

S P E A K E R : Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed or hidden that will not be known.

We will now call Pu Sailothanga Sailo to ask starred question No. 126.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Finance Minister be pleased to state - What is the percentage of government employee's salary from the budget? Is the government satisfied with the percentage? Is there any proposal to rectify?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the answer to the hon'ble member's questions are as follow:- from the Mizoram budget Estimate 2005 - 2006 . regular government employees salary percentage is 30.10.%.
(b) The government is not satisfied. (c) There is no proposal unless Mizoram pay commission submit its recommendation.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, what about MR. Contract basis ?

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr Speaker Sir, will Pu Lalfakzuala, Commission be able to submit its report by April? as the present pay Commission functions as full pay commission, does it mean that, Mizoram will carry on implementing the said pay commission ?

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

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the answer to Pu Sailothanga's questions is - Last year there are 41438, Regular employees, their salary is Rs. 5,410.46 lakhs. Work-charge 4250, and their salary is - Rs. 428.50 lakhs. There are 2254 Deficit schools and Colleges employees. Their pay is Rs. 76.84 lakhs. There are 7650, Muster Roll, their one month pay is 351.04. There are 117 Co-terminus employees and their one month salary is Rs. 6.20 lakhs. Then, we have 91 contract employees, and their salary, one month salary is Rs. 4.78 lakhs. The total number of various employees categories are - 55800, and their one month salary is Rs. 6277.82 lakhs.

Pay Commission was constituted on 22 - January last year with terms of references. Reports was to be submitted within 6 months. However, the process is slowed down as it takes time in the collection of informations. Therefore, the period is extended till April, 2006. After the submission of the report, the government will look into how it will proceed further. As of now, we are waiting for the report.

S P E A K E R : Mr. Sailothanga Sailo.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. I would like to ask the hon'ble Minister, the number of employees that draw salary from Non-plan and plan budget, Secondly, I would like to know the percentage of fund that the rural areas received directly from the budget, besides fund from BAFFACOS, Bamboo Link road, and PMGSY. If the Minister is unable to answer I will understand.

S P E A K E R : Mr H. Liansailova.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : I want to repeat my question. As Central pay Commission is constituted, and we are having our own pay commission, how will the government adjust the salary. Has the government given any thought ?

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

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, as per the salary and Employment data, the regular government employees are -41216 and the salary is - Rs. 5140. As we have just heard from the hon'ble Minister - the number of government employees are -41380 and the salary is 6764. Which data information is correct ?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir. Pu Lalfakzuala pay commission is given 6 months to submit its report. Report takes time, how can the Commission submit the report within 6 months. Is the government intending to extend the period, or it is a delay tactic of the government to sub-due the agitation of Group 'A'.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, Pay Commission is Constituted on 2nd February 2005. with proper terms of reference. Reports was to be submitted with in 6 months, however, since the Commission is unable to submit

in time, the period has been extended two times, as they seek the permission of extension. We regret the delay, the government is serious. Nothing can be done unless the report is submitted by the Commission.

As for the difference in figure, regarding Pu Suama's question. I will try and give the clarification within this session.

Regarding, the question made by hon'ble member from Kawnpui, I can not give the answer, as I am not prepared.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Health Minister be pleased to State -
(a) In spite of having qualified Doctors and Nurses, why is the number of referred cases increasing? What are we lacking?

S P E A K E R : We will now call hon'ble Health and family Welfare Minister Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga to answer the questions.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the answer to hon'ble member's question is - Doctors and Nurses do look after the patients, but there are cases which needs to be referred that requirement advanced equipments.

We lack advanced equipments and super - specialist.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA : Mr Speaker, supplementary question - Is there any proposal to fill-up the gap, left by Doctors who pursued further studies.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, calculating the ratio of Nurse and the number of beds of the hospitals in our State, the present strength of our Nurse is well below the requirement. I therefore would like to know if there is any proposal by the government to solve this problem?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalthlengliana.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, In my Constituency, Villages like Dapchhuah, Rulpuihlim, Tuahzawl, Khanpui, Saitlaw do not have Doctor, I would like to ask the Minister, if Doctors could be posted in these Villages ?

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker Sir, the increased in referred cases, is due to the non-availability of Referral Hospital. What was the purposed number of bed for the Referral Hospital ? and what is the number now ? What is the date allocated for its completion ? and when is it now expected to be completed.

