

- S P E A K E R** : He who is greedy for unjust gain makes trouble for his household, but he who hates bribes will live.
- PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Public Works Department Minister be please to state- Is there any proposal to have the Mizoram Public Works Department code and Manual ?
- PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's question is No.
- PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Pu Speaker, the construction of roads under PMGSY is one year within this 12 months. Does the guideline demand for Revise, is there any work that has been revised ?
- S P E A K E R** : It is not relevant, however we will call the hon'ble Minister to the question if possible.
- PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, there is no-work that has been revised under PMGSY. It is a fixed sanction, Adjustment can be made as per the PMGSY guide line.
- PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Pu Speaker, My question is--how is the Road between Chhawrtui and Rullam Constructed by Pu Nghaka is revised to 70 lakhs and Pu S.M.Vanhnuaitanga's work to 60 lakhs.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker, as I have mentioned earlier, is possible as per the guideline and with the permission of the PMGSY authorities there will be similar cases in 2/3 places as well.

S P E A K E R : We will now call Pu H. Lalsangzuala to ask starred question No.122.

PU H. LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Agriculture Minister be please to state- (a) Is there a proposal to cover the MIP scheme in village where the scheme has not Reached? (b) If there is a proposal when will the scheme be carried out? (c) Is there any proposal to give tractor loan to farmers? (d) If so, when?

**PU H. RAMMAWI
MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answers as follow - (a) The Mizoram government is intending cover, all villages with MIP programme. (b) As soon as possible (c) There is no proposal for tractor loan. However, subsidy is given (d) Nil -

PU H. ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, within the year 2005-2006 how many village will be covered with MIP programmes when will ...

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the IWDP beneficiaries be able to receive MIP fund as well.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, If the government is still intending to cover the area where MIP not reached. Will the government be able to distribute he fund by Rs.50,000/-

S P E A K E R : It seems to be important, PU Saikapthianga.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, in my Constituency we don't have MIP land. What seeds will be given for those without MIP land.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, In Biate, 70 houses which were selected are dropped, can these 70 houses be added in the list again.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, In Sawleng IWDP beneficiaries were dropped from the list. what is the reason? How do we classify this?

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Pu Speaker, nothing can be done for those that are dropped. As for the hon'ble member from Saitual's request, we are still discussing the matter. Pu Speaker, regarding what Pu Saikapthianga mentioned, this is one reason why the MIP guideline needs to be reconstructed.

Pu Speaker, for the information of the House, regarding IWDP beneficiaries in Pang, my Constituency, as mentioned by the hon'ble member from Saitual, Pu Speaker, the list of beneficiaries for IWDP for Pang was 209, where as the total house in Pang are only 202. I therefore suggest for a review of the list, since the number of the list of beneficiaries were more than the actual houses in the Village.

S P E A K E R : You did not answer Pu Rohluna's question.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, what is the number of Village that will be covered during the Year 2005 - 2006.

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I cannot give the answer now, since the guideline is under reconstruction

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, the 70 houses that has been dropped in Biate, will it be possible to recover these 70 houses ?

S P E A K E R : The Minister has answered the question. We will move on to starred question No. 123. We will call Pu Sailothanga Sailo to ask the question.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Higher & Technical Education Minister be pleased to state (a) What is the amount of fee given to SLET by the Government. (b) Is SLET and NET the same ? (c) Which one does the Government prefer SLET qualified or NET qualified if there is a vacant post ?

S P E A K E R : We will now call Higher & Technical Education Minister Dr. Lalzama to answer the question.

Dr. LALZAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the fee for SLET is Rs.1,25,000/- affiliation fee Rs.1,00,000/- and center fee Rs. 25,000/- SLET and NET is the same. If there is a vacant post, the person who secure higher in interview and has a better Academic record will be selected.

S P E A K E R : Starred question No.124. to be asked by Pu Lalhmingthanga.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, thank you, Will the hon'ble Minister for General Administration Department be pleased to state- Is the Mizoram Government intending to fulfill the Group 'A' officer's demand for the revision of their pay ?

S P E A K E R : We will now call hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr Speaker, the answer is- Pay Commission has been Constituted for the revision of pay of all Government Employee's of Mizoram.

S P E A K E R : We will now call Pu K. Lalrinliana to ask starred question No. 126.

PU K. LALRINLIANA : Pu Speaker, Thank you, Will the hon'ble Horticulture Minister be pleased to state - (a) Who constructed Kolasib District Horticulture Office building ? (b) What is the total expenditure ? (c) Is there any proposal to construct DHO & staff quarter ?

S P E A K E R : We will now call Pu H. Rammawi hon'ble Horticulture Minister to answer the question.

**PU H. RAMMAWI
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker, the answer to the questions are as follows - (s) Department constructed Kolasib DHO Office. (b) The total expenditure is Rs. 10 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Kolasib DHO quarter will be Constructed from 2005 – 2006 Annual Plan.

S P E A K E R : We will now call Pu R. Lalzirliana to ask starred question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, thank you, Is there any proposal to renovate Saitual College building ?

S P E A K E R : We will now call Higher & Technical Education Minister to answer the question.

**DR. LALZAMA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker, there is no proposal for the reconstruction of Saitual College building, however, we are awaiting for the sanction of fund for the completion of the on going work.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker, Is it true that the quota that we have in NERIST is being filled up by other states even if we are late for just two days to float ?

Will the government be able such problem ?

S P E A K E R : It is not relevant, however we will now call the Minister to answer the questions.

**DR. LALZAMA
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker, it could be due to late selection, or the reasons mentioned by the hon'ble member. We will look into the matter this year.

S P E A K E R : Starred question No. 127. to be asked by Pu Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr. Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Public Works Department Minister be pleased to state - (a) What is the total expenditure, so far for Road Protection squad ?

S P E A K E R : Will now call the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the questions.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's questions are - (a) The total Expenditure for Road Protection squad are - for staff salary Rs. 41,42,471/-
POL - Rs. 3,74,442. Total Rs. 45,16,913/-.

S P E A K E R : Mr. Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr. Speaker, supplementary questions. 45 Lakhs has been invested for Road Protection squad, is the government satisfied with their work ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker sir, the people were glad. When the Road Protection squad was constituted, however their activities has

gone down. If we look at road between Vaivakawn and Temple square, the roadsides are filled with building materials and condemned Vehicles. Is it possible to up-grade the Road Protection squad and upgrade their activities ?

S P E A K E R : Mr R. Lalzirliana.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, thank you. Does Road Protection squad has separate office and staff ? Please classify, since the total expenditure for Road Protection is very high.

S P E A K E R : We will now call upon the Chief Minister to answer the questions.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr Speaker, regarding the Road Protection squad not being as active as they should be is true to a certain extent as mentioned by the hon'ble member Pu Zodintluanga and Pu Liansuama. The department will try and give extra efforts. Due to development and the construction of buildings the roads once cleared, has been cluttered again with condemned Vehicles parked by the roadside. Therefore, necessary steps will be taken by the administration and the magistrates to be more active.

Mr Liansuama's question about the Traffic Police lack of staff is correct. In the coming recruitment of the I.R. Battallion, the problem will be sought out. The fund for recruitment of I.R. Battalion has been sanctioned by Finance commission. The vacant post will be filled-up.

Regarding Pu Zira's questions, the post has not been filled-up in the Public Works Department Road Protection squad. we have S.D.O, J.E, S.A, U.D.C, L.D.C, and Peon. The fund is utilized for their wages.

S P E A K E R : We'll now call Pu Andrew Lalherliana to ask starred question No. 128.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker, will the hon'ble Agriculture Minister be pleased to state-
(a) What is the total expenditure for the construction of Phaisen Agriculture Link Road at Changtlai, Khawzawl Constituency ? (b) When will it be completed ?

S P E A K E R : We'll now call the hon'ble Agriculture Minister to answer the questions.

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Mr Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble members question. (a) The total expenditure is Rs.2,00,000/- during 2003-2004 We cannot give the exact time of completion however, we are striving to finish as soon as possible. Work slowed down as culvert has to be constructed.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker, according to the answer given by the hon'ble Minister, Rs. 2 lakhs has been sanctioned for the work, however, the actual expenditure seems to be only Rs. 80 thousand. It seems that the remaining fund is said to be all taken on loan by the department staff. I request the Minister to please clarify. As for the time of completion, can it be given priority ?

S P E A K E R : We'll now call Pu R. Lalzirliana to ask Starred question No. 129.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, Will the hon'ble Minister for Vigilance be pleased to state -

(a) The Prevention of corruption Act provided that government employees whose income does not tally with their possessions can be prosecuted by the law. If so, if there is no report of such case by any person, is the government not able to take any action ? (b) Is the Government of Mizoram intending to take necessary actions on this matter of corruption ?

S P E A K E R : We will now call upon Minister concerned to answer the questions.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr Speaker, The government can take action against the corrupt persons even if there were no informants (b) On this matter, the Government will take necessary action as it ought to.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, supplementary questions. Is it possible to protect the identity of the information ?

S P E A K E R : We will now call the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the questions.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr Speaker, the Vigilance has trailed several government employees without revealing their identities therefore, the informants identity can be protected.

S P E A K E R : We will now call upon Pu Sailothanga Sailo to ask starred question No. 130

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Higher and Technical Education be pleased to state - (a) Is the Higher & Technical Education Department intending to create a Guest Lecturer Panel ? (b) Is there lack of Lecturers ? (c) What is the pay of these Guest Lecturers ?

S P E A K E R : We will now call upon Dr Lalzama to answer the questions.

**DR. LALZAMA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker, the answers to the questions are as follows. (a) Yes (b) Yes, there is lack of Lecturers (b) Rs.4500 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We will call on Pu Andrew Lalherliana to ask starred question No. 131.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker, thank you will the hon'ble Minister be pleased to state - (a) What amount has government sanctioned to withstand the Bamboo flowering ? (b) Under how many schemes have these plans been made ?

