

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE 3RD MIZORAM
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL FROM
22ND FEBRUARY, 1980 TO 29TH FEBRUARY, 1980.

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P R E S E N T

Dr. Kenneth Chawngliana, Speaker in the Chair, Chief Minister,
four Ministers and 26 Members present.

BUSINESS

1. Shri N.P.Mathur, Administrator to address the House.
2. Nomination to Panel of Chairmen.
3. Shri Lalhmingthanga, Minister i/c Finance to lay on the Table a copy each of the -
 - (i) Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 1977-78.
 - (ii) Appropriation Accounts 1977-78, and
 - (iii) Finance Accounts 1977-78 relating to the Government of the Union Territory of Mizoram.
4. Shri Zairemthanga to present the Third Report of
Shri Joe Ngurdawla Business Advisory Committee.

Mr. Speaker and Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Assembly,

1. I welcome you all to the Third Session of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly particularly those who have taken their seats today for the first time in the august House. I extend warm greetings to all the members of the House.

2. In my brief address I intend to narrate the achievements during the year. 1979-80 and also to give a brief resume of the future programme. During the period, my Government has continued its endeavours to fulfil the legitimate aspirations of the people to accelerate the implementation of various developmental schemes and give the people a clean and perceptive administration. The law and order situation has shown an improvement, but it is still far from the 'normalcy' we aim at. Permanent Peace in Mizoram is the most important matter but the 'quit Mizoram' notice issued by some mis-guided elements in June last, disturbed the peace and tranquility causing a serious set-back to the pace of development so essential for prosperity. There have been several cases of violence which were condemned by all right thinking people of Mizoram. Mizoram police remained busy in maintaining law and order. Government is fully aware of their problems and whilst during the current financial year Rs. 20.00 lakhs is being spent for police housing a sizeable

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provision is being made in the Annual Plan of 1980-81. It is expected that on completion of these building works the problem of shortage of accommodation will be mitigated to some extent. The Finance Minister will be presenting to you the Government's Budget for 1980-81 in a few days time wherein the Government's policies and programmes for utilisation of total outlay will be reflected in detail.

3. During the year 1979 appreciable number of the underground M.N.F. including some important personalities have come over ground and joined the mainstream of life in the country after realising the futility of the M.N.F. movement. My Government have also given due importance to the problem of rehabilitation of these personnel and a whole time senior officer has been entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring speedy rehabilitation. During the year, grants for agricultural development have been made to the extent of Rs. 10.21 lakhs benefitting 315 returnees. Dairy loans have been sanctioned to 32 returnees to the extent of Rs. 3.20 lakhs and industrial loans of Rs. 13.90 lakhs are proposed to be sanctioned this year to 100 such returnees. In addition Rs. 2.00 lakhs have been paid as rehabilitation grant at the rate of Rs. 1,000/= each.

4. As for strengthening the administrative machinery my Government have taken adequate measure and so far nearly 7000 employees have been declared as quasi permanent and more than 3800 temporary posts have been made permanent under various Departments of the Government. Recruitment Rules for a number of posts have been finalised in consultation with the Government of India. During the year staff at various levels were imparted training with the assistance of the Institute of Secretariat Training and Management, Government of India for improving overall efficiency. Besides officers were also sent for various courses of training in different parts of the country. For this year also we have schemes for training of employees at different levels.

5. The Planning Commission have allotted an outlay of Rs. 95.09 crores for the sixth five year plan against Rs. 46.58 crores for the 5th five year plan. Government of India being convinced of the need for acceleration of developmental works the increase of 104% in 6th five year plan compared to the 5th five year plan was agreed to mainly to speed up the developmental activities in the Union Territory, Mizoram. The Annual plan allocation for the current year 1979-80 is Rs. 17.72 crores. Against this, for the year 1980-81 the Planning Commission have given a broad indication of an outlay of Rs. 19.15 crores. In view of the necessity for speedy development works of this territory and to catch up with the rest of other States my Administration had earlier proposed financial outlay to achieve better physical target which is get to be finalised by the Planning Commission and if received by then, it will be reflected in the Budget to be presented by the Finance Minister. In addition separate allocation are made for Central Schemes, Centrally Sponsored Schemes and N.E.C. Plan and Border Roads Programme.

