. Some think Agriculture as a means of uplifting the poor. But Agriculture Loan is not worth encouraging for all, though profitable for some people. What appears to be the best possible method is included in the Finance Minister's speech. I am glad the Government could now afford to buy our Agriculturists' products like ginger etc. 90% of our people are agriculturists, cultivators in the villages and to uplift them the Government have to purchase their agriculture products at reasonable prices. Whether it be Congress or Communist Ministry, I shall praise those who work for the welfare of the people. We shall export the surplus products when we have sufficient products. Trade and Commerce Department has to be established to solve that problem. In case of interstate trading, suppose we are to do in ~~the~~ trading but if there is no concerned Department, who will look after such work and frame relevant rules? Revenue Department is not competent to look after the works.

Our Budget provision is very much compared to District Council Budget. But the quantity is not that matters. Implementation for the right purpose is what is desired. Some gained profit while the masses are deprived of development. Under Mizo Union Ministry we did not want to eat rice supplied by Supply Department but now we don't get full quota even here in Aizawl. But Silchar Godown cannot accommodate the stock and it is feared that rain will spoil those left outside. The month of March is almost over and in rainy season all E.C.S. roads will be blocked by land slides. We demanded that rice be stocked in all the villages. I contacted the Supply Minister on behalf of Tuichengral V/O Members who assured that "rice will be sent to villages from 1st March", but so far one Motor trip each has sent to Lungdar and Biata respectively. I am afraid that people will lose lives. I suggest that Government vehicles should be requisitioned to carry the stock at Silchar and further stock at villages. There may be plenty at Silchar but our people are starving - are we going to drive away the poor and uplift the rich ones?

About 200 bundles of G.C.I. sheets have been reported lost and people are charged high prices to recover the cost of the lost goods. The Minister should have ordered the Director to trace out its whereabouts and warned him with suspension if the latter failed to trace out. I firmly believe that the Director will not fail to carry out the order. Till this day people are paying above Rs 700/- for one bundle of G.C.I. Sheet. If that is not withdrawn I say the Ministry is not fit to govern us. If that is not traced out and the price not reduced, the Minister concerned should resign.

I have visited Kelkang village where 100 houses are there and Security Forces are there. But the Government has not yet given permission to have Village Council as recognition is still pending. Rice is not stocked there though the Minister declared that godown is under construction.

He also said that store-keeper is being posted there and that relieved me to some extent. But on verification the godown was constructed by the villagers and the Store-keeper is already withdrawn and no rice is yet stocked there. They are thinking of shifting to Burma, and that is a pity. The Congress Ministry is incapable of safeguarding our interest. What is the use of making big Budgets if that is the condition ?

Many provisions had been made for Water Supply Scheme, but due to selection of Government servants who have no vehicles to do contract works, Aizawl Water Supply Scheme is facing problems. The people suffer the consequences. Instead of misappropriation Government should save it by surrendering the surplus. It is misappropriation of public and Government money when contractors draw huge bills without giving water to the people.

"e are in disturbed area and all of us are longing for peace and security. To maintain that condition and to have straight administration Police are required. Three Police Officers were killed and the Police on duty on that date should be punished. But the whole Police Battalion is to be transferred to Bihar to undergo further training. This should not be the kind of administration. We have inherited about 300 Police personnel of Assam Police who are already fully trained and some of them are waiting for pension. Some are trained at Agartala and some at Police Training Centre, Lungverh. Some are no doubt poorly trained and sending such recruits is not objected. But sending the whole Battalion should not be done by a true patriot. They cannot even supply mosquito nets and other materials to trainees at Lungverh Training Centre. I doubt that they will supply such equipments at Hazaribah. This will also affect our search for peace and security here. When Security Forces check houses misunderstanding may occur. Lack of arrest may take place due to lack of knowledge of languages from both sides. It is well known that our Mizo Police are useful in such cases. Though Mizoram Police is said to be Battalion strength, it is functioning as District Executive Force as about 3 Platoon strength are serving as orderlies in Officers' residences. Is the Government aware of this? It should know? If B.S.F., R.A.C. etc. employed to keep law and order, they should be under separate administration. I doubt if Mizoram Police will return after completion of training. Order has been issued like "For those having families will visit them before March 10 and if they do not turn up after that they shall be treated as deserters". Such order will surely spoil cooperation.

If I am not mistaken under S.A.D. Budget Head "Handbook of Uniform of Class III & IV Employees Revised Edition, 1971", Class IV employees are entitled to uniforms from Secretariat to District level. All of us big and small demand and deserve our prestige and privileges. For summer suit 2 pairs, winter suit one pair, cap 3, one umbrella, 2 pairs of socks, one pair of shoe, one pair of chappal. They are supposed to get those, but now they get only one pair of winter suit and District level staff still did not get that. Central Registry Staff only got umbrellas.

If I am not mistaken Mizoram Civil Service Class II recruitment was meant for C.O., A.E.O., A.O. etc., but a certain M.C.S. was appointed as Asst. Director of Supply for Lunglei District and I wonder if this is truth? The said M.C.S. was still serving under Pawl District Council and the Council is not dissolved yet.