PU S. HIATO : Mr Speaker Sir, Is there a mean to stop the system of re-imburement for persons who are not really sick. It is practised in every department.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, was the recent appointment of Doctors, on political or Merit basis ? Why are Gold Medalist and specialist not selected ? Are the MPSC. Members Vulnerable to canvassing ?

PU D. THANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I request the hon'ble Minister if, toilet could be constructed in Khawlailung PHC. Has the government completed the selection of Nurse ? If so what is the number of Nurses selected ? Are the senior M.R. selected ?

S P E A K E R : Pu Sailothanga Sailo.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr Speaker, I am not satisfied with the Minister answers, regarding what we lack. We lack in hospital, quarters, vehicles, Doctors and Nurse. Pu Speaker, Priority should be given to Health department. I just wanted to high light these points.

S P E A K E R : Pu R. Khawpuithanga. Borry
Pu K. Vanlalauva.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. How many government approved hospital do we have ?

- PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA** : Mr Speaker Sir, My question is, when will Health Worker's Training centre building construction begin? and when will Health sub-centre building at Tlangnuam be constructed?
- S P E A K E R** : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.
- PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA** : Mr Speaker Sir, when will the government post dental surgeon in Tlabung Hospital?
- S P E A K E R** : We will now call the hon'ble Minister to answer the questions.
- PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA** : Mr Speaker Sir, First of all, I thank
MINISTER that there are many points that interest the members. First all 26 doctors and one dental surgeon is given appointment.

Once this Ministry is formed, it is learned that in the various PHC & CHC. there were no Doctors. After careful study, it is learned that 26 doctors were required. However, the question was, how to fill up this gap. If Doctors from Aizawl were posted to these rural areas, the people from rural areas approach Civil Hospital Aizawl for serious case and surgical case. Therefore, we cannot remove the strength of man power in Civil Hospital, instead, we have to strengthen Civil Hospital.

Under the policy of Rural Health Mission, Community Health Centres are to be strengthened with this policy in view, the State Government has recently filled up 27 regular posts of doctors. To utilise their efficacy, the doctors for rural areas should be trained in Anaesthetics. The Central Government is also approached to make sanction for the training of these doctors. So, I want the members to know that these newly recruited doctors have to leave their new posting place for post graduate training. I would further like to assert that there was no political interference in the appointment of doctors. Appointment is made on the basis of the recommendation of the MPSC.

- PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Mr Speaker Sir, can priority be given to the appointment of post-graduate doctor as the need for specialists is very high in rural areas.
- PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA** : Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir, If
MINISTER Lawngtlai, Mamit and Kolasib Hospitals are to be upgraded to District

Hospitals we need at least 14 Specialists. The next-recruitment would also be made towards with this aim in view.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker Sir, ban on creation and filling up of new posts has been lifted by the office of the Prime Minister for Health Department alone. Can this opportunity be utilised ?

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, On the basis of that decision, the recent appointment of 24 doctors and 36 nurses was made.

As we are all aware, to make new appointment, there is financial involvement. Realising this, the Planning Commission has increased the budget provision by 582 lakhs for Health Department. The State Government Plans to utilise this sanction for the most. The Government is aware that shortage of nurses and laboratory technicians in rural areas is too high and therefore, utmost efforts have been made to solve this problem.

I would also like the members to know that priority is given to those areas where road communication is very poor in regard to posting of doctors.

I am aware that there are a number of rural Hospitals without proper toilet and latrines. Plan has been processed to purchase Ventilated Improved pit which costs about Rs. 10,000/-

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, why has the sponsor refused to release more sanctions for completion of the Construction of Referral Hospital.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Speaker, we are expected to operate the hospital before completion of the building which we cannot comply. As this is the case, the Central Government as informed that the State Government would run the hospital for some other purposes since the Centre failed to implement the programme. But, that also was rejected. Subsequently, the State government is advised to regularly run 50 bedded hospital at the same venue to which we agreed. We are now awaiting sanctions from the same. Meanwhile, under Rural Health Mission, the State government is provided with permission to extend the existing Civil hospital. The State engineers are beginning to take up the work and the DPR (Detailed Project Report) is being sent to the Centre for approval.

S P E A K E R : Starred question no. 128 to be asked by Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister Animal Husbandry & Vety Department be pleased to State-

- (1) Whether there are beneficiaries under BAFFACOS from Rangvamuul.
- (2) If so, their names, the amount, and when will the assistance be disbursed?