6. 'Thingtam' followed by drought conditions during last Year caused hardship to the people of Mizoram. As a measure of relief Employment Generation Schemes have been continuing in Mizoram. During the current year Rs.36.17 lakhs is available under this scheme. Since this amount was considered inadequate in view of the long spell of drought during April and May 1979 the Government of India was approached for additional funds on account of Relief measures. Rs. 185.53 lakhs have been proposed under "Emergency Relief Scheme" for various relief measures under Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Health, Emergency Water Supply including an additional amount of Rs. 87.83 lakhs for E.G.S. The Government of India have since approved the proposal. We have so far spent Rs. 66.47 lakhs on E.G.S. Rs 8.00 lakhs available on account of Gratuitous Relief and for giving assistance to victims of Natural Calamities have been utilised fully.

7. Agriculture in Mizoram had to pass through a critical period due to un-precedented drought and crops failure in the preceding years owing to Thingtam disaster. The entire activities of the Agriculture Department were therefore focussed on two important aspects, namely (1) aid to the distressed cultivators for growing subsidiary crops and (2) settlement of Jhumia families to permanent cultivation.

During the last Kharif season the land was prepared in time for sowing but crops like paddy, Maize were hard hit due to drought Government assistance were immediately rushed to the distressed cultivators in the form of seeds for quick growing crops 2170 families were covered under settlement scheme under WRC with reclamation of one hectare of land to each family. Similarly 2500 families were brought under Horticulture plantation with one hectare each after permanent settlement. About 140 Kms. of Agriculture Link Roads are under construction in different villages. About 152 hectares are being covered under minor irrigation which will benefit about 194 families. Apart from normal activities follow-up work for settlement of 800 families brought under N.E.C., scheme have been taken-up. Like-wise 100 families under Centrally-Sponsored Scheme are also being taken up in 5 new blocks as well as additional activities are also being extended to 5 additional blocks. Though the cereal crop was hard-hit, still the prospect of other crops like sugarcane, pine apple, oranges etc, seem to be good this year. A scheme has been taken in hand to reclaim large number of areas under apple cultivation.

As regards research, education and training, fundamental research activities have been carried out by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, 7 local boys have been sent for agriculture training and 8 boys for agricultural diploma course. Practical agricultural training has been imparted to over 3200 persons through 47 courses by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

During the year 1980-81 activities of the Department will centre around the settlement of jhumia families at the rate of 2 hectares per family for which all assistance, for land development, input supply of seeds etc. including extension services will be provided, from the existing schemes of the Annual Plan. Thus schemes in operation during the year 1980-81 will take care of the existing areas under cultivation as well as new areas to be brought consequent to the switching over of the jhumias to permanent cultivation. During the year 1980-81 the Department aims at putting down the research findings of the I.C.A.R. under agro-climatic condition to the cultivators field through adaptive trials. As for agricultural education it is expected that 21 candidates will be sent for diploma course and 6 for degree course and 3 for post-graduate course in agriculture. The Integrated Training Centre situated at Anahthial will impart basic agricultural training to 20 trainees for 2 years duration while refresher course will be imparted to 5 in service personnel like Gram Sevaks, Agriculture Inspectors for a duration of 3 months. In the field of agricultural information and publicity it is proposed to organise exhibitions; seminars; organise conducted tours of progressive cultivators; disseminate modern methods of farming through distribution of leaflets. Crop competitions at various levels will be organised for paddy, potato and pulses and based on the performances/ yeild etc. merit will be determined and prizes distributed accordingly. The scheme will provide an incentive to the cultivators for better production in their respective sphere. During the year 1980-81 it is proposed to distribute 243.66 Metric Tonnes of paddy seeds and 155 Metric Tonnes of Maize seeds. Horticulture development schemes provide for settlement of 2000 families partly and 1500 families fully on horticulture for which land development for 3500 hectares have to be taken up during the year 1980-81. It is also proposed to increase the area under spices by distributing 30000 improved spices seedlings and 3 metric tonnes of improved seeds. During the year 1980-81 it is proposed to reclaim more than 3300 hectares of land and construct 20 Kms. of road. For mechanical reclamation of land and for mechanical tillage necessary provisions have been made for 5 Bull-dozers, 10 tractors and 20 power tillers.

Minor irrigation in Mizoram is still confined to pumping and construction of small water reservoirs. The object of irrigation is to cover 7000 hectares during 1980-81 with the help of 125 pumping sets and 130 Nos. of water reservoirs.