I would also like to know how much provision is there for Champhai Water Supply Project and will the Minister-in-charge be pleased to supply information? The construction work is reported completed but the prescribed depth for laying the pipes at 1 feet is not followed. The final bill has already been drawn but water is not yet supplied till today. It needs careful verification.

PU ERANGAIA: Mr. Dy. Specker, I am glad we can discuss the Budget. The figure has gone up by 3 crores of rupees but delay in presentation is one drawback. The Opposition group is barking nonsense all the time and we cannot help them.

The Human Rights Committee is propagating other policy and we should look in what manner we have relation and similarity. Whether what they said is not practicable or impossible or we are not intending to implement what they pointed out or they are combined with the Opposition group and play petty politics? We should be careful in those matters. While we are trying to bring peace and security, there is this kind of politics taught to the people and the Government should make clear whether their policy is impossible or impracticable or we give no importance to it? Otherwise, if they are playing petty politics it will not last long.

In the former Budget Session we have enquired whether the Ministers are showing favouritism only to their respective constituencies. If we look at P.W.D. provisions it is meant for Aizawl-Kolasib area neglecting other areas. Hence, the Ministers have no schemes and approved only those prepared by officers to carry on the Schemes prepared prior to U.T. Ministry. It seems we prepare Budget for Aizawl

North area only and that is unfavourable. At present we have 20 C.D. Blocks newly created. If we see their Budget provisions areas in and around Aizawl North have most sanctions. I want to consider the whole of Mizoram, not only our respective areas.

The residents of Kulikawn, badly in need of water, voluntarily dug and laid pipes to get water supply. But out of the 20 houses only one family enjoyed water supply facility from the said pipe line and his 10 feet diameter water-tank is full all the time while the mass is deprived of that facility. Though the matter was reported to the concerned Minister it seems he is incapable of taking action !?

The Education Department is the one that shows the achievement and progress made by Mizoram Government. But Inspection line is not adequate and unsatisfactory. In Champhai-Zote Primary School there are 60 pupils students but only 6 teachers. One Teacher appointed for Sialsuk School never attended class and is now presently residing at Tuikwai, but he is still drawing his salaries!?! The matter was reported to the concerned Minister but so far action is not taken yet?!

Regarding Law and Order situation, it seems we are creating another "Berlin" in this remote corner of north-eastern India. We are fencing ourselves with high poles and barbed wires, but non-Mizos are favoured. We all face the same problem of insecurity and the terrorists treat us all equal. Our Mizo Officers too died to the hands of the terrorists. I suggest that residences of A.Os in Grouping Centres be fenced and also residences of Mizo Officers here at Aizawl. I feel that it is Berlin like so long as non-Mizo Officers are fenced off and guarded all the time.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: We shall rest and resume at 2:00 P.M.

Recess till 2:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M. (Afternoon)

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let Pu Lalrinliana commence the discussion.

PU LALRINLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I am glad we can discuss Budget today. It is not that I blame the Director of Health Services, but his being an I.A.S. is unfavourable as technical knowledge is required in the work. It is a problem for an I.A.S. to tackle technical work. If he had been a technical man he should have solved our technical difficulties. Besides, he is holding other post in addition to his own duties. Our hospital is not well equipped and Government have to try to find and employ more specialists in Eye, Nose, Throat etc. As many cases are serious and not treatable here, we have to go to Silchar for treatment. The post of Joint Director is still lying vacant and filling up is very emergent considering the works involved.

The Government is trying its best in constructing and maintaining P.W.D. roads but improvement should be aimed in P.H.E.'s Water supply as we all face water scarcity. It is our daily need and we cannot do without it. The Estimates Committee suggested that gravitation method be practised in supplying water to villages as pumping machines are constantly out of order.

Transport Department plays important role. I heard rumour that "corruption is practised more in Transport Department than in P.W.D.". I suggest that Government should auction those unserviceable vehicles in Chaltlang and buy new ones with money gotten from auction.

The method employed in Land Reclamation under Agriculture Department is unsatisfactory. If the money sanctioned for Land Reclamation had been spent for the purpose intended, we would have vast paddy field and produced much quantity of rice. But there is some duplicity in payment and unfair means are employed. Corruption is evitable in the work. As I said in the last Budget Session, we should have data regarding area of land cultivated and crops grown and rice sown and reaped from the fields. In that way we will be able to know much money was spent on Agriculture Loan.

Some Members criticised the Education Department of having high Officials at the head. Improvement and progress is not made in the line of Inspectors of Schools. At present we have many schools but only one Inspector is incharge of all those Schools in the 3 Districts. Had it been possible I suggest that there should be one Inspector of Schools in each District to improve and raise the standard of our Education Department. But this provision for one Inspector of Schools in the Budget is very unsatisfactory. I wonder if we will maintain

the present standard in 1975-76. To achieve improvement and progress sufficient number of staff is required with proper administration. Senior Officers at the head but with insufficient Inspecting Staff will bring us progress and many completely fail in the Department.

Thank you.