S P E A K E R : We will now call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the questions.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr Speaker, the answers is as follow- (a) To withstand the bamboo flowering during 2004 - 2005. 2008 - 2009. the government has estimated the amount of Rs. 566,64,81,000/- (b) These different schemes are under 14 departments.

- PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA :** Mr Speaker, I believe Vankal is the only Village not reachable by vehicle. Can the hon'ble Chief Minister make arrangements so that this village will be reachable by vehicle.
- PU LALHMINGTHANGA :** Mr Speaker, thank you. In our Constituency, two Villages – Runtung and Buknuam are not reachable by vehicle which gives them much problem in supplies. Can you include these two villages in the 2005-2006 programme ?
- S P E A K E R :** Let us call the Chief Minister to Answer the questions.
- PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER :** Mr Speaker, the answer to Pu Andrew's question Vankal is meant to be reached under PMGSY scheme. The answer to Pu Hminga's question is the same as above.
- S P E A K E R :** Starred question No 136- is to be asked by Pu F. Lal Thanzuala.
- PU F. LAL THANZUALA :** Mr Speaker, starred question No. 136 – will the hon'ble Minister for Horticulture be pleased to state – what steps have the Government taken to cultivate papayas ?
- PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER :** Mr Speaker, the government is planning to cultivate Papayas on 250 hectares. The Cultivators are being selected. The seeds are a smaller

papayas variety which are being sprouted at Chite Farm. The government has signed an MOU with Sun Fruit Limited, who will buy our product for Rs. 5. per K.g.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : Mr Speaker, supplementary question. Is there a particularly selected area ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, how many individuals are to be selected to cultivate the 250 hectare of land. Pu Thangtea's constituency and mine are drawn under Lunglei urban area, but their means of livelihood is rural. As they are put under urban area, the R.D. programmes have excluded them. Can these people also be selected as the cultivator.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker, in Kawlkulh, more than 16000 oranges trees are dead and more than Rs. 9,42,918 have been lost. It is believed that the experts to investigate this matter have not done, can they not find out the reason.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker, Are the papaya seeds to be given to only those who are selected ? Can the seeds be given to interested persons who are not under the programme ?

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr. Speaker, thank you. This papaya cultivation scheme sums to be under contract farming system, would it not be good for the MIP to follow this system?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr Speaker, how many families can be drawn in under 250 hectares ? Papaya sprouts being delicate need to be handled with care, what is the departments view regarding whether giving out the papayas as sprouts or seed would be better for the people ? As the citrus trees are dead in the west, there is a large unused area, would it be possible for this scheme to cover at least 500 families under it ?

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Mr Speaker, firstly the answer to Pu F. Lal Thanzua's questions is - Yes, there is. The selected area is the west side of Khamrang and Sairum are near Lengpui as the buyers want it to be Aizawl. We also selected Tlawngzau near Lawipu . The buyers want only organic farming. We have to be very careful. If it turns out to be a success we will enlarge the scheme.

Mr Speaker, the answer to Pu Lalhmingthanga's question is - we have chosen the areas around Aizawl as it will be convenient for supervision on the part of the buyers.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, that is correct if it has been made in agreement with the company. But road and other facilities in Lunglei and Aizawl is the same, if this could be done in Lunglei as well, I request for a review.

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Mr Speaker, since these different varieties of papayas need a low land area under 600 m. to thrive, they are very delicate, the target is export oriented. They have decided to move the papayas by road after they found out that it would take 24 hours to reach Guwahati by road. We demanded the scheme to cover at least 1000 hectares which they declined. We have been given the seeds for free and promised to enlarge as necessary. Therefore, we will not be able to cover other areas like Lunglei.

Regarding the question of the Oranges in Kawlkulh, the scientist and experts we have sent for to investigate have no idea as to why or how. They stated that care has to be taken from seed stage. The government has no intention of giving compensations but we will work to figure out what to cultivate in place of oranges.

In response to Pu Saikapthianga's question, our hands are tied before we know the allocation of fund from the Central government.

As for the distribution of seeds we are going according to the companies programme.

The answer to Pu Lalduhoma's question, only the persons selected will be given the seeds. The selection is being carefully done by the department.

To answer the question whether or not the buyers would buy other varieties, it does not seem likely as they specifically want this particular variety which is small and easier handling for export.

To answer Pu Liansailova's question the MIP guidelines are reframed, having in mind the contract farming system we plan to find ways to use this system for the benefit of farmers.

S P E A K E R : The question hour has come to an end. Pu R. Lalziriana has asked for zero hour before we go on to other list of business. I will read the important year regarding the use of zero hour. Recommendation parts of the bulletin No. 27 of 25th November last made by the Committee of Presiding Officers on regulation of zero hour of the hon'ble members, sub. no. 1, 'zero hour may be brought within the ambit of rules and given nomenclature special mentioned' Sub. no. 4 - "only those matters which arise during the period after the conclusion of the previous day's sub.no. 7 - 'the tent of the notice may be restricted to a minimum of 150 words'. Sub. no. 9 - 'during special mention 10 members may be permitted to make submissions and on an average 2 minutes may be given to each member to raise an issues' sub. no. 10 - 'the tent of the notice should be allowed'. Sub.no. 11 - the concerned minister may respond immediately to the matter raised if he has the information readily available with him otherwise the reply may be given by the minister at the earliest. This has not been actually implemented as rules and it might be too early to make it so. But, we have the idea to test it out. Therefore, Pu Zira may use this as special mention and not as zero hour.

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The text of the notice, as you will notice, is about twice as long as 150 words. This is about skilled II MR of Public Health Engineering that has been discharged because of workman compensation. The Minister may give his response if it is possible, if not, he may give it as his earliest convenience. Let us call on Pu R. Lalziriana.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, thank you. VL. Lura 30 S/O Liansawta Borai, Zawlnuam, who is residing with his wife Lalnunziri and their two children in No. II quarter of the transmission pump house at Lawipu, Aizawl has been fired from his work as skilled II MR on 24th March because of claiming workman's compensation. On 2nd July, 2004 at 11 A.M. he met with an accident losing both his eyesights as the very old butterfly he was trying to start exploded. He had been to Guwahati to get medical attention at the expense of the department was in November, 2004. He could not go because the department could not cover his expenses. After that, he tried to claim workman's compensation against the wishes of the department heads. He went through with it as he did not have money to spend and because of that his services was terminated by the J.E. on the order of the S.D.O.

Mr Speaker, let me add a few words besides what is written. It is pitiful as he had been fired when such a calamity had be fallen on him. I spoke to the department heads on his behalf and received the answer that he was fired because he went against the government. Other government employees like engineers had gone to court against the government. And no such actions were taken against them. I believe this is oppression of the under privilege. He has been in the department for 14 years. I firmly believe that he should be given back his work and that the department should take care of his eyes as needed.

Further more, while the Central and the Mizoram government have made as. 3.1. reservation for the physically defamed it is entirely wrong to fire him because he met with an unfortunate accident while doing his duty. Mr. Speaker, I plead that he be given back his work

S P E A K E R : Will the Minister give the answer now or later ?

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER**

Mr Speaker, I will give the answer now. V.L. Lura was born in 1979. He started work in Public Health Engineering department as an MR in the water Transmission Division in 1990. He is now raised to skilled-II on the day of the incident he was admitted in the Civil Hospital at Aizawl. He was referred to Guwahati on 13th July, 2004 and availed medical treatment. He went for check-up on 7th October. After which he came home and was still under treatment and resting at home. He was able to attend work on 4th January, 2005 from the day of his accident, the department has given him every support available.

The first time he went to Guwahati he was given Rs. 30,000/- by the S.D.O. (Technical) which the SDO had taken on loan. He was given full pay during his ailment till 21st March, 2005. He secured a disabled certificate and went to court against the government to claim workman's compensation.

Rightfully, after he had been declared 'disabled' by the Doctor, letting him continue his services is not quite right.

The hon'ble member need not bring it up here, there are ways of claiming workman's compensation through the workman's compensation rules, Labour and Employment which is under the judicial. This will be handled according to the rules.

The Department has done all it could. The department heads were willing to retain him to serve if he is able to but, since he had gone to Court against the government, we believe we had no other choice but to fire him. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Before we go on to the next list of Business there is no need to make an apology for the answer to the unstarred question No. 159 by the MLA, Ratu Constituency it should be "no intention".

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker, starred question No. 106 starred that. "The Drugs & Cosmetic Act, 1094, Rules 1945" is the corrected date. Is that right ?

S P E A K E R : It is typing mistake. It should be 1940.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker, regarding Zero hours. Though we don't have rules, from the latter issued by you, it seems that you have made the rules. We should first watch how Parliament and other States function and discuss in GPC.

S P E A K E R : We will first practice according to the Principle of the Presiding officer's meeting, if there is any adjustment to be made, we will do so later.

Members absent- Pu Sainghaka, Pu K. Lianzuala, Pu P.P. Thawla and S. Hiato. We will move on to the next list of business. Presenting of demand. We will now call Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga Minister to submit his demand.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : MINISTER Mr Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with Your permission. Sir, I move the Demand No. 11, 24 and 29 for Rs. 1,12,95,41,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2005 – 2006 in respect of the following departments. Demand No. 11 - Secretariat Administration Rs.27,64,10,000/- Demand No. 24- Health & Family Welfare Rs. 69,26, 40,000/- Demand No. 29 – Social Welfare - Rs. 16,04,91,000/- Thank you sir.

S P E A K E R : Will now call Pu Aichhinga to submit his demand in the House.

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Mr Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with Your permission sir, I move the demand No. 33, 38, 44 for

Lastly, I would like to mention one important point. 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 Silpoulin 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.

Coming to IAY and PMGSY. Even though not according to rules, We have given all authority to the ruling party regarding PMGY, IAY still goes from the V/C level. V/C's submitted recommendation to BDO for construction of building which is latter submitted to R.D.A. along with the names in the AAP. Going along the guidelines, there are monitoring cells at the District Level and the state level where the MLA's are members. After all these, the names in the list of who will get the aid have been changed. I want this to be stopped. The Hon'ble Minister in charge of Rural Development Department has sent word using his letter head to some BDO's instructing them not to include those on the test made by the V/C's. I demand the Minister to clarify.