Under cash crop plantation 50 hectares of land have been covered by Coffee plantation and 40 hectares of land by rubber plantation. In addition black pepper and Cardamam are also being tried in Mizoram and the results are encouraging. Under the Soil Conservation 268 hectares of terracing have been done during the year 1979-80. Under Soil Conservation for the year 1980-81, Coffee plantation is expected to cover an area of 150 hectares, cardamam in 100 hectares and rubber in 40 hectares in addition to maintenance of existing plantations already done in 1979-80. Cultivation of Pine-apple, Oranges, Bananas and Apples is being encouraged from year to year.

8. During the year 1979-80 there is a Plan provision of Rs. 55.00 lakhs for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department. In addition there is a provision of Rs. 5.28 lakhs under Central Sector Scheme which includes piggery production programme, Rinderpest Eradication Programme and Food and Mouth Disease Control Programme. During the year the Department have distributed 85 numbers of Dairy cows, 50 Nos of Heifers and 200 Nos. of pigs on 50 percent subsidy. Altogether 18 B.V.Sc. and 18 Veterinary students have been supported with stipends and book grants etc. during the year 1979-80. 174 farmers from different places were given training by the Department. All the three existing cattle breeding farms at Aizawl, Lunglei and Chhintuipui, Regional Pig Breeding Farm at Selesih and Pig Demonstration Farms at Kolasib and Thingdawl, Poultry Production farm at Lunglei, Central Hatchery and Poultry Farm at Selesih and Poultry Demonstration Farm at Kolasib and Thingdawl are expected to help production of improved variety. Six new Dispensaries are proposed to be established during 1980-81 of which three will be in Aizawl, two in Lunglei and one in Chhintuipui District. Seven new R.A.H. Centres are to be established of which five will be in Aizawl and one each at Lunglei and Chhintuipui District. One hundred families at suitable locations are proposed to be rehabilitated under Rural Cattle Farming Colony Scheme as Jhum control measure. Key Village Scheme will be expanded by establishing one separate administrative unit and four new Stockmen Centres with adequate number of improved breeding bulls to remote villages. Ten thousand chicks hatched at Central Hatchery will be supplied to Farms at subsidised rates while two thousand exotic birds 3 to 6 months old will be supplied at full cost. 1050 exotic pigs are to be supplied at subsidised rates through Government farms and fifty numbers of Breeding Boars 5 to 6 months old will be supplied free of cost to selected farmers. Four hundred goats of improved variety will be supplied at 50 percent subsidy for breeding purpose. 155 numbers of cows of exotic breed will be transported free of cost for dairy farm while 260 exotic cows will be given on 50 percent contribution of Rs. 2500/= per cow. Similarly 100 heifers will be given with 50 percent Government contribution of Rs. 750/= per heifer.

9. Development of Mizoram is intimately connected with the communication facilities for vehicular traffic. It is true that during the current financial year most of the developmental work by the middle of the year in June, 1979, came to a standstill owing to disturbances that erupted suddenly. In spite of such predicament the Department could achieve nearly 100 Kms. of formation cutting, metalling and black-topping though it was envisaged to achieve more than 200 Kms. of work during the year. Beginning has already been made for construction of bridges across some of the major rivers and work in two of the bridges namely Tuichawng and Chawngte are still in progress. Bridges across Tuivai, Viata, Tuipui-II and Tuivar have also started. On the administrative side a Circle with two more division were sanctioned to look after the increased volume of works during the year. Works in 16 District roads and 27 rural roads in addition to town roads and village roads have been in progress. The programme for 1980-81 includes formation cutting for a length of 100 kms. metalling for 132 kms. and black-topping for 75 kms.

One Planning Circle is envisaged during 1980-81 and in addition it is proposed to open a Material Testing-Cum-Research Laboratory and Traffic Engineering Cell. A full-fledged Mechanical Workshop may start functioning during the ensuing year. For improvement of Inland Water Transport, works on 5 rivers continued and so far a length of 37 kms. has been completed. Hydrographic survey for a length of 46 kms. was also partially completed. During the year 1980-81 works for removal of obstructions in the rivers for a length of 25 kms. is proposed. It is also proposed that a Sub Division be up-graded to a Division during the year 1980-81. As for construction of buildings, some major works of construction of viz, Mizoram House at Silchar and Theatre Hall at Aizawl which started late in 1978 is continuing satisfactorily. During the year 1980-81 it is Proposed to start work for Government Housing Scheme for construction of 250 quarters at Luangmual, construction of Secretariat Buildings, Tourists House at Aizawl, Mizoram House at New Delhi and Calcutta and other major works on which works have started during the year.

