

S P E A K E R : "He who has a beautiful eye will be blessed; for he shares his bread with Poor".

Proverb 22:9.

Starred Question No. 81 is Pu Sainghaka's question. But he cannot attend today's Session on Medical ground. Although he authorized Pu H.Rohluna our rules says that it will be done after completing what we kept in the list. Therefore, we will go to the next question. Let us call upon Pu Liansuama to ask Starred Question No. 82.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister for Trade & Commerce Department be pleased to reply Starred Question No. 82 : Can a border trade center be established within the District of Mamit on the border area between Mizoram and Bangladesh ?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Aichhinga, Minister for Trade & Commerce Department to give answer.

**PU AICHHINGA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, if there is a proposal to set up border trade center within the area of Mamit District the concerned Department will examine the said proposal and it will be forwarded to the Central Government if the Department is satisfied with that proposal.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question Border Trade Centre seems to be very useful for the people. However, Zokhawthar and Tlabung Border Trade Centres are very far for those who live in Mamit District. If we can set up Trade Centre in Mamit District it will be very useful not only for the people of Mamit District but also for the people of Aizawl District. Now, I would like to make proposal for this purpose. Can the concerned Minister accept this proposal officially ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have often asked questions on Tlabung Border Trade. This center will be very important for the people who live in south Mizoram to sell their agricultural products. However, its progress is very slow. What is the reason for this? So, I would like to request the concerned Minister and even the Leader of this House to take quick steps for early completion of the work for Border Trade Centre at Tlabung.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Aichhinga Minister to answer supplementary questions.

**PU AICHHINGA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, Border Trade is infact, the subject of the Central Government. If there is proposal in this matter the State Government will take possible steps. On the other hand, road facility is necessary to make border Trade Centre. Although there is such road in Mizoram side on the border between Mizoram and Bangladesh within the area of Mamit District as mentioned by the hon'ble Member there is no road in Bangladesh side. However, verification will be done first.

In regard to Pu Lalhmingthanga's question, we have got a sanction of Rs. 113 lakhs from the Central Government for Kawrpuichhuah Border Trade Centre, of which Rs. 5 lakh had been spent and the remaining money had already been transferred to P.W.D. as the work is mainly Engineering work. Necessary buildings are now still under construction. The Secretary of Trade & Commerce Ministry of the Central Government will come soon to visit our proposed Trade centers at Zokhawthar and Kawrpuichhuah. The total amount of sanction approved by the Central Government for Border Trade is Rs. 280 lakh, of which Rs. 113 lakh had already been sanctioned and the remaining fund will be released after getting U.C. (Utilisation Certificate). Now, steps are taken to submit the said U.C.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Sailothanga Sailo to ask Starred Question No. 83.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask Starred Question No. 83 as follows :

- (a) How many Anganwadi Centres have been looked after by the Social Welfare Department ?
- (b) How many workers are there ?
- (c) What amount of salary have been paid to the workers ?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga, Minister for Social Welfare Department to give answers.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : MINISTER Mr. Speaker sir, the following are the answer to questions asked by Pu Sailothanga Sailo.

- (a) 1361 Anganwadi Centres have been looked after by the Social Welfare Department.
- (b) There are 2722 workers and helpers.
- (c) Their salary is classified on the basis of their qualification and seniority as the following :

(1)	Matriculate more than 10 years	-	Rs. 1063/-
(2)	Matriculate more than 5 years	-	Rs. 1031/-
(3)	Matriculate less than 5 years	-	Rs. 1000/-
(4)	Non-matriculate more than 10 years	-	Rs. 1000/-
(5)	Non-matriculate more than 5 years	-	Rs. 969/-
(6)	Non-matriculate less k than 5 years	-	Rs. 938/-
(7)	Helpers	-	Rs. 500/-

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker sir, Supplementary questions please : I would like to point out nutrition and Infant mortality within my constituency. I.C.D.S. can be described as the world's largest programme for children protection. It is very important. In Lungdai Village a pocket of Calcium tablet is distributed in which 350 tablets are there instead of 500 tablets in a packet. Where are the missing tablets ? Secondly, we have not yet received rice for mid-day meal to be sanctioned for the year 2004-2005. Thirdly, is there any proposal to open new Anganwadi centers ?

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker sir, If there is a proposal to open new Anganwadi centers I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to remember Zokhawthiang (Kani) Village in my constituency.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : MINISTER Mr. Speaker sir, I express my thanks to Pu Sailothanga Sailo for giving an information on the missing tablets of Calcium. I will enquire this. Regarding opening of new Anganwadi centers we always make proposals but the decision would be made by the Central Government. We still have many localities without Anganwadi Centre. So, we received many applications. However, there is a guide line made by the Central Government in which the number of population is based. Now, Mizoram has passed the said Central norm. Therefore, it is very difficult to get permission from the Central Government to open new Anganwadi Centres. In spite of this we can open new 20 centres during the last year. At the same time, there are some localities which ran Anganwadi Centre of their own, of which a number of such centers are regularized which are included in the opening of 20 new centres.

Regarding their salary, we often used the term 'honorarium' instead of salary. We are aware that the workers are paid not much therefore, the conference of Ministers for Social Welfare Department asked the Central Ministry to increase this honorarium. We still continue our request. Besides the above, I cannot give exact figure of villages where Anganwadi Centre has not been opened. I only know the number of Centres in Mizoram, which is 1361. If we want to know the number of villages in Mizoram we have to ask the concerned Departments such as L.A.D. and Statistical Department; which is not the purview of Social Welfare Department.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to ask Starred Question No. 84.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker sir, will the hon'ble Minister for Relief & Rehabilitation Department be pleased to state -

- (a) What steps have been taken by the Govt. of Mizoram to rehabilitate the occupants of Peace Camp (Remna Run) among the MNF Returnees ?
- (b) What further programme is made for them ?

S P E A K E R : We will call upon Pu Lalrinchhana Minister of Relief & Rehabilitation Department to give answer.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, the Govt. of Mizoram has no special scheme to rehabilitate The occupants of Peace Camp in particular. However, our scheme covers all the MNF Returnees. During the year 2004 they were given Rs. 14,850/- each for their housing assistance. (b) No further programme has been made.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker sir, supplementary questions please. Now a day, the Government is intending to provide assistance to BNLF Returnees. Meanwhile there are MNF Returnees who still live in a very miserable conditions. Can the Government make better rehabilitation for them ?

Secondly, the ex-gratia fund to be released in the name of Sangzuala S/o Thanthuama and Lalvena S/o Ngurchhawna who were shot dead by the Indian Army during the uprising period seemed to be used by the MNF Block President to persuade their families to join MNF Party. Otherwise, they will not be given. Can the said ex-gratia be given to them whether they join MNF party or not ?

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker sir, I would like to raise a Supplementary question that there are MNF Returnees including those who came back even before signing peace accord. Some of them have ranked high position in the past years. Can the Government (MNF Ministry) take steps to rehabilitate them wholly to be able to have a house of their own ?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker sir, there are 4 families in Kawrtethawveng Villages whose lands were occupied by the Indian Army during the insurgency period. They have submitted their claims many times but which had not been processed. Can the government process their claims if fresh application is submitted now ?

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, in the matter of the amount of money for rehabilitation the value of money has varied between the year 1986 and today. Therefore, the Rehabilitation for MNF Returnees cannot be compared with that of the BNLF Returnees. Besides, the Govt. of India fixed the amount of compensation as Rs. 6000/- (six thousand) each for those who lost their house and Rs. 15000/- (fifteen thousand) each for those who lost their life due to insurgency. So, compensation have been given on the basis of this guideline. Anyway, the Govt. of Mizoram demanded as much as possible whether for the MNF Returnees or BNLF Returnees. But, the amount is fixed by the Central Government. In regard to ex-gratia grant for those who lost their life due to insurgency there has been a separate board under the Relief & Rehabilitation Department to collect a list, there is no need to go through Village Council or MNF Unit or Block or any agency. The victim's family can make their claims directly. Many of them had been given now and we still ask the Central Government to release more grants to cover all the victim families.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker sir, I am satisfied with the answer given by the hon'ble Minister. can I make a request to him to inform the leaders of MNF Khawhai Block not to continue their persuasion to Martyr families to join MNF Party ?

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, If the leaders of MNF Block do like that it will not affect their claims. Let them submit their claims to the said Board directly or through their MLA's. If the Board recognize their application they will be given. Now we are waiting for sanction of Rs. 3 crore from the center. In regard to rehabilitation for those who returned home even before signing peace accord the State Government tries its level best for their rehabilitation. However,

sanction comes from the Central Government for those who returned back due to peace accord only. Regarding the question raised by Pu Saikapthianga, hon'ble member from Kawrthah Constituency, land compensation is the subject of Revenue Department. So, it is better for them to ask the concerned Department.

SPEAKER : Now, we will call upon Pu H.Rohluna to ask Starred Question No. 85.

PU H.ROHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the hon'ble Minister for Rural Development Department be pleased to reply Starred Question No. 85 that does the Government follow the guidelines to utilize BADP fund ?

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, the answer to Starred Question No. 85 asked by Pu H.Rohluna is that the Government follows the guidelines to utilize BADP fund.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr. Speaker sir, Supplementary questions: According to the guidelines the people of the concerned area must have a direct say in the relation of the schemes. Does the hon'ble Minister know that the people enjoy such right ? Besides, can the Government empower the Village Councils to select the projects under this scheme ? Can the local authority body make advice to the Screening Committee?

Being an MLA, can we demand annual action plan under BADP scheme ? If so, we can try our level best for the implementation of the schemes within our respective constituencies. The guidelines wish this scheme to generate employment as much as possible. However, most the projects had been done through contract works. Can the government make at least 40% of the projects to provide daily earning to the local people of the concerned area.

Lastly, I would like to mention one important point. I got an information from Tualcheng Village yesterday, in which, Rs. 2 lakh is sanctioned to make a road between Phaikawn to Chhankawha Lungdawn. The work was given to Pu Zothanpuia of Venghlu and Pi Hmunsiami of Tuikual 'A'. The said contractors further gave the work as sub-contract to Pu J.Lalsangliana of Bawngkawn and Maitawka of Ramhlun 'S'. The work quality was very bad even small vehicles like Jeep cannot go through this road. Besides, the said sub-contractors engaged the local people to take up manual works but they had not been given any money. When they enquire in the Office of the B.D.O. Ngopa Block, Bill had already been drawn by the contractors. Can the Hon'ble Minister take actions against such action? The total amount of money debted by the contractors to the local people was Rs. 53,516/- I, therefore request the hon'ble Minister to enquire this.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr.Speaker sir, as far as my knowledge is concerned, from the Department the Hon'ble Minister said that proposals of BADP work should be made through the V/C and further through the B.D.O., DRDA and then Chief Secretary. Can we implement this from the coming new financial year?

