

FIFTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 24TH MARCH, 2004
(Time : 10:30 AM to 1: 00 PM and 2: 00 PM to 4:00 PM)

PRESENT

Pu Lalchamliana, Speaker, at the Chair, Chief Minister, 14 Ministers and 21 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

DISCUSSION & VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND FOR 2003 - 2004 AND VOTE ON ACCOUNT

2. (1) Discussion and voting on Supplementary Demands for the year 2003-2004 and Supplementary Demand for grants of excess expenditure for the year 1999 - 2000 and 2000 - 2001.
(2) Discussion and Voting on vote on Account.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction, consideration and passing.

3. PU ZORAMTHANGA to beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2004.

Also

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

to move that the Bill be passed.

4. PU ZORAMTHANGA to beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2004.

Also

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

to move that the Bill be passed.

5. PU ZORAMTHANGA to beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2004.

Also

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

to move that the Bill be passed.

S P E A K E R : Blessed are the need, for they shall inherit the earth,
right- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
Mathew 5:5-6

Now, we will take starred question no. 36 of Pu Andrew Lalherliana and Pu H. Rohluna. Pu H. Rohluna to ask the starred questions.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister, Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether Electronic Energy Meter is fitted to all consumers in the State.
- (b) Whether the price of Electronic Energy Meter is to be paid by the customers on instalment basis ?
- (c) If not, will the department return the amount already spent by the consumer ?
- (d) What is the name of the supplier of the Electronic Energy Meter ?
- (e) The rate of Electronic Energy Meter ?
- (f) What is the estimated amount ?
- (g) Proposed amount of fund for changing of meter ?

S P E A K E R : Let's call upon Chief Minister to give answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer to the above starred questions are -
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- (a) No.
- (b) No, but new consumer has to pay for it as security.
- (c) If it is proved, it is to be returned again.
- (d) (i) M/S R.C. Energy Metering Pvt. Ltd., Delhi - single phase.
(ii) M/S Genus Overseas Electronic Ltd., Jaipur - single phase.
(iii) Zorun Enterprise, Aizawl - three phase.
- (e) The rate of two kinds of Energy Meter are -
(i) Single phase - Rs. 1,050.00
(ii) Three phase - Rs. 4,397.40
- (f) The contractual amount is Rs. 1,273.76 lakhs.
- (g) Proposed fund for Electronic Energy Meter is Rs. 1273.76 lakhs. It may be added if necessary.

PU ZODINTLUANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Chief Ministers speech no. 4 and answer to unstarred question no. 25 are different from one another. Which is the correct one ? Secondly, it is said that the Electronic Energy Meter is to be used in the whole of India. Which states used this meter ?

Thirdly, what is the reason that the cost of a unit rate is higher than before ?

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, whether tender is called normally to supply the Electronic Energy Meter ?

S P E A K E R : Now, let's call upon Pu Zoramthanga, hon'ble Chief Minister.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Before this electronic meter is used, the meter box
CHIEF MINISTER can be altered to reduce meter reading. But now, it can't be altered. That's why, income increases and power consumption also decreases.

And we don't have information as to how many state used this Electronic Meter, we will collect the information letter on. And, I think it will be cleared. Why the rate of a unit consumption is high. Infact, it's not higher but income increases from Electricity. Because we used same meter which could not be altered.

Lastly, tender is not called, but the material is ordered from the manufacturers by the purchase Advisory Board.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the electronic meter may function improperly. If a consumer makes complaint will government pay attention to it or not ?

S P E A K E R : Pu H. Liansailova, for last supplementary question.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in regards to the record of meter reading, whether this State Government can maintain record book on meter reading as practised in some states ? Secondly, whether the Government can follow progressive rate other than slap rate in the billing system as practised in telephone billing ?

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let's call upon Chief Minister to give answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Regarding Pu Zira's
CHIEF MINISTER supplementary question, the Electronic Meter is regarded to be functioning properly. But as it is technical machine some may not function properly. In such case, the matter may be examined and checked with the concerned department.