During the year 1979-80 eleven numbers of rural water supply scheme have been completed and works in another 35 schemes have been in progress. During 1980-81 it is proposed to carry out rural water supply works in 80 villages and to complete the works in all respect in 14 villages, Survey and investigation in another 42 villages are also proposed to be done during this period. Aizawl Water Supply Augmentation Scheme is proposed to be continued and Zonal Reservoirs, installation of pumping sheds, laying of pipe-lines etc. are expected to be completed during the year. Lunglei and Saiha Water Supply Schemes are expected to be started during the year 1980-81.

10. The approved plan out-lay for power development in Mizoram for 1979-80 is Rs. 210.00 lakhs out of which 80.00 lakhs are earmarked for new diesel generation of 2.2 MW. 4 new diesel power stations at Chawngte, Biata, Khawzawi and Saitual are also proposed to be set up. Procurement of generating sets and other equipment is in progress. An amount of Rs. 30.00 lakhs is approved for transmission and distribution works out of which about Rs. 18.00 lakhs proposed for extension of HT and LT lines, sub-station providing street light and service connection at Aizawl, Lunglei and Kolasib. About 10 km. 11 KV line, 10 km. LT line and 6 sub-stations have been completed and 750 new service connections have been given so far. Rs. 12.00 lakhs is proposed to be spent for preliminary works and procurement of equipment for 132 KV and 66 KV sub-stations at Aizawl, Serchhip, Lunglei, Kolasib and Vairengte. An amount of Rs. 30.00 lakhs is approved for electrification of 6 villages under Normal Programme. It is expected that 5 out of 6 villages will be electrified within 1979-80. 10 villages are proposed to be electrified during 1979-80 under Revised Minimum need Programme at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 60.00 lakhs, Rs. 10.00 lakhs is approved for investigation of Hydel Projects during 1979-80. Out of this about Rs. 6.50 lakhs is the capital content. Preliminary investigation of Mycro Hydel projects (Varva) has been taken up. All efforts are on way to identify and assess hydel potential in our rivers. Our persistent efforts at obtaining services of experts in this direction has resulted in a visit of the Chairman, NEEPCO to Mizoram in November, 1979 for reconnaissance survey of our rivers.

His report since received by us shows a very encouraging preliminary assessment of about 1400 MW hydel potential on Tlawng, Tuivai and Tuipui (Kolodyne) rivers. This is indeed good tidings for not only Mizoram but also the whole eastern region. This has added fresh dimensions to the spheres of power planning in the Union Territory. Towards preliminary investigation of these rivers we are further discussing the matter with the Central Authorities. Tuivai is already under investigation of N.E.E.P.C.O.

Another favourable assessment has also been received from Central Electricity Authority for a medium size project at Tuikum Lui potentiality of which is roughly assessed at 20 MW. Preliminary investigation of this project also is proposed to be taken up simultaneously.

About 3 MW additional power only will be available shortly from Kyrdenkulai Project in Meghalaya. But power from Regional Projects like Loktak and Kopili will not be available until 1983-84. In order to meet the growing demand power and improved reliability of power supply presently from Assam Grid, a 5 MW Gas-Turbine Generation Project at Vairengte at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.50 crores is under examination. The construction of 132/33 KV sub-station at Aizawl and Serchhip will be taken up and also sub-station at Lunglei and Kolasib and Vairengte. It is also intended to take up construction of 132 KV line from Aizawl to Lunglei. It is proposed for taking up works of Distribution lines and sub-stations, service connection and providing street light at Aizawl, Lunglei and Kolasib during 1980-81. Similarly 12 villages are proposed to be electrified under Normal Programme and 6 villages under Revised Minimum needs Programmes during 1980-81. In addition, it is proposed to take up River investigations.

11. In a hilly place like Mizoram where agricultural inputs need to be supplemented by additional incomes, small and cottage industries have a unique role to play. The Government having recognised this fact, is laying greater stress to boost the economy of Mizoram through the development of medium small scale and cottage industries.