Next, In the last session I had pointed out various misuse of BADP fund such as construction of road between Chhippui and Tut, construction of Hospital building at W.Phaileng, construction of road between Tuisum and Dampui. Have they been enquired? What actions have been taken against them?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker sir, Thank you. The hon'ble Minister said that guidelines will be followed on BADP schemes. The guidelines says that "a meeting of vigilance and Monitoring Committee at each level are to be held atleast once every quarter after giving sufficient notice to all the members including all hon'ble MPs and MLAs. Can we have such meeting from now on? Besides, one scheme such as construction of minor irrigation scheme including construction of road at Lungvazau to benefit a residents of E.Lungdar, Biata and Sialhawk seems to be diverted by the hon'ble member from N.Vanlaiphai Constituency to construct Community Hall at Lungdar. Is diversion allowed by the guidelines? Can the said schemes be implemented as its original proposal?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker sir, thank you. This is my Question who releases sanctioned money for BADP works, D.C. or B.D.O.? Secondly, If a report is submitted to the government on the misuse of fund. Will the government take action against if that report is proved to be true. In this connection, one Rest House had been missed in my constituency.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon the concerned Minister to reply supplementary questions.

**PU AICHHINGA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker sir, there are many supplementary questions let me try to reply them as much as possible. First of all the question raised by Pu H.Rohluna and Pu Liansuama can be replied with a common answer. We have made a proposal in which, the work proposal for BADP would be originated by the V/C in the Village level which will be submitted to the Block Office for screening. After passing through the Block Office it will be forwarded to the Directorate Office. The Directorate Office would further forward to the State level Screening Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for final screening. In this way, we hope better management for BADP schemes.

In regard to his second question, the MLAs are the committee members in their respective Blocks. So, they can have a voice in the Block level Screening Committee. The work schedule which had already been approved by the State level Screening Committee can also be given to the MLAs. They would be given from this year onwards. Besides, most of the works under BADP are construction of buildings and roads. So, we cannot avoid to give the works to the contractors. In spite of this we try our best to provide daily earning works to the people as much as possible. And, the matters of Tualcheng would also be enquired.

Coming to Pu Liansuama's second question, we found out some misuse of fund (Pu Liansuama : Mr. Speaker sir, can the hon'ble Minister Cooperate with me to look at what I have mentioned on the spot ?) If there is an opportunity we will look at the spot together. However, they were enquired by the officers and Engineers of the concerned Department, I accepted their findings.

In regard to Pu Lalrinliana's question, we have set up a Vigilance Committee to inspect various works under BADP. This Committee now carries on inspection. Besides, the minor irrigation scheme for Lungvazau, diversion of fund has not been done, only a proposal is there. The Government will decide what will be the best.

Regarding the question raised by Pu Saikapthianga, BADP funds were drawn out by V/C in some cases and B.D.O. in other cases in the past years. But from now on the Directorate Office is entrusted to execute the works. Therefore, fund will be released from Directorate Office. In regard to the works which was recorded as completed but which was not done in practical as raised by Pu Saikapthianga, complains of such type had been there since a very long time. Although I cannot give assurance that we will take actions against this we try our best to stop this bad practice.

S P E A K E R : Question Hour is over. Before going to the next business let me read out the Questions asked by Pu Sainghaka who unfortunately is absent from today's Session. His question is Starred Question No. 81 to be replied by the Minister for Power & Electricity Department: (a) Which States would be affected by the Tipaimukh Hydro Electric Plant? (b) What is the area of land to be submerged by this Project? (c) Can Compensation be claimed against this? (d) What advantages would be given to the affected states?

Now, let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to present 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th Reports of the Public Account Committee to the House.

P U L A L D U H O M A : Mr. Speaker sir, with your permission and as I was authorized by the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee I hereby present the 12th Reports of Public Accounts Committee relating to Sericulture Department, the 14th Reports of Public Accounts Committee relating to Social Welfare Department and the 15th Reports on Appropriation Accounts for the year 2001 - 2002 with excess expenditure in this august House.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu Andrew Laiherliana to lay 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reports of the Subject Committee - V in the House.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker sir, Thank you. With your permission, I, the Chairman of the Subject Committee – V lay the first Reports relating to A.H. & Vety Department, the Second Reports relating to Public Health Engineering and the Third Report relating to Horticulture Department in this House.

S P E A K E R : Subject Committee works on behalf of this House. So, I would like to request the Ministers to pay attention to the Reports on their respective Departments.

Our next business is Discussion and voting on Demand for grants. We will take up the Demands from the four Ministers. First of all let us call upon Pu Lalrinchhana to submit Demand Nos. 30, 34 and 42 to the House.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, with your permission and on the recommendation of the Governor I hereby submit Demand Nos. 30, 34 and 42. The break up of my Demands are Demand No. 30 – Rs. 4,00,80,000/- for Relief and Rehabilitation, Demands No. 34 - Rs. 18,36,65,000/- for Animal Husbandary and Demand No. 42 - Rs. 18,87,11,000/- for Transport Department, totally Rs. 41,24,56,000/- in this august House. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu H. Rammawi.

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, with your permission and on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram I move the Demand No. 4, 12, 31 and 32 for Rs. 73,01,75,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2005 – 2006 in respect of the following Departments : Demand No. 4 – Rs. 3,14,35,000/- for Law & Judicial Department, Demand No. 12 – Rs. 21,60,000/- for Parliamentary Affairs Department, Demand No. 31 – Rs. 57,58,95,000/- for Agriculture Department and Demand No. 32 – Rs. 12,06,85,000/- for Horticulture Department, totally Rs. 73,01,75,000/- Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu K. Sangthuama, to move Demand Nos. 17,37 and 41 in the House.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Demand Nos. 17, 37 and 41 for Rs. 1,06,15,31,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2005-2006 in respect of the following Departments. Demand No. 7 – Food & Civil Supplies - Rs. 92,99,16,000/- Demand No. 37 – Cooperation, Rs. 6,96,75,000/- and Demand No. 41 - Sericulture, Rs. 6,19,40,000/- Total – Rs. 1,06,15,31,000/- Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu Z.H.Ropuia to submit Demand Nos. 22,28 and 43 to the House.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission. I move the Demands No. 22, 28 and 48 for Rs. 12,02,72,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2005-2006 in respect of the following Departments : Demand No. 22 – Sports & Youth Services - Rs. 6,13,60,000/- Demand No. 28-Labour & Employment – Rs. 2,81,30,000/- and Demand No. 43 – Tourism – Rs. 3,07,82,000/- Total Rs. 12,02,72,000/- Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We now received Demands from the four Ministers. We will start Discussion. Every member will be given 10 minutes each. Who will start our discussion ? Yes, Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALUHOMA : Mr. Speaker sir, Thank you. Let me Start from Demand No. 41-Sericulture. This Department can be made to provide a permanent livelihood to many families. However, it is still functioning as a small Department without a full

fledged Director. Its budget seems to be less to work for the people better than now a days. I opine that, this Department greatly needs better facilities such as Cocoon drying chambers, storage building, cocoon carrying van, etc. So that much more families can depend on it. Besides, I wish this Department to have a full fledged Director of its own.

Now, coming to Demand No. 30, Relief & Rehabilitation Department, as we know that we suffered natural calamity last year. In my constituency also more than 200 houses were destroyed by cyclone and hails. In spite of this we received 20 Silpoulin only. Only 20 silpoulin could not meet our requirement. No other relief step had been done till date.

Now, another calamities had already been there in Kolasib, Kawnpui and Saiha Constituencies. Will they wait for the next year? We all know that various natural calamities occur during the monsoon every year. Therefore, I wish much more fund for this Department. Besides, I have no knowledge on CRF and NCCF guidelines. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to give me its copy.

In regard to Animal Husbandry we introduced Piggery Village project at Kawkulh but the project is now completely in fiasco after spending about Rs. 194 lakh. Another project of this type was introduced again at Sairang with an expenditure of Rs. 141 lakh and at Pukpui village having a beneficiary of 60 families, but even a single piglet had been given to each beneficiary. How can they earn their livelihood? I, therefore request this Department to abandon such bad projects. Most of our schemes such as Animal Feeding Plant at Tanhril, Base Pig breeding Farm at Selesih and Lungpher are totally a failure.

Next, I would like to mention about Horticulture too. Its budget decreases every year, what is the reason? No progressive step can be taken from the budget. This Department depends mainly on the fund coming from Technology Mission which is not totally suitable for our traditional pattern. I, therefore, want this Department to facilitate with better facilities so that it can provide more livelihood to move people. In agriculture Department also, the government takes steps to prohibit chemical fertilizers. In this connection I am sure that the whole state of Mizoram would not be an Organic State. Our farmers cannot avoid use of chemical fertilizers till we provide adequate organic manure to them.

Besides the above, let me speak about M.I.P., Rs. 31 crore had been spent for this unnecessary project. Looking at from our total expenditure it will be more beneficial for the people to use the said amount of money to buy the agricultural products of the farmers. In this way I believe that every cultivator would become self sufficient.

Lastly, I would like to mention one important points. What benefit will be there for the people on I.W.D.P. The user groups have not yet received fund till date. Fake U.C. (Utilisation Certificate) had been made so many times. Can NGO be used to execute this project if so, Corruption will be less than as it is today. I opine that action should be taken against persons misusing fund under every scheme. So, I request the government to initiate progressive steps for better development. Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA

: Mr. Speaker sir, Thank you. Let me start from Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department. The budget for this Department seems to be more than last year.

As mentioned by Pu Lalduhoma, we have suggested to the Government last year to buy new cocoon carrying van. I do not know whether they have bought it or not. I wish this Department to have more budget. As we know that Bamboo Flowering will occur in 2007, our farmers will need to change their occupation due to this. Therefore, I request the Government to open opportunity to every farmer to engage in Sericulture so that we can avoid great problem when Famine Bamboo Flowering strike. Besides, this Department greatly needs a full fledged Director of its own to strengthen itself.

In regard to Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services Department has more budget than last year I am happy for this. However, I wish this department to be careful in spending its funds, so that it can avoid shameful action like dissolution of Sports Council last year.

Coming to Labour & Employment, I would like to point out about the Muster Roll workers. Infact, the Government cannot function well without the Muster Roll workers. Now, we have 7992 M.R. Workers as said by the hon'ble Minister. They still fight for better wages. I wish them to get better wages. Regarding Relief & Rehabilitation we know that we contributed Rs. 1 crore and many bamboos to help Tsunami victims. Meanwhile, there are many people who lost their houses due to natural calamities during monsoon season in Mizoram. I, therefore request the Government to take rapid action to rehabilitate those who suffered the said natural calamities in Mizoram too.

In Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department. Last year, potato seeds were distributed to the farmers in which the farmers paid Rs. 48 per quintal for transportation cost. But, this year a quintal of potato seed needs Rs. 400/- for the same purpose to be paid by the farmers. I, therefore request the government to enquire this.

In regard to Demand No. 31, I would like to raise about M.I.P. the hon'ble Minister had said that there will be a great change in M.I.P. scheme. If we want to continue this scheme I opine that our budget for this scheme will be better use for buying various agricultural products from the farmer other than providing seeds and seedlings of various plants. In many places, M.I.P. is used by the ruling party to enrich party enrolment. Therefore, I want to stop such bad practice.

Regarding Demand No. 17, Food & Civil Supplies Department, I opine that many consumers do not get satisfaction though we have consumer Forum under the Chairmanship of D.C. in every District. We need to have stronger Consumer Forum, in which the Addl. D.C. be the Chairman so that he can spare more time than D.C. who is always busy in his work. Thank you.

PU K.LALRINLIANA

: Mr. Speaker sir, Thank you. We are discussing demands from four Ministers. First of all, let me speak about Demand No. 30, Relief & Rehabilitation Department.

I opine that this department works very well. As we have listened in the General discussion, Rs. 85 lakhs had been released for 572 MNF Returnees. Besides, 15200 Sitpoulin and 5000 bundles of G.C.I. sheet had already been distributed to the victims of the natural calamities during last year. In addition to this there is Rs. 200 lakh in the budget for prevention from natural calamities. In this connection I would like to mention that Lungdai, Zanlawn, Kolasib and Thingdawl in Kolasib District had suffered great damage due to hails, many houses were destroyed, people are waiting for relief measures to be taken by the Government.

In Animal Husbandry also we see new slaughtering system, which will surely provide fresh and healthy meat. There are many other projects to be continued in this Department such as Animal feeding Plant, Dairy Plant and Laboratory Investigation. Besides, Rs. 7500/- each will be given to 200 Dairy farmer for installing Biogas Plant. Many other proposals are also there under the BAFFACOS. The hon'ble member from Saitual constituency alleged the Government as favouring ruling party only. But, infact, I, myself had proved that no discrimination on political party basis is applied in this scheme.

Other Departments also do very well. Transport Department has contributed Rs. 134.97 lakh for revenue till February this year. Law & Judicial Department also constructed new court building at Kolasib and Saiha. Agriculture Department also takes many steps to improve W.R.C. system. Many farmers appreciate land development and Minor irrigation done by Agriculture Department. Besiddes this, Rs. 2000/- lakh is set a side in the budget for M.I.P.

Horticulture Department also introduces Rain Water Harvesting Scheme which is very helpful for the farmers, Anthurium can also be exported to other States. Sports & Youth Services Department also takes many steps to construct Sports Complex in various Districts. This Department tries very hard to promote various sports disciplines among the youth of Mizoram. I appreciate the introduction of DPF by the Labour & Employment Department to make much benefit for those who work in private institution. Mr. Speaker sir, I support all the demands moved by the four hon'ble Ministers and I wish to pass them unanimously. Thank you.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker sir, Thank you. Let me speak about Demand No. 30, Relief & Rehabilitation Department. We greatly suffered natural calamities during this year in my constituency, many houses were destroyed by heavy rain with hails. We have submitted our reports to the Government. The hon'ble Minister also visited the victim Villages and many relief works have been done. However, I would like to request the Government to work harder as our suffering is too much.

In this connection I would like to make a request to the Government to provide every MLA with some materials such as Silpoulin, etc. Being an M.L.A. we cannot avoid to paying a visit when incidents are there, it is not pleasant to go there with empty hand. I would be very grateful if my request is successful. Thank you.

PU R. KHAWPUTTHANGA : Mr. Speaker sir, when I heard the sufferings of the members from Kolasib and Kawnpui Constituencies. I also share their grievances. First of all let me speak about Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial Department. I would like to express my thanks to this Department for completing "The Mizo Customary Law" to be implemented. This will be a great achievement for our state. Besides this, I am happy for hearing that separation of Judiciary has to be implemented soon and amalgamation of Aizawl Law College and Liandingpuia Law College is completed. This shows that there is great progress in this Department.

Coming to Demand No. 30, During last year, we greatly suffered natural calamities such as landslide and fire in my constituency too. I, therefore, express my thanks to the Relief & Rehabilitation Department and to the concerned Minister. They could come immediately when such incidents were there and took relief steps. Meanwhile, the budget allocated

for this Department seems to be quite less, only Rs. 400 lakh would not be sufficient to meet our requirement. The setting up of Disaster Management Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary would also be a preventive achievement made by this Department.

In regard to Demand No. 42, Transport Department also made great achievement. The construction of Inter State Bus Terminal with an estimate of Rs. 900 lakh is going on at Chaltlang. Another Bus terminal would also be constructed in Aizawl South area. In financial management also, this department now clears all their debt and it can start with Zero base budget from now on. Animal Husbandry is another Department looked after by the same Minister, This Department also takes rapid steps to make Slaughter House near Bung Bungalow. This is also a great achievement. We can now expect more healthy meat in the market and this new system will help us in the sphere of sanitation.

In the matter of M.I.P. some members make complain in the selection of M.I.P. beneficiaries. If there is discrimination on party basis, it would be stopped immediately. However, I request those who make the said complain to realize how they had done on NLUP in the past years. In my locality, no ruling party members were deleted from the list of beneficiaries.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Hon'ble Minister for Horticulture Department for working very hard to make improvement. Various cash crops have been introduced and many agreements have been signed with companies for better marketing of such products. This will elevate our economy. At the same time I wish this Department to take further steps for removing the factor causing mass drying of orange plantation. Mr. Speaker sir, I opine that all the demands submitted by the four Ministers today are satisfactory in general. So, I support them to pass unanimously. Thank you.

PU H. LIANSILOVA

Mr. Speaker sir, Thank you. First of all let me speak about Demand No.30, Relief & Rehabilitation Department.

During the last year, landslide occurred which about 300 silpoulin was released by this Department. I, therefore express my thanks. However, let the Government be careful in releasing Silpoulin. Some people after drawing Silpoulin from D.C.'s Office try to sell it to others.

In regard to Animal Husbandry, some members denounced Piggery Village Project as completely failed. But, I opine that since we have spent too much money the Department should take possible steps to make this project fruitful. It has to find out the reason for its failure.

In the matter of Law & Judicial I am happy to hear that separation of Judiciary would be implemented soon. Meanwhile, I am aware that Mizoram Judicial Service Rules is still under drafting in which 25% will be reserved for Scheduled Tribes and skill of Mizo language up to Middle School Standard as essential qualification for various jobs would be removed. If my source is true, it will be harmful for the people of Mizoram let this portion be revised.

In Agriculture, we speak about M.I.P. In my opinion, the reason for the failure of such project whether M.I.P. or NLUP is mainly due to the use of the project as Party Programme. If taken as party programme, sincerity cannot be there among the beneficiaries.

Coming back to Animal Husbandry, We have fodder plant at Tanhril, which seemed to be not in use due to lack of raw-material. The main raw-material for this Plant is Maize. So, let there be good cooperation between Animal Husbandry and Agriculture Departments. So that the said fodder Plant can continue its function through out the year.

In the sphere of Cooperation Department I would like to speak about MIZOFED. Now, MIZOFED works very hard to make profits as much as possible and disciplinary actions are also taken against those who did wrong. In this matter, I request the Government to provide better assistance financially so that we can make it to become a profit making body.

Coming to Sports & Youth Services Department, we have listened that fund will come from the Central Government to make sports infrastructure. In my Constituency, we have Ramhlun Sports Complex. I request the Government to make sanction for this ground. Our immediate requirement is electrification of the pavilion and around the grounds. A high mast Halogen Light is also desirable if possible. Although there are many things to say but let me stop my speech here. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

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Time is now 1:00 P.M. We will have a break and meeting will be resumed at 2:00 P.M.

Sitting Adjourned.

2:00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will start our Business. Who will start our discussion Yes, Pu H. Vanlalthaliana, Hon'ble Member from Lawngtlai Constituency.

PU H. VANLALTHALIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. Let me speak Demand No. 22 first. Sports is now very important to lead the youth to the right way. It inspires the Youths to have self discipline. This year, one of the most important NGO's, Y.M.A. carries on operation against be one of the most important activities to prevent the youths from intoxicating materials. Now a day, we see much progress in sports. This is due to the efforts taken by the Government. I was happy for seeing construction of various Sports Complexes in Mizoram. I, therefore, opine that we ought to strengthen Sports Department in any possible way.

Coming to other demands let me speak about Tourism. I appreciate the steps taken by Tourism Department to attract tourists. Tourism Industry has been progressing under this Ministry. If we try harder, Tourism would become a good source of income for our State.

Labour & Employment Department also takes steps to provide employment to disable persons. So, I would like to express my thanks to this Department.

In regards to Demand Nos. 41, 31 & 32, I would like to speak about Sericulture in particular. The Government made a special programme with an estimate of Rs. 51 crores on Sericulture for those who live in Chhimtuipui District. I Thank the Department for this programme. I opine that, Sericulture can become a good occupation for the people I, further hope that shifting cultivation can be replaced by Sericulture. The Department should therefore, try its level best to make greater achievement.

Lastly, I would like to express my thanks to Food & Civil Supply Department also for stocking sufficient amount of rice for this coming monsoon season. I talked to many store keepers, they said that rice stock is available in every godown in Mizoram. Mr. Dy. Speaker sir, I, therefore, support the demands submitted by the four Minister today. Thank you.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Dy. Speaker k sir, Thank you. Today we have 13 demands from four Ministers. There will be no time to discuss them in detail. Let me speak about Agriculture Department first. The budget allocated for this Department seems to be too much. However, I opine that various steps taken by this Department do not tend to self sufficiency. The budget speech delivered by the hon'ble Chief Minister does not cover how to do in the coming year. He speaks various achievements made in the past years only. One of the most important steps taken by the Government is extension of W.R.C. area by means of Bulldozers. In this matter, I would like to advise the Government to concentrated on a compact area other than to take steps in different areas. In my constituency, we have Phaisen area to be shared by Khawzawl, Chawngtlai, Khawhai and Chalrang. Now, there is 115 hectare of land which had already been mechanised. If we concentrate on mechanisation in this area, atleast 230 to 300 hectare of land can easily be prepared within a short period of time. Agriculture Link Road had already been constructed. Therefore, this area is a good potential area. It can be a great achievement for the Department as well as for the Ministry if we do as my advice.