And regarding Pu Liansailova's supplementary question, we are now preparing reading card so that we may have regular supply of power. And regarding electric bill, it is collected at slap rate. But for better system, we invite better suggestion if any through the concerned department.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu Saikapthianga and Pu Lalrinliana's starred question no. 37. Pu Saikapthianga to ask the starred question.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, with the hon'ble Minister, Home be pleased to state -

- (a) How did the Government of Mizoram proved about kidnapping of candidates in Suangpuilawn Constituency.
- (b) If it was proved, who had committed kidnapping of such candidates?
- (c) Whether an enquiring officer at Phullen had submitted enquiry report?
- (d) If so, the report?

S P E A K E R : Pu Tawnluia, Minister, Home to give answer.

PU TAWNLUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer to the above questions are -
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- (a) Enquiry is now being conducted.
- (b) Same as (a).
- (c) The enquiring officer submitted his finding.
- (d) Saitual P.S. Case No.74/03 dt. 19th November, 2003 under section 120.13/71/171 F.36/165IPC read with 25.1/A was registered. The case I.O. is now under enquiry. That's why, the enquiry report cannot be revealed or spoken now.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is the first time in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly election that MLA candidates has been kidnapped. Whether Government of Mizoram regarded it as wilfully wrong? If so, has step been taken to nab the persons involved in the kidnapping?

Is the House truly wants to know the truth about kidnapping at Suangpuilawn? If yes, will the Enquiry Committee or Enquiry Officer accepts if the report of information is given on the number of vehicles used for kidnapping, the owner of vehicle hooded persons who did the kidnapping and those who distributed Government's bullets? Two types of bullets were being distributed and the persons involved in the distribution were of different groups. Is the House truly wants to be informed of all these?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in the former Session, my proposal to set up Enquiry Commission was rejected. After all that, why did the commission was set up again? And whether government did not really know from where police uniforms and guns were borrowed?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Home Minister to give answer.

PU TAWNLUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Government of Mizoram accepts this incidence as a criminal case. That's why, Enquiry Officer is appointed from Gazetted Officer level. As such, the case registered at Saitual Police
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Station case was guided by the Superintendent of Aizawl.

And we also want to take inquiry shortly, but it takes us three months now. It is not yet completed till date. And the hon'ble Member may be mistaken, no Enquiry Commission is set up. But as we have confidence in our Police Officers, the Police Officer were sent to do investigation of this case?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, whether the Enquiring Officer has to enquire from where police uniforms and bullets of 9 mm were obtained?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it will be very pleasing if my supplementary questions are answered. And whether the service of government servant who supplied police uniform and bullets will be terminated if he is reported? And again, whether this government regarded itself to be fit to run the Ministry after failing to detect such well known case?

S P E A K E R : Let's call upon Home Minister.

PU TAWNLUIA
HOME MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, members pointed out about the matter. It's given importance to it. I would like to inform the House that this government tries to detect wrong doers.

On the other hand, the case was registered and enquiry is being conducted by the officers, that's why, it's not appropriate to answer all the questions now. And the people of Mizoram has given mandate to this Ministry, accordingly, we expect that we will carry through this Ministry.

S P E A K E R : Now, starred question no. 38 asked by Pu Lalhlengliana and Pu D. Thangliana. Pu D. Thangliana to ask the question.

PU D. THANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister, Law Department be pleased to state - whether there is any intention to have separation of judiciary in Mizoram?

PU H. RAMMAWI
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer is 'yes'.

S P E A K E R : The answer is very short. Pu Lalzirliana to ask supplementary questions.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the former government withdrawn its intention in this regard. Will the present Ministry carry out such policy? If so, when?

S P E A K E R : Let's call upon the hon'ble Minister to give answer.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, article 50 of the Constitution of India provided that separation of judiciary from executive is the task of State Government. Accordingly, this Ministry has taken up the matter to fulfill this article 50 from the very beginning. The Cabinet Meeting also decided to have it implemented. But the date for commencing this separation can't be said because it can't be done easily.

S P E A K E R : Pu Liansuama to ask starred question no. 39.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister, Home be pleased to state -

- (a) What's the present position of dialogue between Government of Mizoram and BNLF. Is there any hope of settlement?
- (b) What are the demands made by BNLF groups?