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, there is beneficiary under BAFFACOS from Rangvamuul (b) The beneficiary is Pu R.

Chawngkhuma S/o Rothanga (c) Assistance was given to him during 2004-2005 in the form of 300 broiler Chicken, Chiecken feeds, Materials and financial assistance. The assistance was handed to the beneficiary himself.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, when Kawlkuhl Model Piggery Village was set up under Vety Department, there was no financial assistance for beneficiaries but only for setting up infrastructure as the scheme is under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Is it true that there is sanction for financial assistance on peggery village under BAFFACOS? How is the scheme made?.

PU S. HIATO : Mr Speaker Sir, during the last September session the hon'ble Minister stated that there was financial provision under BAFFACOS for the economic backward classes living in urban areas. But the Committee headed by the Chief Secretary made an order that the scheme does not cover urban areas. Please Clarify.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker Sir, there is only one family who selected poultry as a trade.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, is the Government admit the allegation that pig disease that prevailed spread from the pigs supplied by Rural Development Department?

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, there is proposal to enrol piggery village beneficiaries as BAFFACO beneficiaries. The Government intends to provide one more piglet each to all beneficiaries.

In regard to the question of BAFFACOS assistance for urban areas. The Government intends to concentrate mostly on rural areas as most of the farmers come from rural population.

As for the question raised by Pu Lalduhoma, if a family opts to take up piggery as trade the Government accept that option and assistance will be provided accordingly.

In regard to the epidemic of pig disease I would like to inform the House that there is no reason to get alarmed as this is the usual epidemic disease on pigs.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, how is the Government take measures to tackle this disease.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, as vaccination for pig is very hard to find, only medication is prescribed.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, is there any provision to make financial assistance for farmers at the Kawlkulh piggery Village.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the formers at the Piggery Village are already provided with shelter for their families and other necessary infrastructures for piggery. The Government further plans to provide another one piglet each to all the families. Going back to vaccination for pigs, with the steps taken by the officials, about 10000 vaccinations have been acquired which would be given to pigs.

S P E A K E R : Starred question no. 129 to be asked by Pu Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no.129 Will the hon'ble Minister in-charge Sports & Youth Services be pleased to State -

Whether there is proposed to construct playground at Thenhlum.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Z. H Ropuia Minister for Sports & Youth Services to furnish his replies.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, here is the answer to the question of Pu Zodintluanga. There is no Plan for Construction of Play-ground under Sports department as of now.

S P E A K E R : Starred question No. 130 to be asked by Pu H Liansailova.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr Speaker Sir, Starred question No. 130 (a) Total expenditure for construction of. pork & Meat Processing Plant at Zemabawk ? (b) Whether staff is employed for this plant / Project ? (c) This processing Plant cannot be functioned till today. Why ?

S P E A K E R : Pu Tawnluia, Minister Home Department to answer on behalf of the hon'ble Chief Minister.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, here is the answer. (a) Rs. 326.46 lakh has already been spent for the Construction of Pork & Meat Processing Plant at Zemabawk. (b) The existing strength of staff is :-

Assistant Manager (Technician)	-	1	no.
Junior Engineer (Mechanic)	-	1	no
Supervisor	-	1	no
Clerk / LDC	-	1	no
Marketting Assistant	-	1	no
Attendent	-	2	nos
Chowkider	-	1	no
Driver	-	<u>1</u>	<u>no.</u>
		<u>Total</u>	<u>9</u> <u>Staff.</u>

(c) The Turn-key Contractor of this project viz M/S swadsh Constructions Bhopal is being selected by panel of consultants of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries after calling the tender. However, the Contractor is being replaced by M/S Stadler Corporation Mumbai as the original Contractor fails to oblige the instruction to replace the decired materials such as Meat Minor, Bowl Chopper and sausage Filter. Materials required for this plant are now arriving and hopefully it will start fanctioning by the end of April 2006.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over Members such as Pu Zoramthanga House Leader, Pu Aichhinga, Minister, Pu Sainghaka, Member and Pu K. Lianzuala, Member could not attend today's discussion due to unavoidable circumstances.