In Agriculture Department formation of M.I.P. would be one of the most important steps taken by the Government. It is used by the MNF Party for implementing election manifesto. From the budget speech, we know that Rs. 24 crore is earmarked for M.I.P. But, we know nothing on how to use this fund. From the answer to starred question given by the hon'ble Minister we hear that distribution of money to the beneficiaries would not be continued. If, so, how can they become self sufficient? Mr. Dy. Speaker sir, we greatly required good plan. The Government has to search for markets for the agricultural products of the farmers. It has to give advice to the farmers to grow market oriented crops.

Coming to the Horticulture Department. Large amount of money is sanctioned under Technology Mission. However, I would like to request this Department to work harder. In my constituency, farmers are advised to grow banana and passion fruit. Without giving proper guidelines. When help comes, the Department uses Y.M.A. for monitoring agency. But the Department is not satisfied with the finding of the Monitoring Agent. In this regards, there is some hidden agenda behind it. Mr. Dy. Speaker sir, let the Government entrust the concerned M.L.A. to act as a Monitoring agent, So, that various projects and schemes would be successful.

Regarding Relief & Rehabilitation Department, we faced natural calamities in two places last year. But many families are still there without getting any assistance from the Government. Let the Department provide adequate assistance to them. Thank you.

PU S. HIATO

: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, thank you. Being an opposition member we give much thoughts to the budget. However, what we have pointed out in the last session were not reflected in the budget speech today. We seemed to spend our valuable time meaninglessly. Anyway, we have to speak about what we wanted for implementation. Let me start from Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department. As we know that we, the Mizo people like meats very much. In spite of this no steps have been taken towards self sufficiency in meat. Most of the buildings owned by Vety. Department are very bad in every village. We always listen about piggery village. The expenditure to set up piggery village at Kawkulh is Rs. 141.57 lakh with a beneficiary of 17 families only. Another piggery village is also set up again near Sairang in which there are 11 families only but the total expenditure for this project rises to more than Rs. 100 lakhs. Only a single piglet each is distributed to the beneficiaries. How can they become self-sufficient with such single piglet?

Coming to Demand No. 31, Agriculture Department. In this Department mechanization is applied to prepare lands for W.R.C. area. The achievement as written in the budget book is 589 hectare of land had been mechanized in a year. This cannot be a great achievement. In the matter of seed supply also, there is great discrimination between Ruling and Opposition Constituencies. Besides, the seed of Moongdal supplied by the Department cannot germinate. Mizoram is declared an organic State, But only 180 quintal of Organic manure is bought for the whole state.

In the Department of Sports & Youth Services also, we have some successful sportspersons. But they are not given adequate importance. There is no incentive measure taken by the Government, which greatly demoralized the youths. We all know that we can make great achievement in sports but the Government does not give priority to Sports.

In regards to Labour & Employment Department, we have thousands of job seekers. The number of job seekers as recorded in the Employment Exchange are as follows: B.E. - 100, MBBS - 41, BDS - 15, LLB - 3, MBA - 2, MA - 677, MSc - 103, B.A. & B.Com - 3006, B.Sc - 364.

The Government should take immediate steps to generate employment as much as possible. Let me stop my speech here. Thank you.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Thank you. As we have listened from the hon'ble member, we frequently speak about what we wanted to do, but steps had never been taken to implement them. I am sorry for this.

Coming to Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department. I would like to express my thanks to this Department for distributing G.I. wire to the growers of Grape in my constituency. Besides this, the seed of Hill potato is given to the farmers. I hope that Horticulture Department would become an important agency to make our state self sufficient.

In regards to Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial Department, the Cabinet has passed separation of Judiciary from the executive. If so, can we implement this practically? We are eagerly waiting for this.

In regards to Food & Civil Suply Department, the hon'ble Minister said yesterday that 1500 quintals of rice have been stocked at Kawlbem Godown, But, in Kawlbem Village there is no such Godown to stock 1500 quintals of rice. I am sorry for wrong information given to the Minister by the Department. The only retailer of the said village constructed a store room with his own expense which can accommodate not more than 500 quintals of rice. Besides this, In Chhiahpui Village, the retailer and President of MNF Unit draw sugar from N.E.Khawdungsei Godown. But, he sold 3 quintals of sugar illegally instead of selling it to the people. He has also often tampered BPL quotas. I, therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to enquire this. Let me stop my speech here due to the shortage of time. Thank you.

PU H.LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Thank you. Let me speak about Demand No. 30, Relief & Rehabilitation Department first. I would like to express my thanks to this Department for providing necessary materials and aid to those who suffer natural calamities. In spite of this, I wish this Department to have more budget so that it can do better relief works.

Next, coming to Agriculture Department, we hear about various steps taken by the Government. Now, Agriculture Department is trying to make W.R.C. through mechanization in a compact area around Champhai and Saiphai some cultivators of around 5 or 6 families who engaged in W.R.C. in other villages I, therefore, request the Government not to neglect such cultivators too. Can we subsidise Tractors and other facilities for them?

In regards to Sports & Youth Services Department, we all know that Mizos are greatly interested in various sports disciplines. I opine that the budget allocated for this Department is quite less to meet our requirements. Therefore, we need to take more steps to strengthen Sports Department. Besides, the Government seems to be weak in inspiring our sports persons. More incentive steps should be taken in this sphere. Now adays, we know that General Education cannot provide jobs to all of us, So, we need to promote sports among the youths so that sports could be an important occupation. Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, thank you. Let me start from Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department. There is great opportunity for the people in this Department. However, Sericulture Department acts as a tiny Department. So, we need to strengthen it to be able to serve the people better than now a day. I opine that more fund should be given to this Department under the BAFFACOS.

Coming to Demand No. 17, Food & Civil Supplies Department, we know from the speech of the hon'ble Chief Minister that there are 52650 BPL families and 15600 AAY families in Mizoram. In this regard the number of BPL families as recorded by various Department such as Rural Development, Supply Department and L.A.D. are quite different from each other. This seems to be shameful for the Government. Besides this, rice is issued by the Government to BPL families with cheaper rates. But, some retailers try to take advantages. They open their shops for few days only, so that they can sell more rice in the black markets. During a short period of time some families might not have enough money to buy their quota but they are not given chance to wait for a longer time. Therefore, I would like to suggest the Government establish Vigilance Committee in every Village as it was there in the past years.

In regards to Demand Nos. 31 & 32, Rs. 66.91 crore had been released under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for NWDPR (National Watershed Development Programme in Rainfed Area) and NWDPSA (National Watershed Development Programme in Shifting Cultivation Area) during the past 4 or 5 years. When I looked the break up list of the Programme in the Office, I found that Upper Mar Project and Upper Teirei Project in my constituency are there with a sanction of lakhs of money. But, in fact, no work had been done there till date. I, therefore, invite the hon'ble Minister to cooperate with me to have spot verification on the said projects.

In the last session I had mentioned about ABP (Accelerated Benefit Programme) in which Rs. 10 crore has been spent and now another Rs. 10 crore is allocated in the new budget. I am afraid that most of the fund for this programme would go to an official as we heard last year. I, therefore, ask the hon'ble Minister to point out the names of Project to be covered by this fund.

Regarding Demand No. 28, Labour & Employment Department. I would like to request the Government to strengthen this Department. So that it can give better services to the people. Besides, I would like to warn all the Ministers to give importance to Employment exchange while giving new appointment to their favourite persons. All appointment to any Government job should be given through Employment Exchange.

Next, in the matter of Vehicle Insurance, the Enforcement Staff in the Transport Department enforce strict Rules. At the same time, Vehicles need to be insured every year. But Insurance Company might not have office in Lunglei, Saiha and other District Capitals. This makes great problem to the owners of vehicles. I, therefore, request the Department to make its alternative ways. Like other members, I also need Silpoulin to be distributed in my constituency. In regard to Veterinary Department I wish the hon'ble Minister to examine the recommendation submitted this morning by the Subject V - Committee. Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA

: Mr. Dy. Speaker sir, thank you. Let me speak about Demand No. 17 first. Under Food & Civil Supplies Department there seems to be corruption. I opine that, the people of Mizoram including BPL and AAY families do not get what they have to receive from the Government. Let me point out one example in this matter, the list of BPL and AAY families kept by the Store Keeper of Kawrthah Village is quite different from the list kept in the Directorate Office. When we inform the Government about this bad practice, no action has been taken against this till date. Besides this, we have listened from the hon'ble Minister that great quantity of rice have been stocked now. In spite of this people cannot avoid to buy rice from the black market with higher rates. So, I request the Government to revise Public Distribution system.

In regards to Demand No. 41, the Government assured to give priority to Sericulture Department. However, no priority given is seen in the allocation of budget. This Department has same amount of budget with last year. I opine that this Department can provide livelihood to many families. Besides, I request this Department to cover the western part of Mizoram too.

Next, I would like to mention about Demand Nos. 31 and 32. Mr. Dy. Speaker sir, I am in the opinion that Agriculture and Horticulture Departments have been ruined by the existing Ministry. The Government seems to be interested in seed supply more than taking other steps for improvement of the said Departments. We know from the speech of the hon'ble Chief Minister that Agriculture Department have bought more than 9365 quintals of seeds and seedlings of various crops. We do have many good Godown to keep such amount of seeds.

The Government proudly speaks about MIP. But, I have no hope in MIP because, the beneficiaries are not given lands. How can they grow their seeds without lands. I opine that we need to reset the programmes from the very beginning. We also talk about Organic Farming. The hon'ble Chief Minister said that we have bought 180 quintals of organic manure and organic manure production plant is made in 196 places. Where do we made such plant? Can we make sufficient quantity of organic manure? I request the hon'ble Minister to reply me. Thank you Mr. Dy. Speaker sir, for giving me an opportunity to express what I want to say. Thank you.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Dy. Speaker sir, Thank you. First of all let me speak about Demand No. 32, Sports & Youth Services Department. Last year, we received an information from the Director of the said Department that no more Sports goods like football, Volleyball, etc. would be issued for free distribution. It so, I opine that the only incentive scheme for the sports persons would be lost. Looking at the budget we see that the budget allocated for Sports Department would not be too much. We know our financial problem but I would like to request the Government to try harder for the construction of at least one Playground each in every constituency. Besides, stipend and scholarship would also be emphasized on to promote sports.