S P E A K E R : Let's call upon Home Minister to give answer.

PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer to the starred questions raised by the hon'ble member are -

- (a) Government of Mizoram and BNLF have had dialogue eleven times. It is expected to come to a proper settlement.
- (b) BNLF demanded the following -
 - (i) Autonomous District Council at the initial stage.
 - (ii) Regional Council for Bru at the second stage.
 - (iii) Bru Area Development Council.
 - (iv) Bru Development Cooperation. But all these demands were dropped as it is not convenient for state government to comply with.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it's very pleasing to have peace settlement for BNLF could step down from this demand. Hence, can the House be informed of the terms and conditions of the peace settlement?

And it seemed that Brus from Mizoram, Assam, Tripura and Bangladesh occupying six refugee camps at Tripura are all coming to Mizoram. If we have peace settlement will we accept them all to settle in Mizoram?

S P E A K E R : The matter is a sensitive one, we'll call upon the hon'ble Minister to give answer and appropriate information.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary questions Firstly, will you give rehabilitation specially to the liberation grants

members ? Secondly, will you accept them all as state refugees and adopt them as state citizens ?

Thirdly, will they be confined to the western side of Tut river in order to assimilate the Mizos in this area ?

Fourthly, can negotiation be carried on with the Brus under wider aspects ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, is there any intention to have Brus staying at Refugee camp cast votes by postal ballot? If yes, will the state government accept such proposal?

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary questions, how many Bru refugees from our state are camped at Tripura Refugee Camp and how many Brus are there at the refugee camp from other state ?

S P E A K E R : Let's call upon Home Minister.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding interference in the election by means of postal ballot, Government of Mizoram has no arrangement for such till date.

PU LIANSUAMA : We received a new information this morning. It is said that they are to cast vote in the election by postal ballot. Whether the hon'ble Minister is not informed at this ?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : It may be.

S P E A K E R : If it is ordered by Election Commission, the order may not be handd over to the Minister.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, an Officer on behalf of Election Commission called the representative of all political parties. He said that ballot box is to be placed at the refugee camp so that the Bru refugees may cast their votes in the election.

S P E A K E R : The political parties may be informed of by the said officer but Home Minister may not yet be informed.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Vice President of MPC informed me the matter last

night. I answered him that it is not good to do in such a way. The hon'ble Minister said that he knew nothing about it, but how can it be known to others?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if they want to cast vote in the election, they should have submitted the claim to DC Mamit. But no claim is made by them. But a number of voters appeared in the electoral roll. That's why, it seemed that somebody stand on behalf of them although the hon'ble Home Minister does not know about it. It is, therefore, necessary to look into this matter.

S P E A K E R : All right, let the hon'ble Home Minister continue his answer.

PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, it's very pleasing for we were discussing an important issue at the question hour with your kind permission. We come to know that Election Commission proposed Brus occupying the refugee camp to cast vote in the coming bye election of MP and MLA. I feel that we should consider as to how this proposal will be implemented.

Regarding electoral roll of Brus, it is appealed to the court by Save Mizoram Committee. There is much to speak about this but not appropriate to say all the matters.

And we were asked as to how we would receive them when they return to Mizoram. Government of Mizoram formulates Special Development Project for them. The cabinet on next Monday will review the matter.

Regarding rehabilitation and resettlement, the militants are expected to be not more than 200. Such militants will need rehabilitation grant and housing assistance. And the true refugees from Mizoram will also need such housing assistance in each of their area. They are expected to return to each of their districts like Kolasib, Mamit and Lunglei District. Each of the Dy. Commissioner are expected to have spot verification of their areas as they are instructed. The matter will be reported at the meeting. From the very beginning, the matter is discussed with NGOs and Church Leaders at my chamber. We decided that they should not return with arms. No one complaint the true Mizoram Brus' returning to each of their villages. They have now accepted our proposal for their return without arm and with our Special Development Projects.

Regarding the number of Brus at the refugee camp, they are about thirty thousands. Out of this, Mizoram Brus are about ten thousands only. And they are also human beings, it is not convenient to treat them partially from Government level. But it is necessary to clear first the refugees from Mizoram.