PU S&PLIANA: Mr. Chairman, I am glad we are in good health to discuss Budget for 1975-76. I have never thought of the figure of amount but that is not the main point as its proper utilisation is more important.

I would like to talk about Judicial System in Mizoram. Previously, in other Union Territories, Judicial Commissioner's Court functioned as High Court. The North-Eastern Areas Recognition Act, 1971 altered that provision and now we have Common High Court. In that N.E.A.R. Act, 1971 para 31, para-2, we find the provision that there shall be a Permanent Bench in each and every State and Union Territory within the jurisdiction of the Common High Court. Para-3 mentions the places where such Benches are to be seated, but Mizoram is not mentioned there. Para 32 also mentions that the Common High Court could be extended to Mizoram with the provision to open Permanent Bench. Cases were few previously but now High Court Cases have increased greatly. In order that the Chief Justice may open Permanent Bench, approval of the Governor is essential to make appointments in various States. I want to urge the Government to think of opening Permanent Bench of the Common High Court to solve one main problem.

I don't quite understand the distinction between the functions of the 2 kinds of Courts we have here. Our Ministers and Officials said that the District Council Court could be dissolved and suspended at any time. But it is still functioning till today but there is no clear meaning behind. We have a separate Session Court. I believe there is some way to amalgamate these 2 Courts and reorganise the functions. In order that Judicial Magistrate appointment is possible and to settle cases here we have to think of some way to solve one problem.

I feel the Government is not giving attention to proper administration of the 3 District Councils. It seems utilisation of funds given and functions of the District Councils are not scrutinised. For instance, the Pawl District Council, created in 1972 still has not yet held Budget Session though Government have given much money, and there is no money for the pay and allowances of Officers and staff. The Chief Minister and Supply Minister stated in this House that due to non-availability of pay and allowances,

the Officers and staff of the District Council are given rice on credit. Whether the Government did not sanction money or the money was misused? Being semi-govt. servants. Why don't they get their pay? Constitutionally they are supposed to hold Budget Session once in a year.

Though Education Department has achieved some progress, Supervision and Inspection line appears to be very poor. One teacher appointed in 1972 for Lawngtlai L.P. School has not yet visited the school till today, but he is still drawing his salaries. Various grants may be given to schools, but proper management and administration is the most important thing. The Asst. Inspector of Schools to function as Inspector of Schools for Lunglet and Chhimtuipui Districts has no staff and cannot function. This proves that proper administration is badly needed.

I wonder if we don't need Government Press as the present Press belongs to the Publicity & Information Department and the instruments are not well-equipped. For Govt. good Press is required. Assembly Proceedings and Businesses instead of being pressed are cyclostyled in bad shape. Other States have their Gazette and Assembly Proceedings printed. Our Government Press is not fit to have important Government papers printed and it is ill-equipped. Assembly Proceedings have not yet been printed. Our Mizoram Gazette, whether weekly or fortnightly issue is very poor as important Government information and orders are published very late. The Government should give importance to it so that we may stand in equal rank with other States.

I would like to mention Government activity. Items and plans seen in previous Budget session are still included unimplemented, like I.T.I. at Srikona, which appeared in 1972 Budget Session. Promises were made to shift here, but why is it that our one and only share is left idle till this day? I would urge the Government to take action on the matter.

I appreciate the Government's activity to normalise law and order situation. Otherwise, experts and technicians from other States decline to come and level a helping hand for our development due to unsafe law and order situation. Even if things are difficult due to disturbances, we should try to normalise the situation so that Central Government may have different opinion of us. For example, election to Village Councils is postponed putting forward disturbances as the cause, but election of M.L.As was held under the same situation. Therefore, when things are difficult we should have good and reasonable explanation for the cause.

Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Chairman, I am glad we can discuss the Budget though time is insufficient to study the book thoroughly.

Industrial Loan given out by the Government is beneficial to some people, but the method of giving priority to some deserving applicants is unfair. I suppose that priority should be given to those Industries who could utilise materials available here. In case of Mail Industry, raw materials have to be procured from Silchar and machines from Calcutta, but considering transport and labour costs it will be too costly, more than ready-made available at Calcutta. Hence Mizoram will not benefit by it. Such cases have to be given second priority, like Aluminium Industry. Otherwise, the Loans will be misused and the recipients will have to forfeit their security deposits and suffer inconveniences. Besides, it is a great risk for the Government to do this.

To develop Mizoram we have to have sufficient supply of power, good communication, water supply. Otherwise, it seems impossible to achieve the end. Our Electric supply is very poor, and development is impossible without it. The Ministry should give importance to it. Those who have Vehicles, machines etc. cannot do work due to shortage of power supply. As a result, unemployment problem arises. Besides, it is shameful not to have sufficient power and electric supply.

Sufficient supply of water and electricity is essential to attract tourists from outside. Our one weak point is that we still don't have standard Tourist Hotel, Rest house, Circuit House etc. for lodging and it is shameful. Recently, visiting M.Ps from other States have to be lodged at B.R.P.F. and Assam Rifles' Mess and it was very shameful. This should be given priority to impress visitors.