In pursuance of this policy, during the year 1977-80 two District Industries Centres, one each at Aizawl and Lunglei were set-up. These centres will act as focal and nodal points for development and promotion of Industries, so that facilities to the entrepreneurs are made available under one roof. Efforts are also being made to develop the much needed infrastructure for industrial development. Industrial Estates to provide built in accommodation to entrepreneurs with water, power and other facilities ready at hand are proposed to be set up at various places. This will cut down the gestation period of the industries considerably. The Mini-Industrial Estate at Kolasib which is under construction is expected to be completed within one year. One Industrial Estate each at Sairang, Lunglei and Champhai are also proposed. In an attempt to solve the ginger problem in Mizoram, the Government during this year undertook an experiment to sun-dry the ginger so that it could be preserved for longer periods. One entrepreneur who was also associated with the experiments has been successful in sun-drying about 4 tons of ginger (dry weight). A ginger dehydration scheme has also been approved by the Government which is likely to be completed soon. In addition, an oleoresin and

ginger oil complex, is proposed to be set up at Sairang during 1980-81. With a view to promote private entrepreneurship in this field, 2 entrepreneurs were sent for training on production and marketing of ginger products. The Government is also considering to set up a Mini Sugar Plant at Kawnpui. The Government also proposes to set up a saw mill-cum-timber seasoning plant during the next year. The Government Fruit Preservation Factory at Vairengte is being augmented and for the first time an attempt has been made to extract orange juice for preparation of orange squash. During the year 1980-81 department proposes to set up a maize processing unit for Mizoram. Training is yet another important activity of the Industries Department and with a view to impart training to the rural artisans and also to providing services of the rural industries, it is proposed to set up a rural Industries Development Centre in collaboration with Hindustan Machine Tools. This project will be fully operative by the year 1980-81. The Mizoram small Industries Development Corporation is being suitably strengthened and the share capital is being increased by Rs. 10.00 lakhs during the year. The Corporation has forwarded the cases of eight entrepreneurs to the Banks, some of which are in the advance stage for sanctioning. The M.S.I.D.C. will provide 15% seed money of the total cost of the project. During the year 54 local boys were successfully trained in Weaving and another 47 boys and girls are under-going training. In addition 9 boys and girls were sent for advance training in Weaving outside Mizoram in reputed training institution. There are about 34 Primary Weavers Service Centres set-up so far to increase the production of hand-loom cloths, Another 7 Centres will be set up during the next year. To look after marketing and raw materials needs of these centres run by Primary Societies, an Apex Weavers, Co-operative Society has been functioning since 1978. During the next year it is proposed to set up a Handloom Research and Design Centre. In the 3 Handicraft Training Centres about 26 local artisans have received training. To promote entrepreneurs in the field of handicraft financial assistance at the rate of Rs. 150/= per month for a period of 5 years has been sanctioned by All India Handicraft Board to Shri H. Zachunga of Aizawl who received the National Level Merit Certificate in Mizo Hat making. Greater stress is being laid to develop Oak Tasar and Eri Silk Industry. The Central Silk Board has also set up an Oak Tasar Research Centre at Champhai.

12. The Union Territory of Mizoram has more than seven thousand square kilometres as reserve forest which form almost 34 percent of the total geographical area. During the current year one more division with headquarters at Kolasib has been opened and one working plan division has been functioning with headquarters at Aizawl. During the year 1979-80 nearly 3000 hectares of land has been brought under plantation and more than 10,000 nursery beds have been created. One centrally sponsored scheme on soil conservation at Ratu which was under-taken in 1978-79 has been continuing and during the current year the allotment for the work was Rs. 12.00 lakhs. During the year 1980-81 more than 6000 hectares of land is proposed to be brought under plantation. Much importance is given for development of protection and conservation of wild life. In addition to Dampa Wild Life sanctuary there is another proposal to create Tawi Wildlife sanctuary.

13. In the field of Education there has been satisfactory progress in achieving universalisation of elementary education during the 6 Plan period. Additional posts of 100 Primary teachers sanctioned during 1978-79 have by now been filled up and 100 posts as per current year's target have been created. 22 new pre-primary teachers have also been appointed. As regards physical targets 135 primary school buildings and 23 middle school buildings are being extended. The programme for science education is being encouraged by providing science kits and apparatus to 50 primary schools, 28 middle schools and 100 high schools. In the field of administration 2 new sub-divisional Education Offices are being created for which required posts have been sanctioned. The proposal for taking over 5 private middle schools by Government is under consideration. In spite of limited scope for expansion at the level of secondary education 6 new non-Government high schools are being aided and 2 High Schools are given grants-in-aid for construction of school buildings. The office of Inspectors of Schools at Lunglei and Chhintuipui Districts are also being strengthened. It has been possible to open a new practising school by the UGTTI, Lunglei from the school session 1980 for which required post have been created.