In the last talk, April 25 is the proposed date for the next peace talk. It is needed to be careful in the dialogue, we needed a good advice from abroad.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will take up our next business on discussion and voting of Supplementary Demand for 2003

- 2004 and Vote on Account. BAC decided that no general discussion will be held in this session. The hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister laid the Supplementary Demand and Vote on Accounts on the table of the House on 22.3.2004. No discussion is to be held on Vote on Accounts and Supplementary Demands. But I feel that it's good to be liberal to the members. Accordingly I'll spare you five minutes each for speaking on the general principles not in detail. Do you agree?

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Well we have no discussion on the budget speech of the hon'ble Chief Minister now, but I suggest to have general discussion in the next Session. That's why, I suggest that let us enquire about the provisions. Do we agree?

S P E A K E R : If you agreed with the suggestion, who will start. Pu Sainghaka will speak about it.

PU SAINGHAKA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we received the latest C & AG Report this morning. If we see the Annual Financial Statement, the deficit is Rs. 316 crores in the revise estimate. If this year passed, the deficit may be 454 crores increasing by about 44%. The deficit increased year by year. The financial position is truly alarming. It is required to have austerity in financial matters and economic measures needs to be taken, though improper disposal of fund does not appear in the budget.

And, I would like to speak about budget provision. It is only vote on account but it is just like the whole budget for it was prepared for the whole year. It appears that the amount of fund provided for public dealing departments are largely deducted. It is very far from National Norms proposed by Kothari Commission in 1986. That's why, if such departments have difficulties, they should be given importance to them.

Rs. 15 lakhs only is provided for sports material while liability is Rs. 16 lakhs. It is clear that we can not have sports materials under such circumstances.

And, I would like to speak about Tung plantation in the state. About 7 lakhs was planted. I feel that it can be promoted easily and make it meaningful by giving few assistance to the planters. The demand is very high in India but we could not compete China in pricing. Financial assistance of Rs. 75 lakhs was received from Central Government. Rs. 30 is used for purchase of Tung seeds and the remaining fund seems to be left un-used. Do we know where this fund is? To reduce expenditure in various development activities, materials available in the state should be made use of.

Lastly, I would like to request government to take various steps for utilisation of bamboo in the state.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : As I said before, let us confine to the supplementary demand and vote on Accounts.

PU ANDREW LALIERLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have to ask question instead of speaking on the demands. I, therefore, request you to give me permission to ask question. If he could not answer now, written answer may be given later on.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we know that since MOU is signed, direct appointment is banned. Agriculture Department amended Recruitment Rules for the posts of AEO and SDAO. The vacant posts of AEO and SDAO are to be filled up by promotion only. If so, is this mean that the Bachelors of Agriculture Science would not be employed any more? I, therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to give more attention to the department and not to make alteration of the Agriculture Department recruitment rules.

Secondly, when MPS and MCS examination is conducted, subjects of Agriculture Science be included as an Elective subject for Agriculture Graduates and Technicians may also enter into MPS and MCS. I would like to request the hon'ble Chief Minister to take note of this.

Thank you.

PU R. LAIZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, when we had GPC Meeting, we said that no discussion is to be held on Vote on Accounts and Supplementary Demand. But I know that we are allowed to say some important things.

I would like to speak about Home Department. More than Rs. 3000 lakhs is provided for use of 4 months. I feel that our Police Officers should know how they dispose off their fund. Answering to my starred questions, I was informed that DGP and IGP can keep one head constable and two constables each at home. While SP and DSP can have two constables each in their home. I want to speak this matter in good faith. It appears that the Ministers are regarded as practising corruption. When SPs constructed their own houses, they deployed many constables to do construction work. Especially 1st Bn Commandant deployed 14-20 constables every day for years. Not only that, but he also has a farm at Tukharlu deploying 4 or 5 constables every day. The constables claimed DA everyday. He also has 30 bighas of farm at Tawitlang permanently deploying two IV Grades and a number of constables. Besides these, he has bed man and constables who look after his domesticated animals. It's a bad practice. It's the beginning of sin in our state. How will the hon'ble Minister treat such officer?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Sailothanga Sailo.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I have studied this supplementary demand as much as I could. If we do not give vote to it there will be no money for the salaries of the Government Servants. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to mention that paying attention to the members of Ruling Party only becomes a great obstacle for development. We need to look for ways to develop private sectors in our state. If we look at the capital side of the Supplementary Demand, there will be great opportunities for the people however, if we make such opportunities for the members of Ruling Party only, it will be very sorrowful.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we have great fiscal deficits. Meanwhile, we seem