Though we improved in Education Department our students still cannot get Scholarships at regular interval. As provision is sufficient now they should be given scholarships at regular interval from this Financial year.

In order to improve supply matter we should have Rail-Head at the nearest suitable place. As there is Rail-Head at Dimapur in Nagaland, we should have Rail-Head at Vairengte, with storage Godown and Warehouse so that our supply, transportation will not be affected by any incident happening outside. I would like to have provision made in the Budget as soon as possible. Rest House and Circuit House should also be located.

I am glad the Planning Board constituted by the Government could function properly as in other States. We should make suggestions while the Government of India is processing any matter concerning us. If we simply wait for the final outcome of any matter, we shall not gain by it. I request our Ministry to note this point for taking action.

There is sufficient provision for Agriculture Loan, but Rules & Regulations restricted some poor deserving persons from getting it. Those who could get are Town-dwellers and with permanently settled places. If it is necessary, this case should be cleared with Central Ministry at Delhi as early as possible for the benefit of the masses.

PU VANLALHRUAI: Mr. Chairman, it is shameful for the Government that we could discuss the Budget today, the 25th whereas it was planned that we should discuss on the 17th. We can't help blaming the Ministry and the Chief Whip. It is true that the figure is bigger, but considering the price-rise between last year and this year, is it satisfactory? I am not satisfied yet. We cannot utilise the Budget provision passed by us. That means we have to have full-fledged State to solve that problem. Prior to that status, we shall never be satisfied as the real and final approval lies with the Central Government.

Our Law and Order situation is poor, and it seems we drift back to 1966 situation. Our present I.G.P. is a retired Brigadier! Is this the case with other States? Our Chief Secretary is an I.P.S. Is this the case with other States? Is it not that the Central Government is administering us under semi-military rule? We are going to face "Identity Card" problem! But will we be safe? We will never be saved by Identity Cards. Every Nizo-boy, from the age of 1 should have Identity Card and that is a meaningless wastage of money. Does it not mean we encourage and empower the Security Forces in exercising power? Office-goers only may have for going to Offices, other wise we may unnecessarily harass our people? I suggest its cancellation. All Mizos are not within Mizoram? Those who possess Cards now are not saved when they leave Station. We are only creating class and differentiation. A story goes that a python, curious to know the effectiveness of its poison, tested it on a man and killed him. The witnesses pitied the victim. But when the python enquired about the consequence they neglected him and the python thought its poison was not effective and thrown it out from its place. Likewise, is it not that we are helping our underground brothers in their works? Whenever they paste up notice, curfew is imposed without fail and that is very shameful.

We all know the weakness of the Ministry, in the Education Department. We are not satisfied in the Water Supply, P.W.D., Supply & Transport etc. In what matter are we satisfied today? The U.T. Government of Mizoram is a total failure. If now bold step is not taken soon, the whole Mizo tribe may perish soon. Our supply position is bad today. Though large quantity may be stocked at Silchar, we cannot transport due to delay in payment and unsatisfactory carriage charges. Some stopped work due to notice served by underground brothers for "non-Mizos" to leave Mizoram. I don't believe that is the true cause. There are many vehicles that have nothing to carry. Can't they be offered the job? The carrying charges should be reasonable and acceptable. Our roads are constructed through E.G.S. funds and they are liable to heavy-slides in rainy season. But no sufficient quantity of rice is stocked in any Group Centre. The Government may avoid problem if prompt action is taken.

A certain L.P. Teacher appointed in 1971 for Hnahlan School has not yet attended to his duties till today and that is one example of poor conduct of inspection. If he is still needed, let him do work and get salaries. I don't say that he should be dismissed, inspite of his relaxing for the past 4 years. We should soon attain State status to solve all those problems.

We are all deeply thinking about Agriculture Loan. The Loans had been given out to village agriculturists, but I want to put forward a suggestion. When Mortgage will be compulsory, the villagers will not be able to meet the requirements. But the value of Rs 2,500/- appears to be acceptable without need of mortgage and I pray the Government to consider it for the villagers.

PU K. SANGCHHUM: Mr. Chairman, it is good to have the opportunity to discuss Budget today, inspite of the many difficulties.

We accepted the excuses made by 2 Ministers but the Finance Department have to prepare itself well in advance for the next session. I also accept the excuse made by the Chief Minister blaming the Central Government who caused delays in approving the Budget. I demand the Central Government should treat us as its beloved child. We are being looked after as Mizos living in Mizoram, not for being the son of Nehru's daughter. I would like to advise the Government to sanction over-time allowances to all Departments to solve the problem of shortage of staff and to speed up works.

Hmar Arst Newspaper, dated 24.3.1975 published about the workings of Government Press. As such criticism arose, new step has to be taken to improve the standard of works and efficiency. It seems some other staff do the printing works. The Govt. should think of getting new and better printer.

This year's Budget is the highest figure ever made out, but utilisation for the right purposes is very important. Misuse may lead to corruption. Budget Vol. No. I, Demand No. 4, page 14 contains Discretionary Funds of Ministers, but too meagre. T.4. (T.E.) should be increased as that is very important for them to impress the villagers. I suggest increase of T.4. (T.E.) and Discretionary Funds of Ministers.