The Annual Plan programme for 1980-81 envisaged implementation of the national pattern of school education in the primary, middle and secondary stages of education besides on-going programmes for achieving universalisation of elementary education. The new pattern of education will entail additional expenditure for appointment of teachers and also for construction of school buildings etc. Quite a good number of new posts of Headmasters and 100 posts of Primary teachers are proposed to be created and 135 new primary schools are proposed to be opened. It is also proposed that 10 non-Government middle schools and one non-Government high school will be taken over by the Govt. besides extension of financial assistance to 28 non-Govt. middle schools and 10 non-Government high schools.

As regards collegiate education the programme includes schemes to improve the quality of education. National Adult Education programme is being implemented. 160 Adult Education Centres are proposed to be opened, where expenditure for supply of learners kits, teaching materials, learning materials is included besides remuneration to the institution. 12 literacy seminars are proposed to be held for motivation of the illiterate adults. The plan also envisages executing and experimental programme of opening 5 adult schools where neo-literate adults can get a chance of qualifying themselves for the primary/middle schools of education. 85 voluntary organisations engaged for implementation of the Adult Education programme are likely to be given assistance. Under the programme for youth welfare activities proper facilities are proposed to be made available for sports and game. Adequate emphasis has been laid for construction of play grounds indoor stadia, State Museum, a State Library Buildings.

14. In the field of social welfare the year 1979 was declared as International Year of the Child. In addition to various programmes like Childrens' rallies, seminar etc. a Paediatric ward has been provided at Aizawl Civil Hospital. 10 Creches/Day care centres for children and working mothers and 4 Recreational Centre-cum-Library have been opened. 3 Homes for destitutes and orphan children have been opened with Government's assistance and in addition Government continue to provide financial assistance for the existing 3 motherless babies home. 232 pre-primary schools in different places have been maintained by the Government and 100 more new pre-primary schools are likely to be opened soon. These will benefit more than 16,500 pre-school children. The Government is also taking up Integrated Child Development Service Project scheme as Centrally sponsored Scheme. 2 Integrated Child Development Service Project sanctioned by Central Government are located at Lungdar and Hnahthial. In addition to the above handicapped persons are also given financial assistance for their normal living and during the current financial year assistance is given to 225 handicapped students from Class A to Class VIII.

15. Health service in Mizoram continued to be inadequate though considerable improvement has taken place during the year. During 1979-80 there is a Plan provision of Rs 90.00 lakhs which includes provision for buildings in 9 new public health centres, up-gradation of 1 primary health centres to 30 bedded rural hospital and opening of 92 sub-centres. The construction of buildings taken up departmentally in 16 places are in progress and 9 of such buildings have already been completed. A 30 bedded new hospital is under construction at Demagiri. An outlay of Rs 6.00 lakhs, provided under control of communicable diseases, includes provision for construction of a new 20 bedded T.B. Hospital with a new District T.B. Centre at Lunglei. A programme for medical education and Training envisages payment of seat rent in Regional Medical College, Imphal and payment of stipends to 49 MBBS students and 15 Pharmacist trainees. During the current year 6 doctors and 4 pharmacists are expected to complete their studies to join medical services in Mizoram. 1 Doctor has completed post-graduate degree and another post-graduate diploma, and both have rejoined their services. 3 doctors are now in their post-graduate degree course and 2 for diploma course. In addition to various on-going schemes like minimum needs programme, control of communicable diseases, medical education and training, 6 new dispensaries, construction of departmental buildings and procurement of plant and equipment like X-Ray machine etc. are also contemplated during the year.