to be more interested in buying electronic meter than paying our debts on power bills. If the government takes steps for minimizing our debts, I, myself, will give full support. We must care for the welfare of the poor people through out the state.

Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to request the hon'ble Leader of the House to note the following points :
In page 20, we see Rs. 1,25,000/- for travelling expenses for Dy. Chief Whip. Is it not included in the original budget? Besides, Rs. 56 lakhs is estimated for publicity of electoral roll. This seems to be too much. Also in Education Department we see Rs. 510.18 lakhs for assistance to non Government Schools. Is this demand included a proposal of Rs. 134 lakhs for giving adhoc grant - in - aid to various schools? If so, fund can be released to various schools from tomorrow onwards.

Besides the above, Rs. 109.90 lakhs has been estimated for Singla River Project. This seems to be a Demand of Soil & Water Conservation Department. Where does this project lie? In page 126, we see Rs. 150 lakhs for Serzawl to Saiphai Road and Rs. 200 lakh for Darlui to Sairum Road. What is the present situation of these roads? In regard to Food & Civil Supply Department I wish our debts of more than Rs. 100 lakhs to be cleared first. And, Rs. 132 lakhs has been spent for sanitation services and for making street lights. In spite of this, our street lights are not well enough.

The demand of Sports & Youth Services, which is Rs. 180 lakh, seems to be inadequate in my opinion. In the matter of Medical & Health Services, Rs. 122 lakh is set aside for life saving drugs. Remembering the condition of the poor people in the rural areas this budget will not satisfy our requirements. So, I wish to allocate more funds. Next, I would like to mention about Transport Department. Shortage of Bus is our main problem in every Christmas season. Therefore, I suggest purchase of more buses which I hope will help the people of rural areas. Lastly, in regard to Rehabilitation, monsoon will come shortly, we will require a large number of silpouline. Therefore, I want to make more fund for this Department too. Since this department will have much more works during rainy season, division of its annual budget into four quarters is not appropriated.

Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to speak very few points only. First of all, in the Supplementary Demand for Printing & Stationery Department, we see in the sub number (j) that Rs. 30 lakh is set aside for procurement of stationery items for distribution to various Government services. This seems to be doubtful in my opinion. Also in page 122, Rs. 200 lakh is proposed for Market Intervention. Will this money cover Transport subsidy to be given to the ginger growers during last year? In page 126, Rs. 150 lakh is also demanded under Public Works Department for carrying out survey and investigation of Kolodync river. In this regard I would like to ask as to what achievement has been made during the last financial year?

We seemed to have passed the demand of Rs. 53.52 crore for School Education Department. In addition to this, Rs. 510.18 lakh has already been there for grant - in - aid to non Government Schools. Will this demand cover the existing proposal for provincialisation of various schools? If not so, can we

pass more fund for this department? Moreover, the demand for Public Health Engineering Department also seems to be inadequate. I visited the office of Public Health Engineering Department yesterday where I heard their problems. Therefore, it is good to give priority to this department.

Regarding supply of stationery items, I think that there are some hidden things. So, I request the hon'ble Chief Minister and the concerned Minister to enquire this. Some stationery items supplied by the suppliers have no importance for the government as well as the department.