We will now take up our Business. Pu R. Lalrinliana, Chairman PAC may now lay on the table of this House, the 22nd and 23rd Reports of action taken by PAC.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, it is unfortunate that Pu Sainghaka, Chairman, PAC could not maintain his official duty due to health problem yet it is pleasing that we somehow manage to carry on with the work actively and number of report has already been prepared, thanks to the efforts of the concern members,

Mr Speaker Sir, with your permission and of the House, I hereby lay on the table of the House, the 22nd action taken report of PAC relating to Power & Electric Department and 23rd Action taken report of PAC relating to Environment & Forest Department.

S P E A K E R : We will now take up Discussion and voting on Demands for Grants which may take 5 days for the discussion today, we will take up the demand of the three Ministers such as Pu Lalrinchhana, Pu H. Rammawi, and Pu K. Sangthuama at the same time, to start with, I call upon Pu Lalrinchhana to Lay on the Table of the House, this demands No. 30, 34 and 42.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr Speaker Sir, with recommendation of the Governor and with your permission, I now lay on the table of this House demand no.30, 34 and 42 the total amounting to Rs. 45,22,90,000/- only for meeting expenses during the year 2006-2007 in respect of the following departments.

1)	Demand no 30, Relief & Rehabilitation Department	-	Rs. 7,19,05,000/-
2)	Demand no. 34 AH & Vety Department	-	Rs. 18,22,05,000/-
3)	Demand no. 42 Transport Department	-	Rs. 19,81,80,000/-
	Totally	-	Rs. 45,22,90,000/-

Thank you.

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, with the recommendation of the Governor and with your permission, I now Lay on the Table of the House the demand no, 4, 12, 31 and 32 only for meeting expenses during the year 2006-2007 in respect of the following departments.

1)	Demand no. 4 Law & Judicial Department	-	Rs. 3,43,96,00/-
2)	Parliamentary Affairs Department	-	Rs. 22,85,000/-
3)	Agriculture Department	-	Rs.72,91,30,000/-
4)	Horticulture Department	-	Rs.12,16,70,000/-
	Total	-	Rs.88,74,81,000/-

Thank you.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER**

: Mr Speaker Sir, with the recommendation of the Governor and with your permission Sir, I Lay on the Table of

the House the demand Nos, 17, 37, and 41 only for meeting expenses during the year 2006-2007 in respect of the following departments.

1. Demand no. 17 Food & Civil Supplies and Consumers Affairs - Rs.96,13,70,000/-
2. Demand no. 37 Co-operation Department - Rs. 7,17,10,000/-
3. Demand no. 41, Sericulture Department - Rs. 6,40,35,000/-

Total - Rs. 109,71,15,000/-

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Three Ministers has now Laid the demand of their respective departments on the Table of the House. We will

now take up the discussion. To start with, I call upon Pu Sailothanga Sailo to have his speech.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO

: Mr Speaker Sir, let me start my speech with demand no. 34. I feel sorry for the department of veterinary for not

receiving to budget allocation as expected. From now on, it will be much appreciated if our experts of Finance Department are allowed to deal with sectoral allocation as desired by them. Here, budget allocation in respect of AH & Vety Department is decreased by 14,60,000 in comparison with last years. In determining the reason for the reduction, I believe the concern Minister did not supervise the detail estimate prepared by the department. It is much desirable if the policy and Programme of the Department is prepared with public and Farmer oriented so as to supplement more project for the department. In regard to implementation, it may also be more effective if State implementing unit functioned separately. It is also inappropriate to put DIO, DDO, KVO. and REO under the same directorate as it obstructs the regularity of daily works of the offices. For this reason, it is necessary to put each of the establishment separately so as to improve the office works.

Coming now to the Demand No. 42. it is pleasing that budget allocation in respect of transport department is increased by 94,69,000 compared to last year. Yet it is increased where

the people cannot benefit from it. In respect of minor work, it is increased by 41.56 lakh and 42 for major work and nothing much is left for the benefit of the people Mr Speaker Sir, it is appreciated that Transport department is now functioning without any deficit. As for this reason, it is necessary is provide more staff to make more improvement.

In regard to Demand No. 34, Relief & Rehabilitation Department, it is appreciated that the budget provision is increased by Rs. 318.25 Lakhs as it is important for the government to give priority considering our experiances as a result of natural calamities. Hence, we the MLA are having a sence of relief as the department will now be able to supply silpoulin as required.