In regards to Demand No. 31, I wish the Government to be contious in the distribution of seeds and seedlings, many farmers have problems due to untimely supply of seeds as well as bad quality of seeds. Otherwise, our economic policy would not lead us to self sufficiency, M.I.P. is also used to play party politics everywhere. In my constituency at Biate Village a donation of Rs. 30/- each is collected to make pressure against the Government for continuation of M.I.P. However, when a sanction for M.I.P. came, many families who have contributed the said donation are not included in the list. Moreover, Mr. Dy. Speaker sir, there is party based discrimination on the relief work caused by monsoon crisis. The monsoon itself does not

discriminate the victims. There are many families in my constituency whose houses were destroyed by Monsoon Rain but have not yet received any help from the Government.

Next, I would like to point out Demand No. 43, Tourism Department. I find no new projects in the budget to attract more tourists. We need to have new projects in this matter. Sikkim, the smaller State than ours and also Mountainous state has many tourism projects. They earn large revenue every year. Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker sir, Thank you. From the Statement of the hon'ble Chief Minister we know that mobilization of resources would be done as much as possible. According to the 12th Finance Commission Recommendation we have to earn Rs. 152 crore from State revenue every year. This means that people have to pay more taxes to the Government. I, therefore opine that the Government ought to lift up the condition of the people economically to be able to afford such taxes. Various Departments would also take step towards revenue earning or profit making schemes.

Coming to Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry, the Government introduces Model Piggery Villages at various places in which crore of money had been spent. But in practical, the project is a complete failure. For example, In Pukpui village about 60 families were grouped on 10 November, 2004. One piglet each was given to 33 families and the remaining families had not been given till date. There was neither power Supply nor water supply. When they begged daily earning works to the V/C of Pukpui, they were rejected since they fell under the Model Village scheme. Now, their condition become very bad. We see the same experience at Kawkulh and Sairang villages. I, therefore, request the Government to stop such non-sustainable economic projects. Our traditional system like Hill cattle rearing would be suitable for our state other than introducing the said non-productive projects.

Coming to Transport Department, the Government seems to be intending to construct Central Workshop. In this matter we have done this type of workshop twice at Hlimen and Chaltlang. Huge machineries were bought with great amount of money. But the Project is a complete failure. Therefore, I wish this Department to become a revenue earning Department.

Next, in regards to Law & Judicial, we have listened that Cabinet decision had been there on separation of Judiciary. However, it is not reflected in the speech of both the hon'ble Governor and the Chief Minister. I would like to raise this point since it is very important. I am eagerly waiting for early implementation of this. In Parliamentary Affairs Department, there have been two persons who do not get MDC Family Pension. They are Pi Sapsiami W/o Pu Lalchungnunga (L) and Pi Lalchhuangi W/o Pu Ralliantawna (L). I wish them to get pension as early as possible.

In regard to Agriculture we know from the speech of the hon'ble Chief Minister that 64,000 hectare of land can be made into potential area. If we implement W.R.C. system on that area of land self sufficiency in food grain would surely be there. But I would like to mention in this connection that political interference is very great in the implementation of this scheme. I am afraid that the policy would become non-productive scheme. In the sphere of Horticulture also, we have 2 lakh hectares of potential area. I appreciate various steps taken by this Department such as introduction of Organic Farming, Hawaian Solo variety of Papaya, etc. However, I would like to request the Government to keep up this scheme to be able to have a sustainable economy.

Coming to Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department. I wish this Department to be upgraded to a Major Department. It can provide good occupation to many families. There never be a market problem for its products.

In regards to Tourism Department most of the workers are still Muster Roll so, I wish them to be regularized. Lastly, in the sphere of Sports, we get God,s blessing and various sports disciplines such as Boxing, Judo, football, etc. become very much improved among the youth. However, the budget allocated for this Department seems to be quite little. So, I request the Government to set a side more fund in the budget in the Revised estimates which will further makes incentive and sports will be promoted greatly. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

PU D.THANGLIANA

: Coming to Demand No. 34, A.H. & Vety. Department takes steps to build slaughter house near Bung Bungalow.

If so, we can expect healthier meat in the market. Besides the above, as we see in the budget, Rs. 220 lakh had been spent under the BAFFACOS to help the rural people during the past years. I appreciate various steps taken by this Department.

In Transport Department also, we see great achievement. The existing debt of 197 lakh had now been cleared by Transport Department and from now on it can start with Zero based budget. This Department would become an important revenue earning Department from the next year. Computerisation of vehicle registration and Driving License would also be a great achievement.

In regards to Demand Nos. 31 & 32, Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, many progressive steps are still taken. Due to the efforts of the hon'ble Minister, the farmers can grow market oriented crops. From this year onwards, more production of crops would never be a burden for the farmers. Many irrigation project is undertaken at various places. This will surely enrich our W.R.C. system.

In regards to Tourism Department various Tourist Lodge have been constructed at various places. During the last year, this Department earned Rs. 40 lakh. This clearly shows that Tourism Department can be made into a revenue earning Department. However, I am sorry for we cannot set aside more fund in the budget. Therefore, I wish this Department makes further progress. Regarding Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services Department, I appreciate various steps taken by the Government for promotion of sports among the youths. Meanwhile, there is not a well-developed Sports Complex in Serchhip District. So, I request the Government to construct Sports Complex at Serchhip or N.Vantaiphai. Thank you.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker sir, Thank you. Let me speak about Demand No. 42, Transport Department. First of all I would like to express my thanks to this Department for inaugurating D.T.O. Office at Mamit and Lawngtlai. Besides, this Department now cleared all its debts. There are another progresses such as bying of three new Ambulance Motors and construction of Inter State Bus Terminal with an estimates of Rs. 901.40 lakh. For all these reasons we cannot deny that there is great progress in this Department.

In regards to Tourism Department, there is a good proposal to make tourist resort at Chalfilh tlang. We have had a typical Mizo Village at Reiek due to the efforts of the hon'ble Minister for Tourism Department. This typical village greatly help students and youths to know more about the ancient Mizo culture.

Under Demand No. 31, Agriculture Department, we have passed Organic Farming Bill in this House. I hope that Organic farming would enriched our agricultural products and it is a great

achievement for our state. There are many on-going projects under this Department. In my constituency, big machineries working at Dialdawk project. Besides, this Department takes progressive steps to introduce crops. This will surely elevate the economic various steps taken by the hon'ble Minister for this Department.

Sericulture would also be a reliable Department to provide livelihood to many families as well as to replace our shifting cultivation. Therefore, I wish this Department to function as a full fledged Department. Lastly, I appreciate the step taken by Animal Husbandry Department to make a slaughter House. This will help us to get healthy meat from the market. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will have a break of half an hour. Meeting will be resumed at 4:35 P.M.

4:35 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We will continue our business. Let us call upon Pu F.Lal Thanzuala.

P U F. L A L T H A N Z U A L A : Mr. Speaker sir, Thank you. First of all I would like to speak about Demand Nos. 31 and 32, we often mentioned about the Organic Farming Bill. Some members had denounced it. But in my opinion Organic Farming would be an important key to elevate the economic condition of the farmers. The hon'ble Prime Minister of India had said in the Agriculture Ministers' Conference in June, last year, that agriculture is the growth engine for Development. He further said that Organic Farming greatly increases the value of our agricultural products. Therefore, Organic Farming is surely the Prime Minister's agenda. We should not denounce it here. In fact, we just passed this Bill and initiative steps are to be taken now, its outcome could not be seen immediately. We have to give proper instructions to the farmers first. Many advanced countries and states in India are regretted for using chemical manures and pesticides since many years ago. The Hindu News Paper had carried out 'survey of the Environment' last year. Its finding was that use of chemical manure and pesticides causes poisoned water, even the ground water are not safe for drinking. Therefore, Organic Farming is very important for our survival too.

Coming to Demand Nos. 22 and 28, I would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for Labour & Employment for taking steps to make GPF schemes for M.R. workers and the workers of Private Constitutions. Besides, we see great progresses in various disciplines of sports. There has been a proposal to construct sports complex in every District Headquarters.

Under the Demand No. 30 and 34, I express my thanks to Relief & Rehabilitation Department for taking prompt actions on various natural calamities. In my constituency, Cherhlun had faced such natural calamities due to hails in which, G.C.I. sheets had been given to the victims. Besides this, various meats like Pork, Beef, Chicken are greatly available in the market. This is due to the efforts of AH & Vety. Department.

Again I would like to express my thanks to Supply Department too. This Department now stocked great amount of rice which would be sufficient enough for this coming monsoon season. In the sphere of Sericulture also, 500 families were targeted to engage in Sericulture during the last year. But, in practical, more than 3000 families now used Sericulture for their livelihood. Hence, we seemed to be replacing our shifting cultivation. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla the Leader of Opposition.

P U L A L T H A N H A W L A : Mr. Speaker sir, our demands for today are very important. Let me start from Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services Department. As we know that our society is busy to prevent the youths from intoxicating drugs. Sports & Youth Services Department would become very important for this purpose. Therefore, I would like to request the government to make further arrangement in favour of this Department to have more fund. I am sure that there is great potentiality among the youths of Mizoram to compete even in international games in various sports disciplines. Therefore, the Government should give priority to this Department. I wish every district in Mizoram to have at-least one Football ground of an International standard. In contact sports also we need to take progressive steps. There is good talent among our youths. So, steps would also be taken in the sphere of talent searching. If we do like this we can produce good sports persons in various sports disciplines such as football, cricket, weight lifting, archery and various contact sports items.

In regards to Tourism Department, there are many steps to be taken to attract tourists. I would like to express my thanks for constructing a typical Mizo village at Reiek which was initiated by the Congress Ministry. We can make Tourism Department become a revenue earning Department. At the same time, we need to strengthen the Department first. Although there is financial problem I request the Government to provide service security to the staff of Tourism Department. So that they can work better.

Coming to Labour & Employment Department, we need to enforce the existing Labour law better than our usual practice. Besides, the Government should try to avoid filling up of Government jobs without going through Employment Exchange. So, I would like to request this Department to check such bad practices.

In the matter of Food & Civil Supplies Department, the hon'ble Minister had mentioned that 1500 quintals of rice had been stocked at Kawlberm Village. This is my question that where do they keep such quantity of rice at the said village. I am aware that 3 trips of 407 Truck of rice were kept by the Retailer. Where would the remaining rice be kept? I, therefore request the hon'ble Minister to have sport verification and let him give his report in this House. We have listened that sufficient quantity of rice had been stocked for this coming monsoon season. In spite of this people cannot avoid to buy rice from the market. I am sorry for this. Besides, this Department has to prevent the retailers of every village from tampering of public quota. I got an information that there is illegal selling of rice with higher rates in many villages.

Regarding Laws Judicial, many states in India had face problems due to un-implementation of separation of Judiciary from the executive. In our state, the Cabinet meeting had already passed this. So, the Government should take immediate steps for early implementation of this. We are eagerly waiting for this so that justice would be there in every court procedure.