Thank you.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it seems that, general agrievances cannot be ventilated on a supplementary demand. However, there are few points of grievances that I would like to mention within my constituency. There is no metal road in Bawngkawn area and Edenthar area. Adviser to Chief Minister visited the area and has given hope, I want to take this opportunity to highlight our problem in the House. Mr. Speaker Sir, just 100 meter disconnects the Chaltlang Lily Veng road from the National highway, it has been lying unattended for quite sometime. Then the road within Ramhlun South needs black topping. I would like to inform the authorities that there is a vacant site for contact sports in Chaltlang.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we have to pass the supplementary demand since it involves on-going projects of the government. We have to be very careful in the preparation of budget and financial management. If we are to have supplementary demand in this way, the financial management will move on from bad to worst. Huge sum of fund is injected in our economy through centrally sponsored scheme. However, the government should study the circulation of money, the common people should benefit from these scheme as well. The circulation of money should not encircle only the few contractors. With these few points highlighted.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : According to practice and procedure of parliament, in supplementary demand, it is stated in page 648 that - 'General grievances cannot be ventilated on a supplementary grant. A member can only say whether the supplementary demand is necessary or not during discussion on excess demand for grant. It is open to members to say that the money has been spent unnecessarily or that is ought not to have been spent. Beyond that, there is no scope for a general discussion'. Next, who else? Pu H. Rohluna.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, first of all I would like to speak about demand no. 32. I request the hon'ble Minister to please take note of this. In my constituency, farmers were informed that potato seeds would be given on subsidy, hence, the farmers prepared themselves for potato cultivation, however, till date no potato seeds has been given to them. The farmers are facing much difficulties due to this.

Demand no. 33, Soil & Water Conservation. There is a budget provision of Rs. 106 lakhs for plantation of large cardamon. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would request the government to be more careful in the plantation. Every year huge sum is invested for this plantation, but we don't know of the success.

Demand no 25, Water Supply & Sanitation. There is scarcity of water everywhere, in my area it's two week since we have not received water supply. I request the hon'ble Public Health Engineering Minister to please take note of this. Since there is no more time Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, there are few points I would like to mention today as we discuss demands today.

It seems priority is not given to Sports Department. We have spoken of not having a full fledged stadium, all the youths are depending on SAI, there is no proper training centre for our youth since we don't have a full fledged stadium, all the sports are conducted in SAI stadiums with different discipline. I request the government to pay more attention towards this development as there are relentless zeal of sports persons among our youth.

Few words in Supply Department. There is a provision of Rs. 20 lakhs for fire extinguisher in Supply Department. My question is does the department really in need of these fire extinguisher when the department is having such high debts? Then, regarding Khawhai Godown, without constructing the godown, the department seems to be issuing completion certificate. Mr. Speaker Sir, this is very unfortunate since there is no time. I'll end here thank you.

S P E A K E R : We'll now call the hon'ble Chief Minister to wind up Supplementary Demand 2003-2004 and Vote on Account.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is good to know that, we are learning the practice and procedure of the discussion of Supplementary Demand and Vote on Accounts.
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Matter concerning Supply Department, it is learned that Rs. 20 crore is allotted in the Revise Estimate which is supposed to be utilised for purchase of Fire Extinguisher. If this is not an urgent matter, this allocation may be need for the recovery of pending bills. Not only this, Mr. Speaker Sir, financial sanction has also been made for the construction of supply godown at Khawhai. The problem is that completion certificate had been issued without doing any work on learning the matter, Students Union of Tuichangral North urged the concern authority not to release financial sanction for the construction but in turn, they were threatened to transfer the said godown from Khawhai if objection is made. Mr. Speaker Sir, it is much regretted to learn that misappropriation of development fund is the common practice under this Ministry.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I now call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to make explanation on Supplementary Demand 200 - 2004 and Vote on Account and then beg the House to pass.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is much pleasing to learn that we are beginning to follow the practice of a full-fledged state in regard to taking up of normal budget and Vote on Accounts thanks to an expert guidance of the House.
CHIEF MINISTER

To start with, I would like to react to the statement of Pu Saikapthianga concerning budget deficit of the government. It is true that budget deficit of the government is increasing every year, the main reason for this happened to be raising of normal salary of Government Servants. In the same way, DA of Government Servants too is increasing for which the government could not yet afford to give the increasing amount due to financial constrain. Secondly, it is also caused by the increasing expenditure on purchase of Power & Electricity. Rs. 2.10 per unit only is charged on each consumer whereas Rs. 5 is spent by the government for purchase of one unit of power.