Anyway, "Budget should be shared equally and proportionally by rural areas and urban areas", hence if Mizawl area gets too much or rural areas get too little, the whole of Mizoram does not profit by it and as the rural areas are in majority, Budget should be shared equally and proportionately. Equal and proportionate system is not maintained in giving Ex-gratia grant, Identity Cards, Gift and Reward etc. If Assam method of giving Ex-gratia grant is found unsuitable, method of giving more should be sought and given irrespective of any rule and regulation. Why is it that provision for Reward and Gift is small? There are many who have done good works for the people and the Government. Why not give them rewards they deserved?

There may be such deserving people in various Government Departments and consideration should be given specially under Rewards & Gifts. On the other hand, Rs 5,00,000/- is sanctioned for making Identity Cards, that is useless. Previously, Identity Cards were issued to M.L.As and Office-goers who produced their Cards on demand but afterwards no good result came out. It did not stand in the way of checking and harassment of the public. All army personnel want to check the Cards and that takes too much time. It is said that our one reason of backwardness is due to disturbance prevailing in the whole area. Most of the dreaded cases are murder, threat and robbery. But have we traced out those murder cases? If we take Mizawl for example, according to my information, there are 100 cases pending with the D.C. and A.D.M.; that means we are not prompt in deciding and settling cases. There are many murder cases, but has a single case been detected and settled? Have the cases of the persons, who ambushed the Lt. Governor been decided? Those who acted lawlessly should be punished according to the Law. At present there are many persons in Jail whose cases have not yet been decided. If they are guilty they should be punished according to the Law. On the other hand, pending for long time is lawlessness. For that purpose, the posts of A.D.M. and District Magistrate should be increased to solve the pending cases. The I.G.P. too has many cases pending to be decided, but he is simply heavily guarded everywhere. If that will bring about good result, it is well and good; if not, Mizoram will be at heavy loss and that is injustice.

In the Budget, no provision has been made for maintenance of vehicles for Saiha D.C. What will be the outcome of it? Much provision is there for Aizawl and Lunglei Districts, but what will be the consequence of depriving Chhimitupui District? When he will be called to come here, he will have to utilise E.G.S. fund for the purpose and corruption starts then and there. Autonomous District Council, as provided for in the rule, is good. But as the Central Government is creating trouble in our Budget, the Mizoram Govt. seems to create trouble for Autonomous District Council in Chhimitupui District? Why? the reason is one thing has gone against the Constitution and the Ministry have to carefully scrutinise it. We cannot go outside the Constitution. Even when money is sanctioned, without its proper channel and implementation, development will not be achieved. Regarding water scarcity much money is said to have been spent, but the actual sanction goes to G.C.I Sheets, building materials etc. Land Reclamation money has gone to Jeeps etc. As such Government have to be careful to confirm that the Budget provisions are utilised by the various Departments for the right purposes. More strict inspection should be conducted by the Government in the matter.

Due to unfavourable communication on roads, villagers face many difficulties. As such Government servants posted in remote, interior villages have to employ human transport where even Jeeps cannot reach. Considering communication condition in Chhimitupui District, we need more human transport.

Could any method be found to give loans to villagers? This should have been given top priority as the position of town dwellers is better. As regards the Agriculture Loan, if Government should carry out the proposed scheme, only town dwellers will enjoy it, depriving the needy and deserving people of interior, remote villages. We urge and demand that Government should find a way to give loans to villagers.

Thank you.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Chairman, our aim of statehood is good, but under the influence of disturbance, law and order will not be in our hands. Good examples are Nagaland and Manipur States, without stable Ministries. If we are unstable, State Government will not bring out good result; if we join every new political party we shall come under Presidential Rule. If what we aim for the welfare of the people is vague, we shall not have stable State Govt. The people and the land will suffer. We should first know ourselves, then we will be able to serve the people.

We often say that Budget is presented late since Congress Ministry took over, but it is not late. The Hizo Union Ministry presented 1972-73 Budget late in the month of October. It is great that this year's Budget is presented during the month of March, It is shameful to have presented Budget with unsatisfactory provisions very late. Since the Congress Ministry took over Budget is presented in the nick of time, with sufficient provisions. Though we openly reject U.T. Status, honourable Member Pu Vanlalhruaia was the one who spent so much for fighting and celebration and who gained most in getting the most desirable site in the Bazar-Market area. There is none like him who gained more. I can't help saying that he is the one who loves U.T. status most.