In Agriculture Department, the Government had taken action against Pu O.P. Singh, the Director of Agriculture Department. I am thinking whether he did practice the said corruption by his own? There may be someone to press him to do so. What further actions are taken against this? In the sphere of Horticulture also, I wish our budget for this Department to reach the farmers other than the officials. The real beneficiaries would be the farmers. This is very important for attaining self sufficiency in food.

In regard to Animal Husbandry also, We have earmarked construction of a slaughter house near Bung Bungalow. I am happy for this and I want early implementation of this scheme, so that we can avoid unhealthy meats in the market.

I demand right and Judicious use of our budget to make progress in every sphere. In regard to minor irrigation. I have mentioned some days ago that sanction of Rs. 3,00,000/- and 2,00,000/- for Minor Irrigation are distributed among the Workers of MNF Party in Bungtlang Village and Keitum Village respectively. How can we develop our agriculture system like this? Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will stop discussion now, we will call upon the Ministers to wind up our discussion. Let us call upon Pu Lalrinchhana first.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, Thank you. Today, 17 of the hon'ble member mentioned about my portfolios. I have recorded the important points from their speech. First of all, let me mention about Relief & Rehabilitation Department. This Department deals with the natural calamities and the rehabilitation of the MNF Returnees. Meanwhile, other relief matters had often been brought to me which are not included in my portfolio, I am sorry for that. In the case of natural calamities, the State Government alone cannot do relief works. 75% of the expenditure comes from the Central Government, the State share is only 25%. In this matter there is a guidelines to be followed we cannot take steps unlike that guidelines. For example, we cannot sanction more than Rs. 6000/- on the destruction of even a concrete building by the natural calamities such as heavy rainfall or hails. We cannot go beyond all India norms.

During the last year, we faced great natural disaster the report from various D.C. exceeded Rs. 40 crores. At the same time we have Rs. 3 crore only in the budget. So, we asked the Central Government to sanction adequate money but Rs. 10 crore only can be released. So, we tried our level best to rehabilitate all the victims of the said natural calamities from the said amount of money. We provided GCI sheets and silpoulin through the concerned village councils. We never give assistance directly. (Pu Lal Thanhawla : Mr. Speaker sir, I got an Information that the

D.C. of Kolasib District distributed Rs. 500 each to the victims of natural calamities in Lungdai Village. He gave Rs. 1000/- each to the Y.M.A. and V/C of Lungdai. The hon'ble Minister himself gave 16 silpoulin to them. No further relief steps had been taken till date. They did not get assistance as the norms mentioned by the Minister). Mr. Speaker sir, giving assistance is in the hands of the District Authority. If we furnished immediate assistance on the spot it was reported to the District Authority as they are the only agency between the Government and the people.

S P E A K E R : The Leader of Opposition now mentioned about the relief steps taken by the Government for the victims of natural Calamities in Lungdai village. Is the Government satisfied with that assistance ? Will they get another assistance from the Government

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, there is an all India norms to be followed. Now we have about Rs. 10 crore to release. Of which Rs. 4 crore will be used by the P.W.D. to reconstruct various roads, the remaining balance will be released to the needy people through D.C. of every district.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker sir, has the Government fulfilled relief works as recommended by the concerned V/C of the said Village ?

S P E A K E R : As far as my knowledge is concerned, the Government is intending to give more aids. Sanction will be there as said by the Minister.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, we will give them as written in the norms. Now, we are still forming Disaster Management Committee

in State Level, District level and Village level. Such Committee will take positive steps in any natural calamity.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker sir, the hon'ble Minister had answered my starred question that a compensation of Rs.19,51,000/- would be given to the victims of natural calamities that occurred in December last year. Can the Minister say when that compensation will be given to them. Secondly, we have given a detailed report on destruction of houses in Lungdai, Zanlawn and Thingdawl due to heavy rainfall. May I request the hon'ble Minister to have spot verification. Can he prevail immediate relief works by issuing some amount of silpoulin now?

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, fund is not available now to use for immediate relief. We can provide necessary assistance only After getting a sanction from the Central Government. As I have mentioned that now we can release fund to those who faced natural calamities in April and May last year. Therefore, it is difficult to rehabilitate those who faced natural calamities in December last year. We will rehabilitate gradually in accordance with our financial condition.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker sir, the D.C. of Kolasib District had drawn 40 pieces of Silpoulin for Lungdai Village but only 20 pieces had been distributed. The remaining 20 pieces were brought to Kolasib. The people of Lungdai Village were very disappointed. I myself had visited all the damaged houses in Lungdai, Zanlawn and Thingdawl. They are very pitiful. They greatly need immediate help.

S P E A K E R : Yes according to the existing financial Rules, which had been used since the British period, more time is needed to Make sanctions. Member are not satisfied with this Rules. Anyway, we want to have better system to release immediate relief on such occasion.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, in regards to Lungdai Village, the Deputy Commissioner of Kolasib District gave a reports and I asked how much do they required.

According to his reports 40 pieces of Silpoulin had been sanctioned. Of which he gave 20 pieces to Lungdai Village. However, only 20 pieces of Silpoulin could not be sufficient so, I gave another 16 pieces directly. Generally, relief work is done through D.C. of the concerned District.

Coming to Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department. We cannot do much work from the state Plan Fund. So, we got many fund from N.E.C and Centrally Sponsored Schemes. During this year, we have an Annual Plan of Rs. 694/- lakh of this, Rs. 220/- lakh is reserved for BAFFACOS. Under the BAFFACOS, 561 families were aided. Those who engaged in Cattle rearing will get Rs. 1,00,000/- and those who engaged in pig farming and poultry farming will get Rs. 30000/- or Rs. 40000/- each. In this way, AH & Vety. tries to provide livelihood to the said number of families.

Besides the above, we have many other steps to be taken. Rs. 42 lakh had been set a side for state matching share against the fund from NEC, CSS and Central pool of Resources Fund. Now, this Department looks after 195183 domestic animals through various Dispensaries and Veterinary Hospitals. One of the most important projects carried on by this Department is installation of fodder Plant at Tanhril. The Central Government sanctioned Rs. 7.25 crore for this project. Of this, Rs. 4.36 crore had been released. This Fodder Plant will be expected to produce adequate food for our domestic animals. The main raw-materials for this fodder plant will be our agricultural products such as maize, soya-bean, tapioca, etc. The Agriculture Department also works very hard to motivate the farmers to produce the said crops as much as possible.

Regarding Piggery Village, we want to provide infrastructure and to support the beneficiaries as long as possible. But the Central Government could not approve such proposal. It agrees to make infrastructure only. The continuation of the scheme will be depended on the beneficiaries. So, we construct buildings and pig rearing shed. 10 piglets each had been given to the beneficiaries. We told the beneficiaries about this.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker sir, the beneficiaries were not told about this. They did not know infrastructure only would be provided to them. Besides this, lack of its

alternative scheme from the Plan Fund is the reason for its failure. We can surely know that they can not go on for long without having working capital. They need to have daily earning even before their piglets become mature.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, we had told them that no further assistance could be provided. Only initial infrastructure could be included in the scheme. However, when they met such problem, the Department tried its level best to give further assistance. We contact various Banks to give loan to them. We will continue our struggle for the continuation of this scheme. Some members mentioned about privatization of this scheme. But, infact, every beneficiary have their own piglets. No further privatization is needed. The scheme had already been privatized automatically. We know what had happened at Kawlkulh piggery village. Therefore, new method will be applied at Sairang and Pukpui village.(PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker sir, we made new recommendation on this scheme...)

S P E A K E R : The new recommendation as you said had been laid on the Table this morning, there is no time to study such recommendation.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, we will study that recommendation and any possible step Will be taken to fulfil it. In the new Piggery villages at Sairang and Pukpui, we change our system. We have constructed buildings and the selected beneficiaries are told to grow crops for fodder. We told them that when they have sufficient fodder piglets will be provided to them. Some of them said that two piglets could be kept with them along with growing fodder plants. So, we gave two piglets as they demand. At the sametime, some of them are not ready to keep piglets now, we are waiting for the time when they are ready. In this regard we always try our level best for the success of this scheme.

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Various steps have also been taken to increase our milk products. In Aizawl city area, we have set up Dairy Plant, which is looked after by MULCO. In Lungdai town, our Dairy Plan is looked after by the Department. In Kolasib Town we have an on-going project, which will be commissioned shortly. Besides these, we try to make Dairy Plant in every District Headquarters. We also work very hard to prevent our domestic animals from various diseases. During the last year we gave vaccination to 166743 animals. We have an on-going project for Diseases Investigation laboratory and Vety. Centre with an estimate of Rs. 17,00,000/- State Poultry Farm will also be established at Serchhip and Thenzawl. Rs. 85,00,000/- had been kept for this Project. With the help of the Central Government 195 Bio-gas Plant would be made. Rs. 34,22,000/- is proposed for this purpose.

Slaughter House is another on-going project of AH & Vety. Department. The Central Government through the NEC had approved Rs. 3,21,00,000/- for this project. Of which, Rs. One crore had been released which is used to construct the main building. Another rupees one crore will also be released shortly for buying machineries. The slaughter House, when completed will give us healthy meats easily in the markets. This project includes skin, bone and fluid processing also. For the coming financial year, Rs. 824 lakh is set a side for Animal Husbandry and Rs. 40 lakh for Dairy Development in the Annual Plan. Rs. 330 lakh is also proposed under BAFFACOS plan to help 620 families. Some members mentioned about development of Rural Animal Health Centre. We try our best for this matter. But, due to the shortage of staff we cannot fulfill our desires. We ask for creation of many posts to the Government.

Now, under the Transport Department, Rs. 1,34,97,000/- is earned by this Department from MST Bus services during the last year. Another Rs. 3,37,13,000/- is also earned from Road Tax. Registration Fee and fines. We have exceeded our target. Computerisation of vehicle Registration and Driving License is introduced in Aizawl and Lunglei District. It will be done in other districts also. 5 new buses are bought now to replace our old vehicles. The central Government gives us 3 new Ambulance Buses.

Inter State Bus Terminal is our on-going project. At least 30% of the work had been done till date. Improvement of Central Workshop at Hlimen will also be done. The Government decided to hand over the right to collect passenger & goods tax to Transport Department. According to which Transport Department will collect the said taxes from April 1, this year. We have submitted a proposal to the Central Government to make a Driving School. So, we hope that Driving School will be established shortly.

From the next financial year Transport Department can start with a zero-based budget without having any deficit unlike other years. This issue to the efforts of the Officers and Staff of the Department. We have taken various measures to lessen our expenditure. Which makes us progressive. Therefore, I am proud of this and I am happy to inform this House that all deficits of Transport Department had now been recovered.