Not only this, large amount of our budget fund is utilised for the maintenance of assets we are having like repairing works of various constructions and this increases our deficit. In the same way, poor recovery of loan also resulted in increase of our deficit gap.

Keeping in mind the need to cut down our deficit gap, the government is now making the effort to introduce Privatisation of vehicles by the next ministry and hopefully this will improve our financial problems.

In this connection, it is necessary to point out the steps being taken by the government for construction of Bamboo road. Presently, construction of 6 kms has already been completed and work is in progress for completion of the remaining work. Black topping will be done as soon as the construction is fully complete.

Matter relating to the idea of allotment of more budget fund to School Education, I have to mention that the government is intending to emphasize on improvement of Education, Health Services, Sports & Youths Services and other public concern for which it is intended to allot more fund by the next financial year.

Regarding the question relating to financial management of 150 lakh rupees under Kolodyne Project, investigation is now being prevailed by CWC which is expected to complete within a year or so.

Likewise, huge amount of the budget fund is utilised for the maintenance of assets we are having under Public Health Engineering Department. As for this reason, allotment of budget fund of this department too is increasing every year.

S P E A K E R : One minute please. Time is almost over, may we continue the discussion.

P U L I A N S U A M A : Mr. Speaker Sir, before we move to the next business, may I ask only one question relating to grant or financial assistance given to non government organisations mentioned at page no. 46. Whether the said amount Rs. 510 lakh is included in the grant? It may be pleased included in Revised Estimates.

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, the grant - in - aid pointed out by
C H I E F M I N I S T E R Pu Liansuama would be given out in the next financial year.

Regarding the question raised by Pu Saikapthianga, Rs. 30 lakhs has been sanctioned in the latter part for the Department of Printing & Stationery.

This fund is supposed to be utilised by different departments.

I have noted down the points mentioned by Pu Liansailova and the matter will be looked into. Mentioned by the member, it is a matter of appreciation that the members of NGO have been working on the approach road between Edenthar and Bawngkawn Hmar Veng. The government proposed to do black topping on the said road. As I have stated earlier, from the fund saved from road strengthening, the State Plan could be diverted for other rural areas where road strengthening is required.

I would like to inform this august House that due to non finalisation of the Annual Plan for 2004 by the Planning Commission of India, the State's budget has been presented which is interim in nature and is made at the level of the Annual Plan size of the previous year. Therefore, the budget for the first four months has been passed as a Vote on Account. After the budget is passed, fund comes from the Central as a Revised Estimate for which various departments have made schemes. It has been said that there is large sum of fund in the Supplementary demands. This is because after the budget is passed for 4 months on Vote on Account, projects have been submitted from various departments and these projects have to be taken up as supplementary demand. Hence, it is inevitable to put large amount of fund in the Supplementary Demand.

Pu Rohluna has mentioned the case of potato cultivation. The government has proposal for the cultivation of potato in Mizoram. However, there is problem in regard to potato seeds. The department concerned may be instructed to take steps in this regard.

The project of the cultivation of large cardamom has been started recently. Recognising the potentiality of cardamom cultivation, the government will continue to lay emphasis on its development.

As I have stated before, it is inevitable to present a supplementary demand. With these words, I commend the Supplementary Demands for 2003 - 2004 and Vote on Account for the months April to July 2004 - 2005 for consideration and approval of the House.

S P E A K E R : The Chief Minister who is also the Finance Minister has asked the House to approve the Supplementary Demands for 2003 - 2004 and Vote on Account for 4 months. Do you agree to pass? (Members agree)

The Chief Minister who is also the Finance Minister has presented the Appropriation Bill 2004, Supplementary Demand for grants for regularization of expenditure for the year 1999 - 2000, 2000 - 2001 amounting to Rs. 83,84,80,900 for the passing of the House. Do you agree to pass? (Members agree)

Appropriation Bill 2004 has been passed by the House unanimously.