Though I am glad to have sufficient Budget provisions, misuses and corrupt practices are not tolerable. The Inspector General of Police is unnecessarily heavily guarded and escorted wherever he goes and petrol consumption is high. It is not easy to vote for the expenditure of such escorts. While our Ministers are not heavily guarded, escorting and guarding the I.G.P. so heavily and treating us like terrorists, intolerable. The Ministry should try to stop this practice. If he feels so unsafe, let the C.R.P. people stand guard along the main road, at the same time guarding the people. While we cannot supply food to our villagers due to shortage of petrol, guarding the I.G.P. so heavily with many vehicles is meaningless. It is an unnecessary expenditure. We have to know our condition as the present situation is not normal. Whomsoever the I.G.P. arrested is under the custody of C.R.P., B.S.F etc., but the I.G.P. is under control. Placing prisoners under custody for 2/3 months is meaningless. While complaining of placing of prisoners under the custody of Army Brigade Headquarters, the same practice being followed by our employees is intolerable. The Ministry should try to stop this practice. We have Jails under maintenance of Police Department and that is commanded by the Home Department and that should have the final authority. Why and how could he mistreat the prisoners under his custody even to disallow spare clothing. He should be brave enough to fight against wrong things. He is employed to safeguard law and order situation here, but why and how could he show such bold disrespect? It is the Government's responsibility to keep its employees under its direct control and supervision and not to burden the people with unnecessary troubles. We feel unsafe at the hands of Security Forces and we neither expect to be safe from the H.N.F. While we, loyal citizens expect to be safe at the hands of our Civil Police. Why are they still mistreating and harrasing us till today? A certain Government employee was assassinated at Lualaba and while his blood was still running warm in his breast, the Police did not conduct spot verification at the moment. The next day, Sunday, I.G.P. came with all his armed-glory and his body guards aimed their

guns at the people gathered in condolence. How great he was just like King Herod? If that kind of person is our employee, it is very much intolerable! It is very uneasy to vote for his salaries in this august House.

I wonder how far our Government have processed our border affairs. I wonder if taxes have to be paid along Silchar borders as seen in the newspapers. Only when people are safeguarded and enabled to enjoy their rights, there can be development. Unless and until people know their position and situation, there will never be development. The Government should give priority to the safety of the people and at the same time work out development. It is probable that we may spend much money for Silchar border line; as our people are there we can't help having pity on them but we cannot do much. We shall develop the people and they, in turn, shall help the Government. We should make clear demarcation along Cachar border line, where our people are living and we should be put in a safe area.

Whenever our Ministry contacts and consults Central Government, as it is on political ground, every matter taken up should be brought home in writing. Verbal compromises often tend to cause and misunderstanding. Whenever any one of the Cabinet consults Central Government, every matter taken up should be in writing so that it may be properly scrutinised and action taken here.

It is the responsibility of the Government to see that the works of Government employees in the remote and interior villages. I can boldly dare say that many employees did no work to deserve their salaries. When Nurses are posted in the interior village they contacted higher authorities to cancel such orders and succeeded in most cases. Similarly, A.Os and other employees dislike posting in interior places, and we have to find the reason. The Government should not give consideration to such grumbling employees as such cases caused difficulties to the Government to follow a certain principle. My proposed appointment to be made within this Budget should favour the applicant for the particular area/village, like any post for Lungsen village should be favoured for the applicant. Otherwise, the applicants may try to get any appointment by any means. Competition should be conducted on the availability of competitors from the locality. Competitions from Aizawl Town are mostly well-educated but not from villages. They don't score good marks in the Competition exams. But at the time of posting, Aizawl people want to work in Aizawl and usually succeed after trying hard. But competitors from villages are usually deprived of the posts. That is why administration is not running smoothly. Whenever Government is to appoint any staff,

specific principle should be observed/followed; otherwise it is meaningless to vote and pass for the expenditure on lazy Government employees.

The reason why development is not fast is that the works were executed by the Ministry without proper plans and schemes when U.T. Govt. was newly formed. The effect is that we cannot utilise the Budget provisions. That brings grievances from the people. As irregularity was too much, P.B.D. had to stop functioning for some time and work again at the end of the year. This usually resulted in bad performances of works. I suggest that proper plans and schemes should be laid down for utilisation of money right from the beginning of the year.

The Inland Water Transport Department have done something during last year, but not useful for the people, as there is no trace of development work. There is separate Budget provisions for the Department but what will be the result! Boats can no longer ply the rivers which were earlier plicable! I suggest some work should be done during this year.

We completely neglect Government Press. Bill forms and other important papers are usually given for printing to other Presses at Government expenditure. We should have good Press for printing Government papers, to relieve the burden of the people and improvement of works and creating new source of income.

Though Hon'ble Member Pu Brangaia mentioned giving of more money for northern area under Community Development, Tuipang C.D. Block gets the biggest figure, next comes Hnahthial J.D. Block. Hence, I want to counteract and say that not only areas north of Aizawl District receive the biggest amount.

Thank you.

PI SAPPANNI : Mr. Speaker, I am glad we can discuss Budget after some time, and the provisions seem to be bigger. In our earnest desire for quick changes we usually blame our Ministry, but we can all see the developments made after U.T. Government is formed. The various Departments too achieved progress. Sometimes we criticise and blame our Government employees/Officers as delaying works; but now we have Officers and staff whom we never had before, and I am glad, though some may be lazy and used to corrupt practices. Words of praises of our employees are rarely spoken here and I would like to offer one. I am glad we can meet again the Hon'ble Speaker, in good health, after his continental tour.