Some Members mentioned about problems on vehicle insurance. We have contacted the Insurance Offices here in Aizawl and their high officials in Kolkata. They tried to make programmes as we like. So, I hope that such problem will be solved shortly.

Mr. Speaker sir, I beg leave of the House to pass my Demands : 1. Demand No. 20, Relief & Rehabilitation Department - Rs. 4,00,80,000/- 2. Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry, Rs. 18,36,65,000/- 3. Demand No. 42, Transport Department Rs. 18,87,11,000/-.

S P E A K E R : The Hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalrinchhana
Now begged leave of the House to
Pass his demands Nos. 30, 34 and 42
Inrespect of Relief & Rehabilitation,
Animal Husbandry and Transport Departments respectively. Those who agree to
pass will say 'Yes' and those who disagree will say 'No' (Members say 'Yes')
Pu Lalrinchhana's Demands are passed unanimously.

Now let us call upon Pu H.Rammawi, Minister, to wind up his Demands and let him beg leave of the House to pass them.

**PU H. RAMMAWI
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker sir, Thank you. Today, 18 Members speak about my demands. First of all I would like to give an information on the number of MIP beneficiaries in Chhiahtlang, Vaphai and Ngaizawl villages which was pointed out in this House some days ago. The officials of the said project visited every house and renumerated the beneficiaries. According to which the total beneficiaries in Chhiahtlang village were 617 families and they found out double names of 12 families. In Vaphai village also, the total beneficiaries were 322 families sanction was made for 322 families. They were 98 families in our official record. We did not give money to more than this number of families.

Now, coming to Demands, let me start from Law & Judicial Department. Many members speak about separation of Judiciary from executive. As we know that the Cabinet Meeting had already passed this, So, notification will be made shortly. However, more time will be needed to make such notification since we have to collect the opinion of the High Court. Besides, it concerns service matter so, DP & AR will examine it. Anyway, we expect the said notification to be issued shortly.

The Mizo Customary Law is also drafted now, it will also be published shortly. Replying to Pu H.Liansailova, hon'ble member from Aizawl North – II constituency, in the matter of recruitment of MJS Officer to be conducted by the MPSC. I opine that our rules to be based for this examination would be safe for all of us since that rules demand a candidate to have a knowledge of Mizo vernacular upto Class – VI standard. (SPEAKER : While you are speaking about this, can you clarify a reservation of 25% only for Scheduled Tribe ?) Mr. Speaker sir, I am not sure about this. But I would like to mention that our recruitment rules is safe.

PU H.LIANSAILOVA : Mr. Speaker sir, new MJS Rules is still drafting now. This Rules will be executed by the High Court after implementation of Separation of Judiciary, If so, I am aware that only 25% of vacancy will be reserved for Schedule Tribe. Besides, a knowledge of Mizo Vernacular upto class – VI standard will also be deleted from the essential qualification. This provision will not be safe for us. I just pointed out this and I have no complain in the matter of this coming new recruitment.

**PU H. RAMMAWI
MINISTER**

Mr. Speaker sir, we struggle very hard to include the said provision. That is the reason why we cannot accept the draft Rules. We can use the existing Rules before accepting the draft Rules. We do not want to delete that provision from the Rules.

Under the Demand for Horticulture Department. Mr. Speaker sir, Budget allocated for Horticulture Department is still increasing, it is Rs. 4,43,50,000/- for the year 2004 – 2005. But this year it increases to 7,37,20,000/- I would like to point out this for House Information. The hon'ble Member from Ratu Constituency mentioned about wood vinegar. We know its importance to prevent plants from pests. So we take steps to produce more wood vinegar during this year. In the matter of control of chemical fertilizers, I would like to explain the term 'control' It does not mean that use of chemical fertilizers is totally prohibited. However, we just want to lessen use of chemical fertilizers. We rather prefer Organic Manures to enrich our soils. That is why, we do not procure chemical fertilizers.

In regards to IWDP, I do not deny that we do not achieve our goals as we desire under this project. IWDP is executed by various Departments such as Horticulture, Soil Department and D.R.D.A. there is not a single agency to make coordination among such Departments. But from this year onwards Horticulture Department will become a nodal Department. So, we hope that there will be much improvement.

Regarding transportation cost for potato seeds, this is not the purview of the Department. Seeds are distributed to the farmers under the Technology Mission. It is issued here in Aizawl and transportation from Aizawl to other villages would be paid by the farmers from their own expense. (PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker sir, in the last year, transportation cost from Aizawl to Chalfilh was Rs. 40/- per quintal of seeds. But this year, it increases to Rs. 400/- per quintal) Mr. Speaker sir, the Department does not involve in the matter of Transportation. It is to be negotiated between the farmers and the owners of the vehicle. It is not the purview of the Department. (PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker sir, Agriculture Department and Horticulture Department have Truck vehicle of their own. Can they use such vehicles to carry potato seeds in the coming years ?) Mr. Speaker sir, the said department do not have adequate truck vehicles for transportation of potato seeds to various places. So, I cannot give assurance in this matter.

Replying to the hon'ble member from Khawzawl constituency, we want to concentrate our works on a compact area as he suggested. Regarding Organic Farming as mentioned by the hon'ble member

from Kawrthah Constituency, training will be given to farmers to make organic manure. Since we cannot give such training to every village we have made a schedule to organize training in every District Headquarters during this coming spring season. Organic farming, as mentioned by the hon'ble member from Hnahthial constituency, has two goals to achieve, they are permanent farming and healthy agricultural products.

As we have listened from the hon'ble member from Ngopa constituency, Grape plantation is greatly successful in Hnahlan and its surrounding area. In this matter, I would like to mention that many states in India do not accept Grape Juice or wine as a liquor. The Government of India is now intending to issue an instruction to include Grape wine in the prohibited items. The copy of such instruction will be arriving shortly. So we need to give awareness to the people on this matter. If so, the problem faced by the Grape farmers will be solved. Besides, pineapple will also become a good cash crop if we can install better and new processing machines at MIFCO plant.

Many new steps have been taken to introduce new crops such as Papaya, Oil Palm and Jatropra. They are market oriented crops and we have signed an agreement with one company on Papaya crop. Steps are still taking to search for markets for ginger and turmeric also. In this connection we will require cold storage to preserve our products, so, we made a proposal to construct such cold storage buildings at various places. One building is now under construction at Serchhip. Mr. Speaker sir, we are sure that Mizoram can become one of the richest states in India by means of our agricultural products. I, therefore beg leave of the House to pass my demands as follows : (1) Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial, Rs. 3,14,35,000/- (2) Demand No. 12, Parliamentary Affairs - Rs. 2,16,000/- (3) Demand No. 31, Agriculture Department : Rs. 57,58,95,000/- (4) Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department : Rs. 12,06,85,000/-.

S P E A K E R

: The Hon'ble Minister Pu H.Rammawi now begged leave of the House to pass his demands. Those who agree to pass will say 'yes' and those who disagree

will say 'no' (Members say 'yes') Pu H.Rammawi's Demands are passed by this House unanimously.

**PU H.RAMMAWI
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker sir, thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will call upon Pu K.Sangthuama to wind up various Demands under his charge and let him beg leave of the House to pass his Demands.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker sir, Thank you. Let me start my wind up speech from Demand No. 4, Sericulture Department. Although a small Department, Sericulture can become a good source of income for every family. We take steps to give awareness to the people first. We have proved that 1 hectare of land can be used to earn Rs. 50,000 to 1,00,000 in a year. Therefore, Sericulture can become an important occupation to replace shifting cultivation.

Now, this Department have not functioned as a full fledged Department. However, we have had a Directorate Office and we begged the Government to create Director post for this Department. We are eagerly waiting for the implementation of this. Besides, there are 6 District Offices at Aizawl, Lunglei, Kolasib, Champhai, Serchhip and Saiha. Seed Multiplication center are also there in Vairengte, Kolasib, Champhai, Phullen, Serchhip, Thenzawl, Lunglei and Hnahthial. In Aizawl Zemabawk we have Sericulture Training Institute, Silk Weaving Unit, Industrial Crange. In variety wise we have 11 Mulberry farm seeds, 3 Eri farm seeds, 3 Muga farm seeds and 1 Oak Trusser. We are sure that Sericulture can be used to elevate the economic condition of the rural people.

Sericulture Department has Rs. 75 lakh under the BAFFACOS, which will be used to provide permanent livelihood to 150 families. In regard to cocoon carrying van as mentioned by the hon'ble member from Saitual Constituency we have made a proposal to the Central Government, we, therefore, hope that better facilities will be arriving shortly. We have a dream of about 30,000 families to be engaged in Sericulture. If so, atleast Rs. 150/- crore to 300/- crore will be earned in a year. Therefore, great development can be there by means of Sericulture.

During last year, 45 metric ton of cocoon is produced from Mulberry variety. So, we expect atleast 47 metric ton of Mulberry variety, 4 metric ton of Eri variety, 5 metric ton of Muga and 3 metric ton of Oak Trusser variety during this year. Mr. Speaker sir, I would like to request every member to emphasize the importance of Sericulture in their respective constituencies.

Coming to Demand No. 37, Cooperation Department. Cooperation movement can be said successful in Mizoram. Now there are 1600 cooperative Societies. Of this about 70% are successful. I would like to point out few successful cooperative societies. (1) MIZOFED. During last year MIZOFED could make a net profit of Rs. 53,81,087 after deducting its expenditure from its gross profit. (2) APEX BANK, For our information Apex Bank now have 11 Branches. Gross Deposit during last year amounted to Rs. 130.59 crore. 65% from the said deposit which is Rs. 85.89% crore various loans had been given. The Apex Bank had signed an MOU with the Presbyterian Church of Mizoram, E.C.M., LADC and MADC. According to which the above agencies have to deposit their money in the Apex Bank and in return the Bank has to give loans to the staff of such agencies. Many progressive steps like construction of irrigation system, etc. had been done through the Apex Bank. I, therefore, request all my colleagues to favor this Bank because its benefits are totally used in Mizoram.

PU LIANSUAMA

: Mr. Speaker sir, I know from the answer to my question that a fund of Rs. 10 crore for S.S.A. had been transferred from the State Bank of India,

Dawrpui Branch to Vijaya Bank. Why do not we deposit such amount of money to our Bank (Apex Bank)/ Similarly, other funds like PMGSY, etc., would also be good to keep in Apex Bank. Can we do this ?

S P E A K E R

: Many of us might have such idea.

**PU K.SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker sir, thank you for getting support from hon'ble members. I opine that we all have to give priority to Apex Bank. I myself, also deposited

most of my money to this Bank though I do not have much money. I ask our MLA's and Officers very often to use Apex Bank as much as possible. The other society which I want to mention today is MULCO. This Society is very important to provide healthy milk to us as well as to help Dairy farmers.