Let us now invite the Chief Minister to introduce Appropriation No. 2 Bill, 2004.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your recommendation and permission of the House, I beg leave of the House to introduce Appropriation No. 2 Bill 2004 amounting to Rs. 52,201,76,008/-
CHIEF MINISTER

S P E A K E R : Do you agree to introduce the Bill ? (Members agree)

In the copy of the Bill, computer error was detected and after permission was granted, correction was made. The copy may now be circulated to the members.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave to the House to pass the Mizoram Appropriation No. 2 Bill, 2004 amounting to Rs. 52,20,17,6000/- to be utilised for the consolidated fund of Mizoram for the year 2003 - 2004.

S P E A K E R : Do you all agree to pass ? (Members agree). The House has passed Appropriation No. 2 Bill, 2004.

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PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, I beg leave of the House to introduce Mizoram Appropriation No. 3 Bill, 2004.

S P E A K E R : If the House agrees the Bill may be introduced.

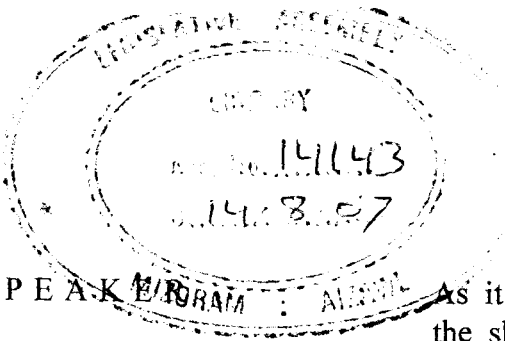
PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass the Mizoram Appropriation No. 3 Bill 2004 amounting to Rs. 518,54,47,000/- for the month of April - July, 2004.

S P E A K E R : The Chief Minister i/c Finance asked the House to pass The Mizoram Appropriation No. 3, Bill 2004. Do we agree to pass it ? (Members agreed). Well, The Mizoram Appropriation No. 3, Bill 2004 is unani- mously passed by the House.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

S P E A K E R : We have finished our Business for today. I have few announcements to make.

PU SAINGHAKA : Mr. Speaker Sir, at th cover, it is written The Mizoram Appropriation Vote on Account No. 3 Bill. But in the sub - title, Vote on Account is no longer men - tioned, does this not matter ?



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As it is written in the cover, it is not mentioned in the short title which can be accepted. I am glad to inform the House that this august House has passed Supplementary Demand for grants twice during the present financial year which had never been done in the North East.

I now read out summary of business transacted during Second Session of 5th Legislative Assembly from 18th - 25th March, 2004. Number of Starred Questions received - 113; Number of Starred Questions rejected - 3; Number of Starred Questions admitted - 110; Number of Questions clubbed - 13; Number of Starred Question put in the List of Business - 55; Number of Starred Questions answered in the House - 12; Number of Starred Question which could not be taken up in the House - 43; Number of answer not received - Nil; Number of Starred Question converted/diverted to Unstarred Question - 42; Number of Unstarred Questions received - 32; Number of Unstarred Questions admitted - 30; Number of Unstarred Questions rejected - 2; Questions regarding works under Rural Development Department asked by Pu N.K. Chakma, funds received under BADP during 1999 - 2004 financial year asked by Pu Liansuama, about BADP asked by Pu Lalhmingthanga and Pu Sailothanga and another question regarding BADP asked by Pu Saikapthianga; a question regarding School Education and in regard to Public Health Engineering Department about water connection at Luangmual area asked by Pu Lalduhawma were not answered by the concern departments. I, therefore, would like to urge the hon'ble Ministers to inform their respective departments to be able to answer all questions in the next sessions.

The following reports were presented/laid in the House during this Session - 1st & 2nd Action taken report of Public Accounts Committee; Business Advisory Committee report; Laying of Papers were - Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 2003 relating to Government of India; Appropriation for the year 2002 - 200 relating to Government of Mizoram; Finance Accounts for the year 2002 - 200 relating to Government of Mizoram; 1st, 2nd & 3rd Annual Report of Mizoram Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (MAMCO) Bill; Number of Bills passed - 3 viz. The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2004; The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2004; The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2004. Out of 29 Private Resolutions received 21 were rejected while 8 were admitted.

I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to all members for diligently attending the Session and for the valuable contribution they made.

The House is adjourned Sine Die.

House adjourned Sine Die at 1 : 0 P.M.

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