Demand No. 36 - In the year 2003, wild boar had ravaged all the rice fields in Darlawn. 50 families were notified for receiving aid, however nothing has been done till date.

The DFO are unaware of the work of VDC. The Forest Department has issued eviction notice to 5000 families who are living in Forest Areas. Mr Speaker, we have customary laws, which were followed regarding Land settlement- we know the laws under the Mizo Chiefs. After the British rule we were under the District Council, based on those customary laws. "The Mizo District Agricultural Land Act. 1963 was enacted regularizing those already given, LSC'S and Periodical Pattas were given. This Act, 1963 is still in use today. These 5000 families were served eviction notices which is against our traditional system. This is breach of Natural Justice in the Indian Constitution. Besides, this 1963 Act is in use today and the conservation of Forest Act was enacted only in 1980. Before 1980 the Government established Villages based on this Act and had given passes for fisheries, paddy fields and farms. To evict those who had settled on their homelands before 1980 is against the rules. If we look at para 5 of guidelines for Resettlement & Rehabilitation, 1998 of the National Policy, if settlers in a Forest Area are evicted they are to be given pass in another are on give compensation. This is most certainly connected to the Tuirial Hydel Project even though you deny it. The Lalchungkua who to receive compensation for Mauchang and Saipum areas are not served eviction notice.

Demand No. 24. The Civil Hospital ambulance needs repair which requires some time. While people are very much in need of ambulances it is unwise to give priority to useless toilet vans. Quarters are very much in need of repair and up-gradation. And our hospital are functioning less than half the national staffing Pattern.

Villages where there are no Health sub-centres, the Medical staff should be sent to the patient. The staff almost never attend to their duty in their place of posting. I request the Minister to look into this matter again.

Regarding intoxicants, we had several times, asked for laying out rules for our state in particulars proxyvon, which is the biggest problem on drug abuse in our state, is a legal drug and as such could not be seized nor can the sellers be convicted. It is sad that the hon'ble Minister said that he did not find it necessary. This is total disregard of the efforts made by our NGO's The Magistrates are executing CRPC section 144 while it is not really applicable.

The bus service that ply to cancer Hospital has been stopped. I request the authorities to continue the bus service.

Lastly, demand No. 44. Trade and Commerce. I request the authorities to pay the debt of ginger support price and Transport subsidy of Rs. 178 lakhs. I would like to know about Trading Regulation Act. When will it be ready. Will it be safe for the people from VAT. Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr Speaker, thank you, Environment & Forest demand No 36 - First of all I ask a question as to which one does the department give priority, human being or animals? The answer I received was human being. I was satisfied, however, it seems that in my constituency they give animals priority. They have extended the Dampa sanctuary boundaries. Creating problems for the farmers, this is the reason why I have made this questions.

Mr speaker, the total fund allotment for the various sanctuary is too high. There is corruption hidden in the proceedings of the joint forest management. I can go in details, however, I would like to point out some points from my Constituency. Pu speaker, as per the VFDC guideline, the Chairman is to possess the seal, but in Kawrthah, DFO has the seal. In Serhmun for the year 2003 - 2004 there was a fund allocation of Rs. 2,80,660/- out of which Rs. 80,000/- was spent. In the year 2004 out of Rs. 2,00,000/- sanctioned. Rs. 75,000/- was spent. In Tumpanglui Rs. 1,11,662/- was sanctioned out of which Rs. 50,000/- was spent. In the year 2004 they received Rs. 1,50,000/- out of which Rs. 5,000/- was spent. In the year 2003, Kawrtethawveng received Rs. 1,07,914/- In the year 2004, Darlak received Rs. 3,00,000/- and in the year 2004 Rs. 2,00,000/- out of the total sum Rs.1,40,000/- was spent. Pu Speaker, there are example, last year before the budget session, VFDC Chairman intended to give the detail report to M.L.A. for a mention in the House, however, Kawrthah DFO bribed him. Therefore, this DFO must be transferred.

Regarding Tuirial Hydel Project compensation I made a question, if the compensation were given from the riverine reserve. I would like to suggest that, if compensation is given to those within the

riverine reserve, outside the riverine reserve should also be given to those who has cultivation in their land.

Last budget session, I have mentioned about Tut thlang reserve. The Minister stated that, we will discuss the matter, however nothing has been done in this regard.

Pu Speaker, demand No. 21, Health & Family Welfare. I have mentioned several times that, the death rate in Khawthlang is high due to non-availability of Medical facilities. We have demanded for a doctor, which we presume that the government will sanction as early as possible.

Pu Speaker, from the information we received, the hon'ble Health & Family Welfare Minister, seems to force the department in purchasing equipment which is not needed by the department there by opening doors for corruption. There are machineries which could be repaired with a small amount, instead of purchasing a new set. Pu Speaker, as mentioned earlier by the hon'ble members before me, there are few Ministers who are keen in purchasing equipment/materials which serve as a means of making money. It is regretting to note that huge funds are invested elsewhere, which does not reach the common people. It is harmful for the state economy as well.

Pu Speaker, In Education department. I raise a question, about the un-uniform rate of school and Hostel fee. In reaction to this question the hon'ble Minister stated that the government does not have knowledge about this matter. I would further like to state that, there will come a time when the government primary school will close down. Therefore, I would like to suggest that, the government Middle school should be prepared to accommodate the students from primary schools. Thank you.

PU H. VANLALTHALIANA : Mr Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to speak about Demand No. 24 Health & Family Welfare department. First of all, I would like to thank the Government, for fulfilling our demand for a Medicine Specialist in Lawngtlai Hospital. It is worth giving appreciation to the government for the step taken in regard to the eradication of Malaria. Pu Speaker, inspire of lack of Doctors, Nurses and technicians, it is noteworthy the way they are distributed through the different parts of the state. I would also like to thank the hon'ble Minister and the government for the up-gradation of Lawngtlai Hospital from 30 bedded to 50 bedded.

Demand No. 29 Social welfare department, this is the department where the government and NGO can work hand in hand.

But the fund allocation for this department has gone down, there by restricting the fund aid to the NGO. I would therefore like to request the government to increase the fund allocation of this department. Regarding Anganwadi, it is very helpful for working parents. The government should equip and give more importance to Anganwadi. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to increase the number in my Constituency, we must be aware that it is the first process of building a child.

Demand No. 38- Rural Development department. We are in the District Council area, we are al aware of the fund allocation of District Councils, therefore, there never is enough fund to reach the people for development. Therefore, Rural Development department is the department where the people reach out for work. Various schemes under food for work covered the area. It is the BADP fund which enable us to have Jeepable road to reach various villages in our area, except for 4/5 village which is yet to be reached. The fund of BADP under various schemes like, the construction of bridge, road, and school buildings, have been utilized in its rightful purpose. There are funds which have been diverted to other blocks. I request the hon'ble Minister to please take note of this.

There is huge development taking place in Trade & Commerce department. There are various new scheme which we have not heard of before, as told by the hon'ble Minister, we are expecting for a market building in my constituency. Which will prove to be vital for the farmers.

Lastly, in Education department, I would like to thank the government for the 6 Mini DIET, Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now cal Pu Andrew Latherliana

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker, Since we don't have much time, I'll concentrate on my Constituency. Demand - 20 School Education. As we are all aware, Khawzawl was technically recommended for District Headquarters. But due to Political reasons, it was shifted to Champhai. I would like to recommend for a SDEO office in Khawzawl. Pu Speaker, there are 8 Government Primary School with just 25 Teachers and 6 Middle School with 700 students and 40 teachers only. I therefore request the department to rationalize the distribution of

teachers. If we look at the high school for 2000 houses, which is also an Aided school status. There is no meaning, since there is no proper Aided school Rules. 70,000/- Grant has been released in 2003 out of the 1,50,000/- grant. The remaining fund has not been issued till date. Therefore, I request the Minister to up-grade the status and give regular aid. Then, I would also like to request the government to take care of English Medium Schools.

Regarding the M/R bill Corruption in Education department, there are 10 teachers from Khawzawl whom the department, has forced them to accept that they have taken M/R bill. But these 10 teachers even after the harassment cannot accept, for the deed which they did not commit. Pu Speaker, beyond the fund corruption, it is a moral corruption. The teachers, out of their own conscience stated that, they did not take M/R bill, why is the officers treating them ? There should be a proper investigation and the officers who are under investigation should be suspend. The government should look into this matter more seriously.

Rural Development – I would like to request the government to stop monopolizing in the distribution of funds like, IAY, PMGY, The selection committee comprised of V.C. NGO. And party leaders, their selection should be approved.

I'll move on to Health department. I would request the government to up-grade the Hospital, Primary Health Centre from 10 bedded to 50 bedded since it is the lone Hospital of 2000 houses. I would also like to request the authorities to run the Ngaizawl sub-Health center since the building is completed.

Pu Speaker, Lastly regarding S.S.A. Co-ordinator it seems that the S.S.A. Co-ordinator made 86 village committee seal, with which he draw sanction, Pu Speaker please let me complete my sentence. The government should take step to let the fund reach the Village Education Committee. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We'll now have a lunch break Meeting
Will resume at 2 : 00 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We'll continue with our business
Pu Liansuama.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No. 20. School Education. I have spoken about Inspection, in the previous session. Inspection has gone down, it is invisible. The main reason could be due to the non-existence of Education Act. I therefore request the hon'ble Minister to let us know, when we will have the Education Act, and if there is a way of improving school Inspection. Then, regarding 10 + 2 we don't have 10 + 2 in Khawthlang area except for one in Kawrthah, which is not sufficient. The next point I would like to highlight is secondary Education, why don't the government amalgamate high schools, as this could solve the problem of lack of teachers.