Under the Demand for Food & Civil Supplies I would like to express my thanks to various MLA's for giving important information in the matter of supply in their respective constituencies. This Department now has 6 DCSO Offices, 9 Principal Distribution Centers, 93

Supply centers, 188 Godown and 250 staff quarters. We work very hard to stock adequate food grain for the coming monsoon season. So we hope that no problem on food supply will be there. During last year, we could not issue sugar to be distributed through retailers for 4 months, which was due to the absence of supply from the Central. I was happy for not hearing a complain from the people. If there is tampering of supply quotas in any place I request every member to inform me as soon as possible. So that action can be taken immediately.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Speaker sir, in the past years, the DCSO had given a copy of allotment to the concerned MLA's. Can this system be revised now? In my constituency, I found out tampering of sugar for public quota during last Christmas time. I, therefore, propose establishment of Vigilance Committee to lessen such had practice. Is it possible to give allotment copy to the MLA's as it was done in the past years?

PU K.SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, that may be a good suggestion and we will try to implement it. The said Vigilance Committee is still there, however it might not function properly. So, I will give instruction to the staff of the concerned Department. Further, I request the hon'ble member from Kawrthah Constituency to inform me the name of the person who tampered public quota. In regard to Kerosene oil, our State quota is decreasing gradually from the Central Government. So, the quantity of our quota cannot remain the same for long.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr. Speaker sir, the answer to my question tells me that the Agents of K. Oil do not sell it to the people directly, I already know this. However, the agents lift our quota also along with public quota to the retailers. We never get it from the retailers too. If so, how do they dispose it? Do they use it to adulterate petrol and diesel?

PU K.SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, tampering of public quota might be there very often. If we know about this I would like to request every member to inform me as soon

as possible so that we can take immediate actions. I am sure that I, myself only cannot maintain all PDS items. I, therefore, ask for good cooperation from each and everyone of us.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker sir, let me raise one point only. Some days ago I went to Guwahati to do servicing for my newly bought car. The mechanics told me that our petrol in Mizoram are greatly adulterated, if we continue to use it, all the cars in Mizoram would be destroyed shortly. If so, can the hon'ble Minister take step to improve the quality of our petrol?

PU K.SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, the speech of the hon'ble member might be true. The quality of our petrol seems to be very bad. I am sorry for this. Preventive steps have been taken since a long time. However, Legal Metrology Department still has problems due to shortage of staff and lack of instruments although it tries its level best. I opine that consultation meeting will be organized just after this season. We need to try harder to prevent adulteration of petrol and diesel.

During last year, Supply Department got Rs. 90 lakh under BAFFACOS and another Rs. 260 lakh for this coming financial year. We have to use such fund to Construct new Godowns and to repair the existing Godowns in various places. If we have good godowns rice can be stocked easily which will help us greatly in times of famine due to Bamboo Flowering.

Mr. Speaker sir, I beg leave of the House to pass my demands as follows :- Demand No. 17, Food & Civil Supplies Department Rs. 92,99,16,000/-. Demand No. 37, Cooperation Department Rs. 6,96,75,000/-. Demand No. 41 Sericulture Department Rs. 6,19,40,000/-. Total : Rs. 1,06,15,31,000/-

S P E A K E R : Pu K.Sangthuama, hon'ble Minister now begged leave of the House to pass his Demands. Those who agree to pass will say 'Yes' and those who disagree will say 'No' (Members say 'Yes'). Pu K. Sangthuama's demands are passed unanimously.

PU K.SANGTHUAMA : Mr. Speaker sir, Thank you.
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : Now, we will call upon Pu Z.H.Ropuia, Hon'ble Minister to wind up his demands and let him beg leave of the House to pass his demands.

PU Z.H.ROPUIA : Mr. Speaker sir, thank you. First of all, let me speak about Demand No. 28, Labour & Employment Department. During the last year, no new steps could be taken due to shortage of fund. However, we seemed to have greater amount of budget fund for this coming new financial year. Labour & Employment Department has three important wings such as Labour Welfare, Employment Service and Craftmen Training. For better functioning of the said Department we are still fighting for filling up of Labour Officer and Asst. Labour Officer posts. Now, we have gone through DP & AR and therefore, we hope that the said posts would be filled up shortly. If so, our Labour Laws would be enforced properly.

Besides the above, we are trying our best for introduction of better security for the employees under work charge, M.R. and Private Institutions. For this purpose we made a plan to join Employees Provident Fund Organisation. The hon'ble Chief Minister and other Minister are also greatly interested in this matter. Moreover, we contact the Insurance Company to introduce new Insurance Policy to be affordable for the said employees.

In regards to Employment Services we have 8 posts of District Employment Officer. Of this, 5 posts have been vacant. Besides, the only Deputy Director of this Department takes the charge of the Principal of the I.T.I. shortage of staff is our main problem and we ask for its solution to the Government. During the new financial year, two new ITI will be opened at Lunglei and Saiha, besides, many new trades will be introduced in Aizawl I.T.I. The expenditure for the said schemes will be sponsored by the Central Government till 2007. Another proposals to open new ITI at Aizawl and Champhai are also made, which have been accepted in principle by the Central Government. To provide employment to the youths we work very hard in collaboration with DOEACC. Many educated unemployed youths had been provided jobs in call centers and private firms through this recruiting agency.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Speaker sir, the answer to my Unstarred question No. 138 says that 231 posts had been filled up under Home Department without going through Employment Exchange during the period 2000 to 2004. Filling up of vacant posts without going through Employment Exchange is illegal. What action will be taken against this ?

PU Z.H.ROPUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, it is true to some extent that recruitment would be done through Employment Exchange. However, there might be relaxation on some cases. So, it is not totally an illegal (interruption)

Coming to Tourism Department I would like to mention that the Central Government is greatly interested in tourism improvement since the time of N.D.A. Government. Tourism now become the second highest source of income in India. In Mizoram also, we have 266 foreign tourists and 37000 domestic tourists during last year. Imitating the Central pattern, we take steps towards Destination Project and Circuit Tourism. This Department now takes quick steps to inaugurate 10 new tourist lodge at Ngopa, Mamit, Tlabung, Hrangchalkawn, Tawipui, N.Maubawk, Vawmbuk, W.Phaileng, Pangzawl and Chaltlang. Besides these, new Tourist Lodge would be constructed at Zokhawthar, Sakawrdai, Khamrang and Hmuifang. Tender for construction of the building would be issued by P.W.D. shortly.

Under the Destination Project, Tourism Department of Mizoram in collaboration with ITDC has earmarked Rs.108 lakh for renovation of Highway Restaurant at Kawlkulh Village. Rs. 208 lakh is also earmarked to construct new Tourist Lodge with VIP lounge and fountain at Champhai. Our proposal contains construction of viewing gallery at Hringlang tlang with an estimate of Rs. 30 lakh.

The work Schedule for this coming new financial year includes up-gradation of Highway Restaurant at Chhiahtlang, Completion of Tourist Lodge at Serchhip and up-gradation of Tourist Lodge at Zotlang, Chaltlang and Sairang. For this purpose Rs. 634 lakh have been approved by the Central Government. Besides these, we have a proposal to make infrastructure at Kanhmun, Tlabung, Reiek and Berawtlang. Our income from Tourism greatly increases every year. So, we take steps to mobilize resources and to generate employment as much as possible.

Construction of building for Tourist Lodge and Highway Restaurant only is not the work for Tourism Department. We now have a plan to give training to tour operators since they are under Tourism Sector. During the next financial year such training would be organized for Taxi Drivers, Traffic Police and Hotel owners. We hope that such training would be very helpful for Tourist attraction.

In the matter of Sports & Youth Services, many steps are still taken to make greater achievements. We revive Adventure, N.C.C. and Scouts & Guides movement. We emphasize coaching on various sports disciplines. I would like to repeat that Tourism Department and Youth Adventure Programmes have a closed relationship with Tourism. Some days ago, two Canadians and an Israeli adventurer had come and they underwent joint expedition with the local adventure club at Chhimituipui..

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Speaker sir, we need no more explanation. Let him react important points.

PU Z.H.ROPUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, I opine that my statements would touch all important points. In the sphere of Sports too many progressive steps have been taken and great achievements are made in state and national level (PU SAIKAPTHIANGA ; Mr. Speaker sir, can we listen about achievements only other than long explanation of the dreams of the Minister) Mr. Speaker sir, I am not mentioning about my dreams only. I am speaking various steps taken by the Government along with achievement. Now, District Sports Complexes are still constructed in various Districts. Besides this, we started to construct Indoor Stadium in Mamit District, Kawrthah Playground is also proposed with public gallery. We will receive Rs. 14 lakh from DONER to construct Indoor Stadium at Champhai.

Replying the question on Durtlang Playground; we propose this playground to be main complex containing football ground with gallery, Hockey ground, Volley ball court, Basket ball court and Hostel building. The Assam Rifle Ground (Lammual) will also be made for Sports Stadium. For this purpose, Rs. 25 crore will be sanctioned by the Central Government. Now, Ground Committee had been formed under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister. Construction work would be started shortly.

Mr. Speaker sir, I would like to point out the number of medals won by our sports person in the national level sports competition for our information. During the last year, Mr. J.Hrokhu got Gold medal in the SAI meet. He was declared Best Boxer. Jenny Lalremliani represented India in the International, Women Boxing Competition. Totally we got 101 medals in various sports disciplines. Now, we take initial steps to introduce Rifle shooting. This game seems to be one of our hopes to win medals in the Olympic Games. For this purpose we draft rules to set up Rifles Association of Mizoram.

In regards to incentive cash award for sports person, we now have Rs. 7 lakh which will be distributed shortly. There are many other important things in the matter of sports but let me conclude my speech now. Mr. Speaker sir, I beg leave of the House to pass my Demands as follow :- Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services - Rs. 6,13,60,000/- Demand No. 28, Labour & Employment Department - Rs. 2,81,30,000/- Demand No. 43, Tourism Department - Rs. 3,07,82,000/- Total Demand Rs. 12,02,72,000/-.

S P E A K E R : Pu Z.H. Ropuia, Minister, now begged leave of the House to pass his Demands those who agree to pass will say 'Yes' and those who disagree will say 'No' (Members say 'Yes'. Minister, Z.H. Ropuia's Demand are passed by this House unanimously.

PU Z.H.ROPUIA : Mr. Speaker sir, thank you.
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : Today, we discussed about various Demands from four Ministers. I would Like to express my thanks to every Member for taking parts in our business. Now, we have finished our business for today. Meeting will be resumed tomorrow on 24 March, 2005 at 10:30 A.M..

Sitting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.