Among the various Departments Education Department is one which made most progress and most blimed at the same time. As most Members said, the Budget still provides for one post of Inspector and that is a pity though we have superior Officers at the head. It will be heavy duty for one Inspector to supervise all the works within Mizoram, and he cannot cope with it. For example, Nursery teachers who have not drawn their one year's salary are anxious to get it but cannot get due to with holding of signature due to heavy pressure of works on the part of the concerned Officer. As such we badly need sufficient number of staff. We have shown interest in sports, Scouts & Guides, Science etc. with separate establishments which never existed prior to U.P. Government. But we have exaggerated sports and there is no time to study these days. We have started sports right from the start of session and I wonder if more proper arrangement could not be made regarding the time for sports and study. It is bore-dom for the Head of the Schools as there is no time to study. If this should go on during time to come, it will ruin us. If the syllabus is not reduced, we won't make out good result; it seems we won't study anything during this first term. If the method of organisation had been proper, it is still acceptable; we did it on zone-level, then wider areas and finally State-level. Till today we have no time to study the lessons. Proper arrangement should be made in the organisation. Pupils of village Primary Schools go to distant villages to participate in the games and that is very troublesome. Even when they come to Aizawl, they are not provided necessary things like food etc. Some such students are compelled by their teachers to lodge together in one place though some go to their relatives and friends. Due to non-supply of food; they have to provide themselves. Some teachers thought food and lodging will be arranged here and stopped their students from bringing and providing themselves. But the authorities here ordered that those students who cannot provide themselves and are not self-sufficient cannot be provided. These should have been properly organised by the authorities to avoid crisis. Our Education and study should not have been halted by these improper organisations and arrangements.

The students are very anxious for an increase in the rate of Scholarship. The difference in rates between male and female students should be carefully examined. While 10% of male students enjoy Scholarship, only 5% of female students enjoy Scholarship. Previously, women were awarded Scholarships to encourage education among them, but now men and women have come on equal standard in education; but why the old method is still practised? Could it not be altered in our case? It should be altered in the next session, if not possible during this session. I want to know where and to whom Hostel

Stipends are given ? There is only one Hostel here in Aizawl and few students are said to enjoy the stipends. Who are those students and should not all the Hostellers get the stipends ?

I would like to combine P.H.E. Department with Medical Department. Medical Department's weakness in maintaining Hospitals and dispensaries and corrupt practices detected in the Department have been severely criticised in the Session and as a result slight improvement has been made. Doctors are now on regular duties without hesitation. Could not shortage of medicines in the Hospitals be made up ? The Government should take bold step in the matter as procurement of medicines by patient from shops at their own expenses is very shameful. This should be solved by supplying more medicines to the patients. Who should be held responsible, the P.H.E. Department or Medical authority(ies) for scarcity of water in the Civil Hospital as this is very shameful, and it must be stopped without fail. It is shameful to fetch water for the patients from their homes and no water supplied for mothers bearing children/babies. It has been criticised and pointed out many-a-time. Our Medical authorities may be responsible for it, if so, they must make improvement. P.H.E. Department cannot supply enough water and is severely criticised. If public could not be supplied sufficient water, the Hospital must be supplied sufficient water so that patients need not have to arrange water from their homes. This should be automatically stopped and new method employed. Medicines too must be sufficiently supplied.

Under disturbed situation, Police and Army Forces are criticised in their enforcement of law and order, but still they carry out their respective duties. But could drunkenness while on duty be stopped automatically ? Under influence of liquor they checked private houses and brought shame to the Government like threatening the Civilians saying they can arrest anybody. They rather made us feel unsafe, insecure under such protection. Is the Government cannot tolerate drunkenness and smell of liquor inside and during office hours, Police should not smell of liquor while on duty. Could not they abstain from it while on duty ? whatever harm they inflicted is under the influence of liquor. The Govt. must be aware of this and put a check on it.

Thank you.

PU LALHLELA:

Mr. Speaker, I am glad we could be given 310 million rupees for development inspite of disturbed situation. This is the fourth time we discuss our

own Budget, but we are doing it on trial and error theory. It is certain that we will do some things right and some wrong, as our Government is a new-born one. But on review of utilisation of provisions of past years, there are unfavourable things, that may bring about class distinction amongst us and honourable Members are aware of this. The share of Aizawl and rural areas differs greatly now. As found in the Finance Minister's Speech, per capita investment per head for one year is about Rs 270/- and that is said to be very high in comparison with whole of India. The difference in share of the Budget provision for Aizawl and rural areas has been detected even in the past Budgets. E.G.S. fund is very beneficial for rural people as our economic and political condition is low. Jhuming is no longer fruitful and disturbed situation results in famine. We used to console them saying Government is going to employ E.G.S. to uplift them. As we know E.G.S. funds are utilised for purchasing "Nizo House" at New Delhi and some for constructing Helipad. If we had thought how funds are allotted for village development, it is very unsatisfactory. Similar cases arise in other Departments too.