Pu Speaker, with BAFFACOS fund Food Civil Supplies department are constructing Godown. Why don't staff quarters be constructed for Teachers in Education department. There is lack of teachers in rural area as we are all aware. The department does not have proper staff quarters. Construction of staff quarters could prove to be one step for Corrective measure for lack of teachers in rural area. It seems that we are not paying attention towards staff quarters, now that we have various new school buildings with the help of NLCPR. I therefore request, if step could be taken towards the construction of staff quarters in the coming year. Coming to Private Schools, the authorities should control the issuing of permission for Private Schools, the authorities should control the issuing of permission of Private Schools. The number of Private Schools are increasing rapidly. Through there are many more points to highlight, this is all for Education.

Rural Development demand No. 38. The hon'ble Minisster should find a way to allocate fund for carrying charge under 'food for work' programme. I would like to request the Minister to stop the officers from producing false sanction order of funds for Phuldungsei, where there is no actual appoint the person who misused Rs. 78.00.000/- as Director. I would like to warn the government not to go ahead with this.

I would just like to highlight that the Chief Minister's office is too far from the Civil Secretariat Office. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now call Pu Sailothanga Sailo.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr Deputy Speaker, Thank you. Demand No. 29. Social Welfare. I would like to Ask the government if the state have

Juvenile justice care and Protection of Children Act? With this rules, children committing crimes could be kept at observation Home, and Shelter Home. With this Act many of the problem that we are facing today could be solved.

Demand No. 24. Health & Family Welfare.

The HIV positive rate has gone up in our state, this is also due to the fact that we don't have juvenile justice care and protection of children Act. They are inter-related. I therefore request you to help me in persuading the government to have this rule.

Demand No. 38. First of all, it seems that the whole of Mizoram is Border Area, how does the government interpretate BADP area. There are lots of development programme under BADP my Constituency like Kawnpui are not under BADP area, therefore, there are hardly fund. What ever fund is available for Rural the Urban area still divert to their area, I request the Minister to stop this and help us retain the rural development fund.

Demand No. 44, Trade & Commerce. I would like to state that the government should take rapid action towards the fulfilling of border trade.

Demand No. 20, School Education Pu Speaker. there are only 3 teachers in Bukpui Middle School. I request the authorities to post additional teachers as soon as possible. Coming to S.S.A., it seems that except for the 16 crores that has been released by the central government, the remaining fund has been withheld, due to the fact that, the state is unable to sanction its matching share. I request the Minister to take necessary measure to provide the matching share.

Demand No. 36., Environment & Forest. When will the permit for cutting of teak be issued? I would also like to ask if private planter will be included? Thank you.

PU K. LALRINLIANA : Mr Speaker, thank you, First of all I would like to Start with Demand No.24. Health & Family Welfare Department. Malaria is a huge problem in our area, the dead rate has also gone up, inspires of the Department's effort, it is good to learn that the government is taking intensified Malaria Control Programme. It is also note worthy to state that we are granted 100 bedded hospital. It is pleasing to note of the various equipments that the government has purchased for Aizawl hospital. But the lack of staff - Nurse, Doctors, Health Workers, Laboratory technician, X-ray technician, in the rural area should be taken care of. I request the government to solve this problem.

Demand No. 20. School Education we are second in literacy rate in the country. But the lack of staff is creating problem as we are aware, from the letter received by the Chief -Secretary from the Prime Minister's office it is stated that - National Common Minimum Programme's commitment to increase investment in Education and health sectors, there should not be any restriction in Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern States for filling up relevant post in section like Education and Health. This shows that the Central government is giving high priority. Therefore the government should also give priority in this regard. Pu Speaker, due to the great effort given by the Chief Minister and the Minister last year 8675 lakhs was released by the Central government. It is a great achievement a number of Private Higher Secondary School, High School and Middle School has been up-graded to Aided Schools. We also have 4 new District Education Offices. Which are all great achievement by the government. Lastly I request the hon'ble members to support and help in passing the demand. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Mr Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr Deputy speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to speak about demand No. 38. Rural Development department. It is pleasing to note the fund allocation for this department. It is a huge allocation, if it is utilized in its rightful purpose, it could prove to be a huge development in the rural area. It is a very important department for the rural area. In my Constituency, we depend largely on this department. It is a great comfort for rural area the way the hon'ble Minister gave instruction at the BDO conference last year. I would like to state or cite one example in my Constituency where rural development fund is utilized for the benefit of party workers. Rs. 5 Lakhs was sanctioned for Mangkhawng - Densur road. Out of the 5 lakhs, 2 lakhs was first released with which, the people constructed a very good. The rest of the fund was given to various M.N.F. blocks, some blocks with drew the fund without carrying out the actual work. I therefore request the hon'ble Minister to please look into this matter.

Regarding PMGY, IAY as we have mentioned, needs to be checked from the District level. I would therefore, like to suggest if there could be a regular meeting of the monitoring cell. For the up-gradation scheme under PMGY, the government distributed 4 bundles of G.I. Sheet. Pu Speaker, I don't think this coincide with the idea of the Central government. The government should review this scheme.

Demand No. 20. Education. It is pleasing to note that a huge fund has been allocated for this department. Many a times we have voice against teachers who stayed away from their post, and sent their substitute. I request the hon'ble Minister to take up this matter more rapidly.

Lastly, regarding the purchase of school books and material under PMGY it is of a very low quality plus the supply rate is too high. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Will now call Pu Rohluna

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr Deputy Speaker, Thank you. Demand No. 20 School Education. Is there a way to relieve the heavy bag of English Medium School students ?
Secondly, due to S.S.A. and PMGY scheme, we are able to have new school and Children are able to receive free text books. However, for the past two years, the state is unable to contribute its matching share, as a result, the department is facing problem and are unable to distribute free text book it seems, Priority should be given to Education department.

Hon'ble member from Buarpui mentioned about the exercise book supply. Pu Deputy Speaker, the quality of the Exercise book supplied is so poor that, it cannot be used on both sides, the paper is too thin. The supplied Exercise book cost Rs. 17.90/- While Exercise book from private store cost only Rs. 15 with more pages and far better quality. The government should enquire about this matter. It is shameful for the government as it bears the name of the cover. As for the steel Almira supplied the Supplied rate is Rs. 8900/- while the actual rate at local market poor is just Rs. 4000/-. The Minister should investigate this matter as well. Coming to the change of syllabus the government should seek a way not to change the syllabus all of a sudden, as these create immense problem for the section of the people.

Lastly, few words in Social Welfare the government should come up with its own rules for control of Drugs. It present we are using 'The Assam Drug control Act'. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We'll now call the hon'ble Opposition Group Leader.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Thank you. Demand No.24 – Health & Family Welfare Lunglei Civil Hospital should be up-graded as it serves as referral hospital for Chhimtuipui District. The investigation and detection center should be given special attention.

As we are aware, there is no legal foundation for the control of drugs like proxyvon, cough syrup as they are legal drugs. But these drugs are misused by our youth. I would, therefore, like to make special request that a new rules should be framed, to control these drugs. The rules should be framed in co-ordinance with Excise Department, Social Welfare, and health Department under the supervision of the Chief Minister, I would also like to suggest for a Homeopathy cell, with regular appointment for Doctors.

Demand No.29 – Social Welfare Department, just a few words. Pu Hrangliana has been as M.R from 1993. This Year, he was not called for his work, he did not commit any mistake. I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister to please re-appoint him.

Demand No. 20 – School Education. In literacy rate we are the second highest in the country. We have well Educated Youth in our state. The climatic condition of our state is suitable for Education. If we could improve the quality of our Education. We could attract people from all over the country, which will grow as a big industries like Nilgiri Hills, Kotagiri and Ooty. The government should regulate rules and quality control for English Medium. In this manner, Mizoram could be a great Education – Centre of the country. It could be great earning Industries, I just wanted to say this policy suggestion. As for the appointment of selection grade, there should be an uniform norms as to the criteria of selection.

Demand No. 36 – Environment & Forest, instead of Plantation, we should adopt reservation of forest.

Demand No. 38 – Rural Development, I would like to suggest that, Lunglei South and Lunglei North Constituency is 75% rural area, therefore, development fund should be concentrated toward rural development.

Demand No. 44 – Trade & Commerce - the government should take rapid steps to open the border trade. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now call Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Thank you. First of all I would like to thank the hon'ble Rural Development Minister for reacting to what I stated the other day.

Today also I would like to request the hon'ble Ministers to take note and react to what is being stated in the House.

Social evil has increased in our state, we talk of drug control, so far the drugs control department has done their part well, but sub-standard drugs, twenty additional Inspector will be appointed. What I would like to know is do, the son of the soil have B Pharm for Inspector? What about their subordinates to help them? Pu Deputy Speaker, the appointment of Inspector is not enough. We need Drugs testing Laboratory. We need to strengthen their capabilities as well.

Pu Deputy Speaker, in health department there is huge direct funding from the Central government. But if we look at the condition of casualty, there is no medicine available. We should give priority to Doctors and the staff, and give incentive for their work. In spite of the huge funding from Central government, it is directed to Finance department for allocation of Head of Accounts, this needs a careful observation.

Rural development- as mentioned by numbers before me, we rural areas depend greatly on this department. However, it is unfortunate to state that, this department is largely used for developing party workers instead of the mass people. Regarding the distribution of IAY, PMGSY, it should be rationalized and not concentrate on Champhai. Pu Deputy Speaker, 110 houses received IAY.

Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding MISO, appointment is given without advertisement lastly, does Khawzawl CEO Government Middle School. One more point. It seems Saiha D.C. purchased Esteem VXi car from National food for work programme fund sanctioned for supervision. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Mr. D. Thangliana.

PU D. THANGLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to speak about Demand No. 24 - Health & Family Welfare. The out-reached programme by Civil Hospital is highly appreciated by the people. It seems that shortly from

now, they will be visiting my Constituency. I'll request for the mobile van was it proves to be very useful in areas where it has visited. It is good to learn that the government is giving importance to this department, as we can see the fund allocation increasing gradually. The school health programme also proves to be very successful. I would request that the Chief Medical Officer should try and cover larger number of schools. It is pleasing to note the various new RCH buildings that has come up. I would request the Hon'ble Minister to renovate the East Lungdar Health Center, which has been constructed by the people Voluntarily. I would further request to speed up the construction work at Khawlailung. I would also like to request for an up gradation of North Vanlaiphai Health Center.