16. Under the Community Development the 6th Five Year Plan outlay under normal programme is Rs. 130.00 lakhs and during the current year it is estimated to spend Rs. 33.00 lakhs of which Rs. 6.00 lakhs is provided for construction of Aizawl Community Hall and Rs. 7.00 lakhs for nutrition programme. 25 numbers of community halls have been constructed and 25 numbers of play grounds have been provided to the villagers. A good number of musical Instruments and other essential items like petrolmax have been distributed to the villagers at 75 percent

subsidised cost. The total amount spent on this account comes to Rs. 18.52 lakhs. A sum of Rs. 1.50 lakhs has been spent for constructing 30 numbers of water points and for improvement of public sanitation. 2700 pre-school going children have been provided with nutrition at an outlay of Rs 7.00 lakhs during the year. The villagers have been assisted with a sum of Rs. 2.50 lakhs for construction of inter-village paths, culverts and suspension bridges. During the year 1980-81, 70 play grounds, 90 community halls, 20 village cemented drinking water tanks are proposed to be constructed and in addition rural sanitation system will be improved and jeep roads to the extent of 20 kms, and inter-village paths of 150 Kms. are likely to be completed. It is also proposed to purchase 4000 metres of wire rope for construction of suspension bridges. Nutrition to 27000 children is proposed to be provided during the year.

17. During the year 1979-80 we had a budget provision of Rs. 28.00 lakhs of which Rs. 20.00 lakhs for village housing and Rs. 8.00 lakhs for urban housing, was made available for loans. During the year 1980-81 it is proposed to provide financial assistance to local bodies for town and regional planning and for environmental improvement of slums and for urban housing and rural housing.

18. For land reforms we have a provision of Rs. 4.00 lakhs in the plan schemes for 1979-80, for up-grading of the land records, survey-training and cadastral survey. In the Annual Plan for 1980-81 the Administration proposes to take up important works like printing of forms and for setting up of a record cell while various courses of survey training will be availed by the staff for under-taking such survey. With a view to replacing the existing system of shifting Jhum cultivation by a more permanent type of cultivation, the need for carrying out cadastral survey of agricultural land mostly in areas covered under Wet Rice Cultivation, gardens, orchards etc. concentrated in various pockets is urgent for the purpose of eventual conversion into regular settlements.

19. To promote tourism a sum of Rs. 10.00 lakhs was available during the current year for construction of Aizawl Dak Bungalow, Kolashib Rest House, Vairengte Tourists Lodge and for the maintenance of existing tourists lodge at Saitual. While much emphasis is given on the economic development of the U.T. of Mizoram, my Government is fully conscious of the need of cultural activities and cultural exchanges to foster a sense of integration.

20. Road Transport is a basic need of the people of Mizoram and to facilitate movement by road, 22 buses have been acquired at a cost of Rs. 23.67 lakhs. Land has been acquired at Phaileng, Saitual and Darlawn for construction of bus stations. Bus services between Lawngtlai-Saiha-Tuipang have been introduced from the month of November, 1979. To facilitate journeys beyond Mizoram a direct bus service from Aizawl to Shillong has been introduced after due negotiation with Government of Assam and Meghalaya. There is a proposal for construction of State Transport Complex at Vairengte consisting of Bus Station a Depot-cum-Workshop and staff quarters. My Government is keen to take up the work during the current year. During the year 1980-81, it is proposed to

augment the fleet, as well as to take up construction of bus station and for procurement of equipment for central workshop. Railway out agency at Aizawl provides facilities for booking of goods from and to Aizawl from and to any railway station within India. Installation of one weigh-bridge at Chaktlang workshop is under progress and is likely to be completed during the current year.

21. During the current year 5 new service and 2 labour Co-operative Societies have been organised. 2 Fishery Co-operative Societies, one at Hrangdo Fishery and the other at Thenzawl Fishery have been organised. During the year 1980-81 my Government will take adequate measures to provide financial assistance to the M.A.M.C.S. which deals with marketing of agricultural products as well as for P.O.L. products as the agent of Assam Oil Company. There are proposals for providing for marketing training to Co-operative personnel as well as for launching Co-operative Education Programme for the whole U.T. Besides there is provision for processing Co-operatives, diary and live-stock co-operatives, industrial co-operatives, labour co-operatives, farming co-operatives, etc.

22. My Government have been giving subsidies for construction of dwelling houses for the widows/dependents and disabled ex-servicemen of 1971 war at the rates of Rs 4,000/= Rs.3,000/= and Rs. 2,000/= to officers, J.C.Os and other ranks respectively. A sum of Rs, 22,500/= being first instalment has already been sanctioned by the Government to 19 effected persons during the current year. A sum of Rs. 20.70 lakhs is available for construction of Sainik Rest House at Khatla.

These are some of the main activities and achievements of my Government during the current year as well as those which will be taken up during the year 1980-81. I sincerely hope that peaceful conditions will prevail and the new year will see an all-round progress in our territory. I extend to you my best wishes for success in your deliberations.

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