Now, Demand No. 31 Agriculture Department. I would like to mention that allocation of Budget provision for the department is hardly sufficient considering measures to be taken to evade the effect of Bamboo Flowering. Out of the total amount of the allocation, nothing much is left to be shared with the people concerned

In relation to this I want to mention that the existing system of our dealings with MIP Fund is hardly appropriate and some changes has to be made.

Regarding the demand of Horticulture department, some improvement is there yet there is no share for the concern people. Even though the concern people are encouraged to take up plantation of Anthurium and cardamom, no provision is found for Grant-in-Aid. whether sectoral allocation for this is being missed out deliberately ?

Lastly, the budget provision for Food & Civil Supplies Department may be increased, but it is sad to learn that no improvement is made in regard to storage of rice. In the same way, condering the importance of Cooperation department, improvement of its budget provision is hardly sufficient. It is also regretted to learn that budget provision for sericulture department is decreased by Rs. 13,50,000. What is the reason Mr Speaker Sir ?

Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, to begin my speech, I want to mention that Sericulture Department is bifurcated from Agriculture Department back in 1985 with the starting Budget of Rs. 80,00,000/- It is pleasing to learn that we are now Raining Rs. 640,35.000. under this department. On the otherhand, it is regretted that the department is functioning without full-fledged Director for almost 20 years which happened to be the main reason for stagnation of the department. The Department truly deserves to have a Director. Relating to this matter, it is important for the government to examine itself as the department of Finance is capable of over-powering the decision made by the cabinet and the system needs to be improved immediately. Since this department is one of the most important departments for combatting the hazzard of bamboo flowering, it is important for the government to turn its attention.

Coming now to the demand of Food & Civil Supplies Department, it is a scheme to learn that we are having large number of families being registered as BPL. In this Connection, it is necessary to resolve the difference of BPL list made by Rural Development Department and Supplies Department.

Secondly, it is necessary to improve the quality of rice allotted to the people in rural areas. It is in-appropriate to save newly arriving stock and issue the old stock as the latter too is no longer fresh after a month or so and the concern people have no chance to avail a good quality.

In regard to AH & Vety Department, it is known to us all that the Department is widely benefitted in rural areas as it concerns with rearing of animals such as cow, pig, chicken etc. We have to keep in mind that providing enough provision to this Department resolves the problem of the concern families in rural areas. If we really have concern for economic development of our State, this Department deserves priority.

Coming now to Transport Department, the Department is determined to profit 565 lakh from expenditure of 1190 lakh where as the Department needs some improvement. It may be wise to strengthen its enforcement so as to make more profit from taxes otherwise self sufficiency will never be achieved by the Department. Not only this Mr. Speaker Sir, improvement of enforcement system is necessary so as to resolve the problem of traffic. I opine the Department is not making the best use of the service of its staff due to lack of appropriate enforcement.

In regard to the maintenance of MIP fund, I opine it is best to stop this project as it only brings negative effect to the people concerned. Since Agriculture and Horticulture are very important I would like to request the concerned Minister to revise this programme to have better implementation. I have pointed out yesterday that misappropriation of Rs. 70 lakh for Minor irrigation had not been find out. In regard to seed supply, the hon'ble Minister had said that precautious steps will be taken from now on. But in practical, we see excessive supply of seeds. In this connection, I wish to give emphasis on Maize and soyabean will be used for raw materials. So, let there be good coordination among Agriculture Department, Horticulture Department, Minor Irrigation and Veterinary Department. Otherwise, our existing plant would be useless. To conclude my speech, I wish the Government to revise BAFACOS and MIP to have the fund reached the poor.

Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA

: Mr. Speaker Sir thank you. Let me speak about Demand Nos. 31 and 32. As we have listened from the hon'ble member

from Phuldungsei Constituency, MIP would be revised to give self-sufficiency to the farmers. Now, MIP seemed to be a useful project for few people only. The hon'ble Chief Minister had mentioned that Mizoram would be a State which has one of the best incomes within five years, and after ten year it would be called "Switzerland of the East". Now, seven years had already passed from that day. Do we have one of the best incomes? Should we really be "Switzerland of the East" after three years? Various steps taken by the Government, in my opinion, would not lead us to self sufficiency.

Coming to Sericulture Department we know that it is a good source of income for every family and we have good potential. However, I opine that we neglected this Department since a very long time. I wish Sericulture Department to have a full fledged Director of its own

In the matter of Food, Civil Supply and consumer Affairs Department. I would like to request the concerned Minister to take steps to buy better quality of rice. I found that rice bought by the people from the retailer are suitable for pigs. Therefore, better quality of rice should be sold to the people.