Rural Development - it is pleasing to note the various developmental work under this department. It is note-worthy that, the PMGSY aid has been up-graded from 2005-2006. 1594 persons are given this aid, it is indeed a great achievement. Coming to up-gradation, it is beneficial for the poorer section of the people, therefore this should be increased. Pu Speaker, being in the border area, my constituency greatly depends on BADP. Pu Speaker, the government does not gives any partiality in regard to the distribution of BADP fund. If we look at the various opposition constituency's, the fund allocation is much higher than ruling party. I, therefore, would like to request for a higher allocation of fund.

Social Welfare Department - this is a very important department as it deals with the poorer section of the people. It deals with child welfare, orphanage and we have the charitable Home Control Board under them. The fund allocation is very low in spite of the huge steps they have taken. Therefore, priority should be given to this department. Thank you Mr. Deputy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Will now call Pu R. Lalzirliana.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Deputy Speaker, Thank you. Coming to Health department due to the strong effort given by Y.M.A. We are able to do away with drugs to a certain extent. But, since Y.M.A. has controlled drugs like Proxylon, for those who are in real need, it is difficult to find this pain- killer drug. We talk of better rules to regulate drugs, but as of now, we are unable to frame new rules. Therefore, instead of dwelling on better rules, we should concentrate on Inspectors and Assistant Drug Controller. We should up-grade their status. These Inspectors can work in Co-ordination with the NGO's. They should be kept under Police

department and not Health Department. With the help of God, I believe that we will be able to do away with drugs.

We heard of M.R. being dismissed without any reason, Minister should not function just according to the department's will. We should reason out before action is taken.

I would like to state about the pay of CO. of ICDS. There is great stagnation. This year 14 persons will be sitting at maximum scale. There is no promotion post. Therefore the government should make senior scale and selection grade. It is because of them that we are able to be number one in the country in ICDS.

Soya cereal powder is distributed among children from Anganwadi. One child was hospitalized after consuming the powder and is lying at Civil Hospital. After enquiry however, the powder has not expired. However in Venghloi Anganwadi, dated 13.3.2005 expired Soya cereal was distributed, this is the empty packet. It is shameful to state that, it happened in the hon'ble Minister's Constituency. I request the Minister to look into the matter. There are empty calcium bottles, where there are supposed to be 500 tablets. It seems the suppliers supply cereal powder, which have only a month or two life span before expiry date. The rice and dal of pulses too do not arrive in time.

School Education – Why is the government unable to give pension for deficit Mission School? The government should look into this matter. Lastly Darlianthangi was suspended while being on leave. It was a funny situation the Director just gave suspend order, without knowing that, she was a funny situation the Director just gave suspend order, without knowing that, she was on leave for 30 days. Pu Speaker, just one sentence. The firm which supplied the Ex-book should be black listed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We'll now call Pu H. Lalsangzuala.

PU H. LALSANGZUALA : Mr Deputy Speaker, Thank you. Demand No. 24. Health Department. Health department is an important department life saving department. It is therefore, essential that we have good technician, so that the huge fund that the government invest in refer cases will be saved. Though we have quite sound equipments, at present, but with the growth of technology, we should try and upgrade our equipments to coincide with the present. I personally have great trust

in our health Minister. I request the hon'ble Minister to please take note of this. We don't have doctor in Suangpuilawn for over six month. In Phullen, P.H.C. building has been constructed, we are grateful for this. However, it is unable to function till now, I request for its immediate functioning. I would also like to request the hon'ble Minister to increase the number of sub-centre in rural areas, specially in my Constituency. The number of Health Workers also need to increased, in my Constituency one Health worker looks after three villages. I request the Minister to look into the matter.

Demand No. 38 Rural Development. This department is very important for the rural people. In my constituency, Luangpawm, sanction is stopped from the department, there are only 7 houses in the new villages, all sanction has been stopped, I therefore request the Minister to please take note of this. There is no development. If the village could be shifted from the old to new village. There is less than 100 houses. If the government could shift in two shift and grant aid for construction of new houses, we would be very grateful. It is important that the Village be shifted to where there is link road.

Education demand No. 20 - There is shortage of teachers in my Constituency. We have only two Aided teachers, We don't have a science subject teacher as well, we lack in teachers over all, I request the Minister to please take note of this. There are a number of substitute teacher as well, I request the department to enquire in the matter too. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Liansailova.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr Deputy Speaker, Thank you. I'll start with demand No. 11. S.A.D. 2 crores has been allocated for expenditure in this department. I have nothing against this however, from the record, last year this department has not made use of Printing & Stationery department. There is a standing order that the government department should abide by this order. It is useful for the mobilization of revenue. We lack in cleanliness in our secretariat buildings, isn't it necessary to have Sanitation Officer ?

Demand No. 24 - Health & Family Welfare department. We have reliable doctors, what we need is equipment, the government should pen chase equipments according to the need of these experts. As we have heard earlier, we are the second highest in Cancer rate in the World. The government should therefore give priority towards Cancer department.

The government should look out for a remedy and make awareness among the people. The equipment should be up-graded in this department so that the people does not need to go out of the state for treatment.

I would like to give my support, to what Pu Hminga stated regarding Homeopathy. The government should review the suggestion.

Social Welfare demand o.29 - It is the department which looks after the under-privileged people of the society. There is one suggestion, I would like to make regarding the distribution of old aged pension fund. Isn't there a way of distributing the pension to them rather than they collecting the pension? There is one more question I would like to ask Is there a way of up-lifting women who are selling liquor because of poverty from scheme like National Family benefit Scheme. I would also like to know about the action plan of elderly persons policy.

Rural Development - as mentioned earlier by the Hon'ble Members, rural areas depend on this department, I would like to suggest that the food for work should not be given as contract system.

Coming to Education, last year we demanded for science stream for Chaltlang Higher Secondary School. The Minister assured us to take step in this regard. I, therefore, would like to remind the Hon'ble Minister to take step for the coming year. Coming to the second point in regard to Chaltlang P/S which has been closed down. It seems that the site has been allocated for private site. I would like to request the government to return the site for the utilization of Chaltlang community.

Trade & Commerce - regarding price support better scheme should be adopted and minimum price should be raised. Market intervention scheme should be adopted in such a way that the people should benefit. Thank you.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr Speaker, from the information I received, leaders of M.N.F. from western area caught fish with gelatine bomb.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : There still are 4/5 minutes left, shall we have a tea break? Alright, we'll have 35 minutes break. Meeting will resume at 4 : 35 P.M.

S P E A K E R : Will now call Pu K. Vanlalauva.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr Speaker, First of all I would like to start with Education department. The main reason why we are able to cross Kerala in literacy rate is because of the Southern and western sector. These area lack teachers. In order to raise the literacy rate, we need to rationalize the distribution of teachers. In my Constituency, there are many points to thank the government. However it is regretting to note that the newspaper high lighted about Bungzung Government High School. The department is about to take step in this regard. While we speak of the good deeds of the department, there could be areas, where the department has left out, therefore, the department should not concentrate on one area, must divert itself from one sector to the other. There are many development point which are note worthy in this department, we may not be able to high light all their works. There is just one I would like to high light, that is the co donation of teachers of non-Matriculate as B.A. and receiving B.A. pay.

Social Welfare department- first of all I would like the Minister to clarify, why the fund under salary head is so low. This is the department where we M.L.A.'s receive the various material, to be distributed in our Constituency. It is pleasing to note that, there is no partiality in the distribution of nutrition supply.

Lastly, I would like to discuss Health department. We are able to be among the best 8 states selected for eradication of leprosy. It is pleasing that they have received Rs. 10 lakhs.

It is also pleasing to note that our hospital is up-graded. Civil Hospital Outreach Programme is also note worthy, the rural people benefited with this programme. Pu Speaker, thank you.

S P E A K E R : Mr Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Mr Speaker, we are discussing the demands of three senior Ministers. First of all, I would like to mention about

demand No. 32, Soil & Water Conservation department. As we know, most of the Villages within my Constituency Tlabung are situated on the bank of the river karnapuli which is also known as Kawrtlangpui in Mizoram. During rainy season the flow of water is very speedy and hence causing a soil erosion. If we don't protect the soil erosion, after 10 to 20 years most of the Villagers within my Constituency including Tlabung Bazar will submerge under water. Floods frequently takes place within my Constituency. Last year many Villages were affected by flood. Therefore, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to initiate steps or programmed protect soil erosion.

Demand No. 38. Rural Development Department. There is a great discrimination in the selection of beneficiaries under IAY and PMGY, specially in my Constituency, the beneficiaries are selected on basis of party line. Pu Speaker, I would like to bring the attention of the hon'ble Minister that approved lists of the beneficiaries of IAY and PMGY for the year 2004-2005. Sl. No. 4. Benthara S/o Muktador of Nunsuri have been cancelled and given to MNF unit President. I would request for a clarification. If it is taken on Political basis, the target group who really needed will not benefit the scheme under BADP. The previous member. Hon'ble member from Kawnpui Constituency has regretted for not having Border Development programme. But I regret that although there is BADP programme implementation in my Constituency it is but quite disappointing people are not involved in the execution of work.

Pu Speaker, this is the Unstarred Question asked by me on Construction of approach road from Serhuan to Nunsuri. Almost all contractors are from outside. Local people are not involved. In the guidelines, it clearly stated that due emphasis should be given to effective involvement of the local people, democratic institution, voluntary agency, in order to inspire mutual trust and confidence between the government and the people, it is not considered.

Demand no-20 – School Education department as the previous speaker has already said, my constituency is the most backward Constituency specially in the field of Education. Special attention should be given. This is the reply given by the hon'ble Minister. Primary School having single teacher within Mizoram, is 27 where 20 falls within my Constituency.