As honourable Members said, the Govt. could make Loans available to private individuals and companies/associations to uplift their standard. But it is a pity that there is no provision for homeless persons in Aizawl and Lunglet towns. I am afraid this will create a gap between the villagers and town dwellers. Similarly, Agriculture Loan is given out, and we expect that this will benefit the farmers and uplift their standard. But when financial year is about to end, they say that village farmers cannot be given as they have no valuable properties for mortgage. We are in despair. I am afraid this may bring bad result and our policy makers should not forget this aspect. In the last Session honourable Member Pu Sangkhuma demanded the list of sewing Machine, Knitting Machines, tools given by Industry and 2/3 of the total implements were given for Aizawl and surrounding areas. The population of Aizawl may be 30,000/40,000 and the rural population may be 30,000/40,000; and if that aspect is neglected, bad results may come out.

The Government could sanction funds for Rural Housing Scheme. Since 1959, the villages of Mizoram had been grouped in congested areas and our lands and properties are damaged. Besides, curfew is constantly imposed as disturbance is prevailing. The Central Government could sanction money on demand to uplift the standard of livelihood. We eagerly and anxiously waited for villagers to develop themselves, but at the close of financial year it is mainly utilised for construction of steps in Aizawl and Lunglet towns and that is intolerable for villagers any more.

If I remember it right, the Central P.W.D. Ministry did not sanction money for maintenance of Aizawl internal roads saying that there is no Municipal Board to look after the works of maintenance. They prepare scheme for village development and Budget provisions made for Champhai - Khawbung Road from 0 to 25 miles, but when it is time for starting of works and time to release sanction nothing is done. It is utilised for creating retaining walls and constructing roads in some corner of Aizawl town. It is a pity that the whole Budget provision supposed to cover the whole of Mizoram is not utilised for village development, and we are very desperate. The Agriculture Department is executing Land Reclamation and there are provisions. I am surprised at the method of distribution of seeds as it is given here in the Office and not village farmers, but Aizawl people are given here. All the tools and implements are given in the Dist. Agriculture Officer's Office and the needy village farmers are not given but Aizawl people get all.

The needy people should be given.

If this unfair means of distribution should go on, I would warn the Ministry to stop this procedure. I would like to inform and warn honourable members and Ministers that in order that our Indian Democratic form of Government should be a success, the people must cooperate and lend a helping hand in the execution of works as far as possible. This is clearly seen and found true from experiences. The Government introduced E.G.S. for road construction at Rs. 5,000/- per mile. It is heard throughout Mizoram and Village Councils and Administrative Officers are entrusted with the execution of works. Though Rs 5,000/- only per mile is sanctioned for E.G.S., the Grouping Centres and temporarily settled villages eagerly worked, and they cooperate with the Government and even interior villages are now Jeepable during spring season. From these examples, the Government should know that it is responsible to make the people cooperate with it.

The Education Department sanctioned grants around Rs 5,000/-, 3,000/-, 2,000/- etc. to uplift village education and now G.C.I. Sheets-roof buildings are even in the interiors, and that is the result of peoples cooperation. People cannot cooperate in P.W.D., P.H.E. Departments as technical knowledge is important.

From now on P.W.D., P.H.E. etc. Departments should prepare plans and schemes so that people may render cooperation. Most of the works must be made in such a way that people can cooperate and take initiative in the execution of works as that is one way Democratic form of Government can be a success. In the Budget plan none of the M.L.As are consulted for their opinions and suggestions. The persons who prepare

Budget should consult public opinion and suggestions as that should be good for our development.

I request Finance Minister to withdraw his speech on page 7, para 24 head-"Revenue Department" as that is all lies and I shall read out-"Revenue Department"- "Two thirds of the survey of the areas under Wet Rice Cultivation at Champhai and Bilkhawthlir region have been completed and the work is continuing". This is a lie. We have made many pressures to make settlement possible even in Champhai. Around April, 1974 survey team came to Champhai and measured 4/5 paddy fields, but left other fields unsurveyed; not even 1/10th of the fields have been surveyed. I want to know why wrong reports are submitted and accepted, and I demand them to acknowledge the faults. The last 3 lines of the same para-"Offices and quarters are being provided at Aizawl, Champhai and Kelasib" are false. The Revenue Department have no Office or quarter at Champhai; field supervisor is posted without staff quarter. When the Revenue Minister visited Champhai, he authorised him to stay in P.A. & A.D.C.'s Office. None of Office and Quarters had been constructed. The land settlement work at Champhai has made good progress and further work in this direction is proposed to be taken up" also is false as no such settlement work is done. It has already been processed to make settlement possible. None of the Revenue Department Staff came to do settlement works. Action must be taken against the responsible Officers or the speech of Finance Minister withdrawn as he is made to tell lies in the August House.

Thank you.

SPEAKER: We must be careful in our speeches as Unparliamentary expressions are undesirable. Do you agree to withdraw your expression- "I warn the Government" and substitute with "I urge the Government not to repeat it in future?". (PU LALLINA: Mr. Speaker, Yes.) Instead of "pure lies" substitute with false statement?" (PU LALLINA :Mr. Speaker, Yes).

We shall adjourn and meet again on 25th at 10:00 A.M. tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

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