Pu Speaker, as per norms prescribed by the government of Mizoram in September, 1999, four posting of teachers in Government Primary School, have 1 – 50 pupils. Pu Speaker in Nunsuri Primary School, there is 62 enrolment with one teacher, how can a single teacher provide quality education. Post should be created.

Demand No. 24 – Health & Family Welfare Department. Most of the rural People are deprived of medical facilities due to

non-availability of Health Worker. I have requested for health worker for Puankhai and Diblibung several times, but till now, it has not been considered. Dental surgeon and X-ray technician have not been posted back at Tiabung Civil Hospital. I request the hon'ble Minister look at the matter as you know that Tiabung is a Malaria prove area. Malaria eradication programme should be taken more vigorously in my Constituency. Thank you.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : Mr. Speaker, Health Department is very important as it concerns the life and death of human beings. Yet this department is far from sufficient in medical supplies. As for Hnahthial alone, the requirement of Doctor is too high. The ones who suffer the most are the people.

At the same time, it is pleasing to note that the Government intends to install laboratory in various smaller medical centers like Health sub-Centers. When this programme is implemented I hope many lives could certainly be saved.

Another achievement made by the Government is the programme taken to eradicate Goiter within the state. The latest test shows that out of 10074 people under going test only 18.5% were found to have goiter which was formerly 70-90. Not only this, there is rehabilitation and after-care Center for those who give up smoking. The steps taken by the Government are quite remarkable. I would further like to advise the authority to entertain a research on Cancer within Mizoram so that the people could be more aware of this deathly disease.

The Government has also performed remarkably well towards the eradication of leprosy. From the record there are only 10 persons with leprosy in Mizoram. These persons also seemed to come from outside the state.

Whereas it is satisfactory to have more and more Post-Graduates Doctors, there is a possibility that they would refuse to be posted in rural areas. Therefore, I would like to ask the hon'ble Minister to note this when making posting for Post-Graduate Doctors.

Next, I would like to emphasize certain points on Education. Education Act was passed way back in 2003 but, the Rules has not yet been made till date. This may be taken as immediate task.

Improvement has been made toward creation of educational infrastructure under SSA scheme, new programmes are made

where new buildings are constructed. More teachers are employed and lesser DIET has also been set up in District Headquarters, Free text books are distributed to Socio-economic deprived students. It is also great to see that many private High Schools are provincial's whereas a number of schools are given financial assistance. But, Mr. Speaker, what aids me most is to see the deterioration of the percentage of HSLC results. I think new measures have to be taken to improve the educational system in the state. Even educational research is advocated to find the root cause of this.

In the midst of financial constraint it is pleasing that the Government has made programme to employ local people in Primary School with a monthly enumeration of Rs. 2500/-

Coming to Environment & Forest department I would like to express only one point for the Notice of the hon'ble Minister. In 1983, the Government has asked the land of one ex-Serviceman for the construction of Forest Rest House in exchange for permanent appointment as Chawkider. But Mr Speaker, that promised has not been fulfilled till now whereas a beautiful Rest House has already been constructed. In this regard, I would like to remind the authority to fulfill the commitment made to that person.

Coming to demand no. 38, Rural Development has been deeply committed to the welfare of the rural people and for their enlistment it has done a lot through BADP, IAY and PMGY. During 2004-2005, 519 families were provided with housing assistance IAY, another 4956 families are proposed to be provided with new dwelling houses. Under PMGY 1594 families are proposed to be upgraded this year. I would like to express my appreciation to the Government for all these performance.

To conclude my speech. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister I/c Trade and Commerce to process with Border trade. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call upon Pu Lalthlengliana.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you, Mr Speaker, I would like to start my speech with demand No. 38. that is Rural Development Department. This department assigns a

high priority to the development of rural areas and has been working for the benefits of rural families. It is no doubt that signs of development could be seen in remote areas within the state. A large number of rural families have been provided with new dwelling houses under PMGY and IAY which is a great achievement. At the same time it is important to be particular in selecting the families. The hon'ble member from Ratu has raised a suggestion that the families selected by the concerned VC should be approved and no alternation be made. But, their idea may not be the best option and all the VC's are not equitable in the selection of beneficiaries. There are some VC. Who are not functioning in accordance with the rules. So all the V.C's. Cannot be fully entrusted with the selection of beneficiaries. According to the guidelines, the list of IAY beneficiaries should be put in the Notice Board. But, it is learnt that only 20 percent have followed this guideline. Therefore, it may not be acceptable that the decision of the V.C.S. Should be approved in regard to selection of beneficiaries. We are all very much aware of the several new steps taken by Health department. We have been experiencing new things in this department like mobile van and construction of new buildings. However, I would like to emphasize on shortage of doctors in many Public Health Centers and Community Health Centers. I think this matter should be considered as priority. Not only in the rural areas but, the Civil hospital in Aizawl also faced the problem of shortage of nurses. There are a number of vacant posts to be filled up. Without the consent of the Finance department, the concern Minister has no authority to make order in this regard. Therefore, this matter may better be taken into consideration.

Coming to Education department, it is a matter of pride that we could have achieved the second position in literacy rate. But, we should as well consider if knowing how to read and write alone will lead to development. Hence, new policy and programme need to be taken in our educational system. On the positive side, it is a great achievement to be able to construct and repair 1328 Middle and Primary Schools at a cost of Rs. 2070 lakhs under the funding of NLCPR fund. And from SSIT an amount of Rs. 1248 was received. This fund has been utilized for the construction and repair of 128 High Schools and 200 Middle English Schools. Also, 38 high schools have also been provincialised recently. This kind of achievement has never been experience before. As a Continuation of the initiatives taken by the Government, 27639 poor students are provided with school text books free of cost. No Ministry had been providing free text books to students before. But, it is a great achievement to see that this Ministry can do so and proposed to continue in the next year as well. To conclude my speech, I would like to stress that this ministry deserves praise.

S P E A K E R

: Let us now call upon the Leader of the Opposition Pu Lal Thanhawla.

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PU LAL THANHAWLA : Thank you, Mr Speaker, Last week's Sittings were mainly need for the Ministers to advertise their respective departments, and no constructive reactions were there to be seen form them. But, today, I am sad that no such scenes are to be seen.

Let me start with Health department First, I would like to question what programme has been followed for eradication of Malaria within the State. I think it is necessary to take vigorous steps and measures to eradicate this fatal disease.

It has been learnt that TB has been a menace to this state. The Department is advised to report the people of how to take preventive measures from TB. The disease of Cancer can not be ignored considering the number of lives lost from this disease.

Coming to Social Welfare Department, the amount of old age pension should be increased. In order to provide better relief to our Senior Citizens, the system of disbursing the pension should also be revised.

The Mizo Society has been depending on Social Welfare Department to a large extent. Formerly, various materials and utensils were distributed to the NGO's free of cost or on a subsidized rate. But, this has been terminated now. It may be suggested that free distribution of gratis grant be renewed.

Emphasizing on Soil and Water Conservation Department, Soil erosion and water reading may not be a problem for now. But, it is certain that it will not be far off. Hence, Now, is the time to take steps on conservation.

I would like to point out about the Mat valley project which was initiated by the Congress Ministry this project is supposed to generate 1.50 mega watt of power. I would like to know how far this government has pursued this project.

As we are all aware, Rural Development Department is important for it is the life line of the rural people. But, there are irregularities and anomalies in this department not to say partialities. It is necessary to make radical change in the whole system so as to eradicate partiality and either unfavorable actions. The practice of summoning Village Development Committee during Assembly session may also be abolished so, that the concerned MLA can attend the VDC meeting. The VDC should make arrangement according to the convenience of the Members. The hon'ble Minister is requested to inform the responsible officials in this regard.

As stated by the Member from Reach, all the VC's are not acting in a fair manner in regard to selection of beneficiaries for Government assistance. Therefore, the hon'ble Minister is advised to be aware of this so that IAY and PMGY fund can be distributed evenly. Strict Guidelines should also be made for this.

I think there are better steps to be taken for the promotion of Trade and Commerce. It is learnt that there is a good market for Tung. So, interest may be given towards this so as to uplift the condition of rural people.

Coming to Education Department there is no need to repeat that one educational standard has been deteriorated. During the Congress Ministry, experts were consulted to make recommendation for educational reformation. If rapid action is not taken, this state will produce more and more of useless educated. It is no doubt Hindi language is important for national integrity. In order to provide regular Post Matric Scholarship for Hindi to general students new law should be legislated.

In the department of Environment and Forest, certain provision is usually made for Ecology and Environment. But, this year, it appears that there is no provision for this head. This may be clarified.

It has been learnt that Village Forest Development Committee is neglected by the Government. In the case of Phainum VFDC. The concerned DFO has delayed the distribution of LPG gas within Phainum area. This is because, the newly elected VFDC has not MNF members. The distribution of LPG Gas is introduced by the Central Government not for political means but for environment protection. Therefore, it is the duty of the State Government to implement the project for the right purpose.

I would further like to question whether the hon'ble Minister has reacted to the way one Governor has been manipulating one forest. The Governor has demanded 2000 number of cane varieties know as Tairua from Lengteng area. A large number of drift woods are also extracted from our green forest. To avoid check Gates Official notes are obtained. In this way, His Excellency has plundered our forest. This is shameful for the Department if the hon'ble Minister does not encourage and support his officials to be in preventing our forest and its products, all futures would be blank. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call upon Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga, Minister, to wind up the discussion.

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA :
MINISTER**

Thank you, Mr Speaker though I cannot react to all the points mentioned by the members, I would like to express my gratitude for their constructive criticisms and encouragements. My department are directly concerned with human service and therefore requires more hard work and concentration

In the department of Social Welfare, we have a plan fund of Rs. 649.94 lakhs out of which the Centrals earmarked project has a share of Rs. 4.30 lakhs. And, the state normal plan is 219 only. As this is the case, nothing much can be achieved with a plan fund of 210 lakhs only. The focus of this department has been on programmes relating to public health have been taken up by providing free nutrition's food and medicine to children and expectant mothers. We are now awaiting to see the results physically and mentally.

As for the case of old age peasion, it is one duty to impact that it is not the policy of the Central Government to give old age pension to all those who are above 60 years. The main objective is to give pension to the aged who have no near relative. Regarding person with disabilities, 863 students are given stipend and artificial limbs have also been set up at Lunglei and Aizawl where knitting, shoe making etc. are instructed. During the current year 86 disabled persons are being given training Unemployed allowance of Rs. 100/- each is also given to 25 persons with disabilities this year.

Under National Programme for Rehabilitation of Pension with Disability, State Resource Center has been operated since 2001 and state Referral center has also been set up where a research is conducted to study the various cases of the disabled. Also, old age pension is being given to 20522 persons with an amount of Rs. 100/- per month each. The department intends to received distribution system to meat the conveniences of the recipients.

Family Benefit scheme has also covered 437 families. Presently, there is a new proposal to make the existing. Dead diction center at Sethawn into an after-care - rehabilitation Center. Under the leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister steps are being taken to implement that proposal.

The Government has also been focusing on the construction of larger correctional institution for woman. Land is also purchased for Rs. 16 lakhs for this.

Some members have pointed out better system for distribution of nutritional foods. I have noted all the points and will look into the matter.

The Juvenile justice Act and Rules was completed in 2003 under which various committees are formed. It is anticipated that these Committees will start functioning in the near future. Adoption cell has already been set up under the directorate.

One of the Members has stated that salary heads had been decreased in the plan sector. This is because salary head has share in the non-plan sector.

Coming to Health Department we have 221 doctors and 18 doctors who are undergoing Post-Graduate degree. With an objective of providing better health care to the people of Mizoram emphasis has been laid on various health programmes. The important programme is Malaria Control Programme. Drug distribution Centre have also been set up in 679 areas where drugs are given out free of costs. Fever Treatment Depot in 238 different areas have also been opened where blood test is conducted. Another important programme taken up by the Department is National iodine deficiency Disorder Contend Programme. Mizoram has fared tremendously well in this programme and have been fruitful results through this programme.

Regarding the Control of T.B. we are now having better medical equipments and with that it is now easier to detect diseases. This is due to the hard work and active efforts remised by the workers. The State Government has also been doing very well in eliminating leprosy.

Regarding Reproductive and child Health, the State Government is availing Central scheme.

There is no time to mention all the points of achievement, made by the Department.

Due to the relentless efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Health Minister, the Civil Hospital has now required 70 items of new medical equipments. The lists may be made available for the members.

The Central Government has sanctioned 1.5 Crores for the up gradation of the existing Nursing school to a Nursing College. No problem is expected to arise regarding the Tutors. Another sanction has been made by the same for construction of Lunglei Nursing School. I would even like to inform the House that PU Z.H. Ropuia has donated land for the construction of Nursing School. I would further like to convey my gratitude to him.

Another important point concerning Health Department is the opening of Ayush department in each district hospital. The Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 35 lakhs each for District hospitals. However, salaries have to be given from the states plan fund. In spite of that, the Government plans to start this department.

Under Rural Health Mission, there is proposal for the posting of additional doctor to each Primary Health Centre and Sub-Center. If this project can be implemented the State Government expect to post additional doctor for each PHC.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, can the hon'ble Minister React to the question regarding Lunglei Civil Hospital.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, priority has been given to Lunglei Civil Hospital. Pediatrician posted at Saiha has already been transferred to Lunglei Civil Hospital.

Presently, there are 18 doctors who have been undergoing post graduate training. Most Post-Graduate Doctor are not eager to join rural hospitals. But, we have been encouraging them to join their posting place even if it is rural areas, and we have seen positive result. There are 24 hospitals without doctors. But, this problem cannot be solved immediately due to shortage of man power. I would like to convey my appreciation to the numbers for your understanding in this regard.

S P E A K E R : Can be Minister react to the point relating to the lavatory at the Ministers office at the secretariat building.

H. LIANSILOVA : The lavatory needs repair and is found to be very dirty.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : MINISTER Mr Speaker, It is pleasing to see that the campaign. 'Clean Mizoram' initiated by the Chief Minister has motivated the people which results in the member to speak out in the House. In my Secretariat, this campaign has also been monitored under the chairmanship of the Deputy Secretary SAD and is found to be effective.

Regarding the Medical equipment. 70 new items have been purchased for Civil Hospital. As for the Dialysis instrument, the equipment has long been out of order and was condemned as it is not fit for repair. There is proposal for the purchase of a new Dialysis instrument.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr Speaker, can the Minister react to the point regarding Drugs enforcement.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : MINISTER Mr Speaker, there is suggestion for the formation of Drug Control Act. Health Department has adopted Drug Control Act but does not concern Police of Excise department. It is found to be good enough for the control of drugs. The enforcing officer is the qualified Drug Controller and the Act can not be enforced by laymen or the Police and the Excise forces but has to refer the case to the Drug controller who is the only enforcing officer. Creation of 20 new posts of Drug Inspector has been processed to the DP & AR as this post is very important for Drug Control. As stated earlier, the Police or the Excise Forces have no authority to control drugs. There is shortage of Drug Inspector within the State. There has been suggestion for the appointment of Drug Inspectors on Cons tract basis. But, this may not be suitable as only regular employees is required for enforcement work. We are now awaiting positive reaction from DP & AR

In Pursuance of the advice given by the NGO's there is intention to organize a meeting with the Counterpart Minister for the control of illegal trafficking of Proxyvon from Silchar.

Mr Speaker, I request this august House to pass my demands totaling Rs. 1,12,95,41,000/- Thank you.

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S P E A K E R : We will take voice vote. Members who agree to pass may say 'yes' and those who disagree may say 'Nay' (Members say 'yes') well, the House has passed the Demands unanimously. Let us now call upon Pu Aichhinga, Minister to wind up the discussion.

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Mr Speaker, thank you. Let me start with Soil & Water Conservation Department. I would like to highlight the programmes and function of this department. Under the Directorate there are 8-Divisions. Proposal has been going on to open division in each districts. It is also expected that the post of Director would be filled up soon. Formerly, the department had been functioning production and market oriented. But, interest will now be given towards saving Mizoram. The main purpose will now be to conserve water and soil.

In response to the point mentioned by the hon'ble Opposition Leader, measures have been taken for the prevention of soil erosion. A plan project was also submitted to the Centre. We are now awaiting fund from the Central Government. Under C.C.S. The problem faced by this department is the absence of experts and engineers within the department. Steps are being taken for filling up of Engineer posts in the Department.

The Department intends to indulge more in the plantation of coffee, tea and Cardamom - Emphasis would be laid more on conservation of soil rather than production.

The department has 80 lakhs on BAFFACOS from which programmes are made to develop terraces. Mention was made about Coffee cultivation. There is proposal for the purchase of all the products from revolving fund. So far, all the products are purchased by the department at the rate of Rs. 50/- Per Kg. After grinding, the department can dispose at the rate of Rs. 150/- per Kg. Production and marketing is not the main purpose of Soil & Water Department, but to help the growers disposing their products.

In regard to Trade & Commerce Department, Kawrpuichhuah has been programmed to be the Border Trade Centre between Bangladesh and India. However, rapid steps cannot be taken by the State Government alone. An amount of Rs. 5 crores has been ear/marked. Creation of infrustructure like administrative building will be the first task. Approach road was constructed under BADP. Development of Border Trade has been one of the busing agenda in the Secretary level India- Bangladesh Trade talks.

One of the most important programmes of Trade and Commerce Department is to strengthen inter-state trade. Steps have also been taken to provide subsidy and price support to producers. Funds has also been received from the Central Market Intervention scheme. We are now expecting another sanction from the same. When this fund is fully received price support would be given to producers.

As for the formation of Trading Regulation, a Committee was set up during the previous MNF. Ministry but, this committee failed to produce a report till the end of the ministry. No new steps have been taken so far.

Coming to Rural Development, most of the Members have focused on BADP, IAY and PMGY. There has also been a suggestion to make the entire area of Mizoram as BADP area, Presently, there are 12 Blocks under BADP area. Which will soon be increased to 13.

It has been known that the existing system and execution of BADP works would be entrusted to the PWD Engineering wing, so that all the Projects under BADP could be implemented fairly.

Regarding distribution and selection of fund under SGRY, PMGY and IAY, we all know that it is difficult to implement it in a fair manner. As for recommendation on beneficiaries of assistance, instruction has been made that all the recommended names should be strictly verified.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker, I too support verification. But, there has been an instruction from the high authority to cut off all the Recommendations of the V.C'S. I think it is not appropriate not to accept VC. Recommendation.

**PU AICHHINGA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker, it is not a matter of writing off VC. Recommendation, but an indirection to have strict verification of all the recommendation whether VC. or MLA. After verification, those who are found to deserve would be selected.

As for PMGY and IAY, besides providing materially the beneficiaries would be assisted in cash also. This is a new programme made by the department.

Regarding SGRY, there is a suggestion to give out in cash as transportation of rice is a problem. But sanction has been made in the form of rice along with the carrying charge of Rs. 50/- per quintal with this the department can manage to carry it up to Block headquarters, from there the recipients have to carry it up to their destinations.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker, that is also the problem Faced by the V.C.'s. ?

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker, in some areas, the VC's and carrying contractors have sold the rice supply with the approval of the BDO. The cash received from selling of rice was then distributed to the recipients in lieu of rice. This is much more convenient for the VC. Can the Government approve this System for the entire areas ?

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, I believe the Government has to act for the best and for the benefit of the people. The main reason for the dissolution of most Village Councils is SGRY. Fund. Therefore, the members are requested to realize this and help to insure that SGRY fund is spent for the right purpose.

One member had pointed out that PMGY fund was wrongly utilized at Zokhawthar. As we all know Zokhawthar is selected as Border Trade Centre. But, the adjoining area of Phulmawi was found to be more convenient for border trade as there is the case the settlers of Zokhawthar need to be shifted to Phulmawi. And therefore, those people were provided with GCI sheets as they had to make new settlements at Phulmawi for this cause, PMGY fund was diverted.

As a developmental step BDO's and Project Director are requested and emerged to do grouping of smaller settlement into bigger ones for a more efficient administration. Luangpawm village is an example of such grouping. It is the obligation of the Government to give assistance to there grouping, I would like the members to know that this is the interest of the Government. In regard to the division of urban and rural areas the Government always welcomes the advice of the members.

To conclude my speech, I would like to inform the House that the officials in my department have been doing their duties and responsibilities relentlessly. No doubt, there may be certain flaws and mistakes. But, I want to say that they work very hard.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I request this august House to pass my demands totaling Rs. 44,62,60,000/-

S P E A K E R : We shall take voice vote, Members who agree to pass may say 'yes' and those who are against it may say 'Nay' (Members agree) The House passed the demands unanimously. Let us now call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana, Minister to wind up the discussion.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Through, **MINISTER** much has not been said about Information & Public Relations, I would like to say that this department has been doing several important tasks which are not exposed to the general public. Important documentary films on Mizoram have been made by the department. Last year N.E. media Conference was hosted by the department under the funding of NEC. Mention may also be made that MIP movement has been covered by the department for all these, the department deserves commend.

In regard to Education, I would like to convey my gratitude to the hon'ble Chief Minister for the increase in one budget allocation. This year, we are short of fund for salary to be paid to non-government School teachers. Realizing this problem the hon'ble Chief Minister was consider enough to sanction 8 crores from non-plan budget we are grateful to him for this

There may not be time to react to all the points mentioned by the members. In Education department alone 26 % of the total Government Servants are employed. Many achievements were also made by this department. But, during my 20 years experience in this House, there has been hardly any words of commend given to this department. There are many steps to be taken in regard to School Education Act. It is true that the Government is not prompt enough in legislating new laws. In the next Assembly session we hope to lay in the House important rules like Transfer & Posting Rules.

In reacting to the point mentioned by the member from Phuldungsei, we are aware that there is no Plus-2 institutions in Phuldungsei area. Due to financial constraint, this problem cannot be dealt with in a rapid manner.

Pu Liansuama has mentioned about quarters for school teachers. The Government will consider this matter.

The suggestion of amalgamation has been highly welcome as there is hardly any way to nationalize the problem of shortage of teachers in Primary School level. The Government is aware of shortage of teachers in almost all the constituencies. This matter is bring under the consideration of the Government.

In regard to opening of SDO'S office at Saitual, the problem goes back to financial crisis as creation of infrastructure requires a larger sum of money. Therefore, this matter cannot be taken up bravely.

The case of indiscipline and irregular teachers is not new to this House strict action has been decided to be taken for this case strict order has already been issued that if authentic report has come from the V.C. against any teacher, prompt action would be taken against that teacher. I would further like to invite the assistance of the Member in this case.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Speaker, sir, the teachers posted at Khawrihnim and Lungdar refused to join at their posting places. At the same time, the Head teacher have sent their relatives as substitute teachers. As for Phuldungsei. Not only the teacher but the substitute teacher has not even showed his face once at the school. The students. Therefore, is there any way to employ persons from the local community ?

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, sending substitution may not be a better option. If there is any report of misconduct action will be taken. As for the case of the SDEO of Serchhip who keeps the VC. Seal, an enquiry is being taken. I will give the detailed report later.

Regarding the suggestion raised by Pu Lalhmingthanga that Education be made a State revenue earning department, this may not be taken up simultaneously. However, it seems to be a good idea.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker, I know that they suggestion cannot be taken up at once. But, it would be appreciated if the matter can be considered in the Cabinet level.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker, as it is a new policy, it demands wider consideration and consultation. Regarding the introduction of new School syllabus mentioned by Pu. H. Rohluna, there does not seem to be any report of problems arising out of the changing of syllabus. Any how. We shall look into the matter.

As for matters relating to Employees Provident- Fund and other benefits for teachers, the Government is taking every possible steps.

Another point I would like to inform the members is about the closing down of Primary School at Chaitlang. This school was closed as the number of students is less than that of the teachers and the Government have no choice but to close down the institution. The school building was then rented out to Gilead Special School.

Presently, we are expecting fund from non-lapsable Central pool of Resources. When sanction is received Bungzung High School could be constructed. (Pu Lalhmingthanga : I suggest that the reconstruction of Lunglei Government High School/Higher Secondary School Aizawl are proposed to be reconstructed from the same fund.

I agree with the point mention by the Opposition Leader that expect should be consulted for their advice for education progress in the State. We also sought the advice of the experts to a certain extend.

In the case of Hindi, the Central Government has released sanction for 141 Hindi teachers. The Government plans to appoint

only the local people. New proposal has also been made to the Central government to make sanction for Hindi teachers in the Primary level.

Due to the utmost efforts rendered by the Government, 2071 Primary Schools and 1328 Middle School buildings have been repaired and reconstructed. Teaching equipments were also provided to 1944 Schools. 126 Higher Secondary Schools were reconstructed and 18 laboratory buildings were also repaired. The Central Government has also made approval for vocationalisation project for High School students.

Under SSA teachers training is given due importance. Block Resource Center is constructed in 59 areas out of the targeted 181 areas.

I am also pleased to say that DIET centers are set to be opened at 6 Districts. The buildings have been under constructions.

Though it is were aim to attain the highest level of literacy percentage in India, quality education is the most important. I would like to emphasize that the Government continues to make efforts to attain this level.

Mention may also be made that 129 High School were put to Government aided -School, 14 private high Schools were upgraded to Privated Higher Secondary Schools, 228 Middle and High Schools we also provincialised for which 1500 new posts of teachers are created.

In regard to Forest Department, the hon'ble Member, Pu Lalduhoma has mentioned about eviction order within his Constituency. It may not be appropriate to give out all the details in the House as this matter has been taken as a legal case. I am not denying that a notice was given out.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker, I am certain that it was an eviction order. I would further like to ask why the same order was not given to the families who are staying within the Forest Area of Mauchang, Saipum ?

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker, notice has been given in
MINISTER circle wise. We are beginning to give

out order from Aizawl Northern Circle. The Government plans to cover all the areas.

LALTHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker, as enshrined in the Special provision of the Peace Agreement between the MNF and the Government of India, law relating to ownership and transfer of land passed in the Parliament should not be applied in the State Government can the Minister clarify this ?

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker, as this is the direction given by the Supreme Court it should not be confused with those political matters.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Ms Speaker, the Supreme Court is also to Function within the Constitution.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, let us presume that this matter may be looked into by the Government. Pu Lalduhoma has raised the question regarding compensation for the period 2004-2005 an amount of Rs. 1 Lakh is left for compensation. Loss of life inquiry has to be settled first. Fresh sanction is being sought to the Central Government for crop damage compensation. When sanction is received the House would be informed. Pu Saikapthianga has mentioned the difficulties met by the people of Tuipui and Tut areas. The whole of Kawrthah Forest Division is covered by the 1970 notification of Tut, Langkaih Project Reserved Forest. The working plan is on the verge of completion. When the marking plan is approved by the Government of India teak permit can be issued.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker, my question is not in regard to permit.

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DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, preparation for working
MINISTER plan is not an easy task therefore, the
department has been working
laboriously on it. I will go on to LPG
connection. Under FDA, MAP and eco-development scheme, 5821 LPG
connection has already been provided to rural areas which results in successful
afforestation.

Last year the foundation for advance Research
Center for bamboo and cane was laid within the State. The Center is expected
to be started by this April.

To deal with the gregarious bamboo
flowering, an amount of 2 crores has been provisioned under BAFFACOS and
the Department has been undertaking several programmes.

It is a matter of pride that the hon'ble Chief
Minister has made a commitment to provide assistance to earthquake victims of
Tamil Nadu. These victims called out for help that they need bamboo for the
reconstruction of their houses. In response to this the hon'ble Chief Minister
formed working Committee. We are able to sent 70 truck strips of bamboo to
Chennai. In this regard, we owe gratitude to the hon'ble Chief Minister for his
prompt action.

I would like to announce that there is 115
crore project within Dampa tiger Reserved area to be further by world Bank. I
would like to add that the constituency of the opposition members are not
neglected. Within the are of Pu R. Lalzirliana 2 big waste land Projects has
been undertaken.

Under the Chairmanship of the hon'ble Chief
Minister 'Green Mizoram Committee' is formed. Under this Committee a number
of trees have been planted to be planted this year.

PU H. LIANSALOVA : Mr Speaker, I was informed this
morning that a ruling party worker has
used gelatins in a river that killed
hundreds of fishes. This is against the
law. I would like to remind the Minister to take note of it.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : I will look into the matter. For Forest
MINISTER development we all need to stand and
work together. If any fault action is
detected, you all, are welcome to
inform the authority so that necessary action could be taken.

Emphasizing on Wild Life the state Government has 8 Forest Sanctuaries. In there areas 2923 families are already assisted under various eco-development schemes 4429 LPG free Connection are also given. Besides 4429 families are provided with 50 liters water storage. Public water point, Community hall, playground, waiting shed and internal road all also Constructed. 65 free medical camp has also been organized. There is also new provision for compensation on loss of life against wild animals.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, What will be the effected
date for claiming of compensation ?

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : It comes into force since last year.
MINISTER Mr. Speaker, I beg leave of the House
to pass my demand totaling
Rs. 2,19,78,15,000/-

S P E A K E R : Any one who agree may say 'yes'
and those who are against it may say
'No'. (Members agree). The House
passed the demands of Dr. R.
Lalthangliana, Minister. Our business for today is over. I would like to advise
the hon'ble Rural Development Minister that the meeting of Development
Committee should not be summoned during Assembly session so that the
Members can attend the meeting.

The meeting will be resumed tomorrow, the
29th March, 2005. at 10 : 30 A.M.

Sitting adjourned at 8 : 10 PM.