In regard to Demand No. 42, Transport Department had now cleared all its liabilities. This is a great achievement and I appreciate various steps taken by the Minister in this matter. Lastly, I would like to mention about the rate of taxes. It is said that road tax for a heavy vehicle would be increased from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 10,000 in a year, if so, Bus fare and transportation charges would be increased automatically which would affect the people. So, I request the Government to be careful in this matter.

Thank you.

PU S. HIATO

: Mr Speaker Sir, let me start from Demand No. 30, Relief & Rehabilitation Department. We have Rs. 677 lakh under the head of Relief for national calamity. Generally, those who lost their house due to fire, landslids, etc. are given about Rs. 1000/- each. This amount of money is quite less than what we expected. Is there any way to give more amount of money. Besides, in regard to distribution of Silpoulin, I request this Department to issue such material to the needy people only.

In regard to AH & Vety Department. I would like to mention that animal rearing is quite familiar to the people of Mizoram especially in rural areas. In spite of this, AH & Vety Office in various Villages are badly equipped and needed better facilities. So, I request this Department to work more in rural areas too, so that many in the rural would have good source of income.

Coming to Demand No. 42. Transport Department, one of the biggest problems for the owner of vehicle is Insurance problem. We have pointed out this so many times in this House and assurance had also been given by the Minister. But, no steps have been taken till date to solve such problem. Insurance Department is a commercial Department. They do not want to open office in all District headquarters except Aizawl. We, therefore, need to come to Aizawl from every corner of Mizoram to do vehicle insurance. Can the Department take steps to solve this problem. Besides, Transport Department is responsible for Traffic problem in Aizawl. Restriction should be made in issuing taxi permits.

In regard to Food, Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs Department, scarcity of Petrol and Diesel is a big problem in various rural areas. Besides, adulteration of fuel causes early damage of vehicles. So, I request the Department to take steps to prevent fuels from adulteration and to make more filling stations as much as possible in various places. Lastly, I would like to request the Government again to revise BAFFACOS to be able to reach the poor people directly.

Thank you.

PU H. ROHLUNA

: Mr Speaker Sir, Thank you. First of all I would like to point out the problem faced by the consumers of BSNL

Telephones. Too much time is needed for the people to pay Telephone Bills due to less number of Bill counters. Although this is the problem between the company and its customers I request the Government to take steps to safeguard the rights of the consumers. In the matter of rice. I demand better quality. Rice sold from various retailers are too bad and suitable for animals only. I, therefore request the concerned Minister to note down this. In Ngopa Village, there is one retailer for wheat brand but the material had never reached Ngopa. So, I request for better distribution system of all supply items under this Department.

Demand No 41. fifty beneficiaries of Sericulture farming of Hnahlan did not receive G.I. sheet and Sericulture sieves properly. It is good to investigate the reasons.

Demand no. 31. It appears that MIP under Agriculture Department is good to be abolished if new system to be more fruitful is not formulated.

About 5010 quintals of Potato seeds were distributed to the interested farmers. But it is mostly destroyed. The reason may be unseasonal seedling. It will be good to distribute the potato seeds in time. Farmers of Ngopa cleared their farm without potato seeds now.

Under demand no 32, Horticulture Department also distributed Potato seeds under the scheme of Baffacos. But Horticulture Department could not cover all villages. Hence, many farmers are very pitiful where the Department could not cover.

We know the success of grape growers of Hnahlan though Government could not help them on ground of Total Prohibition. all aids from Technology mission were stopped. It seemed that the Total Prohibition Act needed amendment. On the other hand, Government could help them by means of ordinance. Hence I request Government to seek how to help the grape growers. It appears that Parliament of India included grape as food item, which is eagerly waited by the grape growers, I therefore, request Government to study about the problem.

Thank you.

PU D. THANGLIANA

: Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is very pleasing to discuss budget on this day. We have only ten minutes to say ten demands.

It seemed to be good to have understanding if ten minutes could not cover what we want to say.

First of all, demand no 34 AH & Veterinary Department. It is very important step what they had taken at Tanhril. Different kinds of fodder is now produced here. The improvement can be seen here. Although the provision is lesser than last year it is very pleasing any way.

Vety Department also gave a large sum of money for rearing cattle, Pig, poultry etc. under baffacos scheme. Another thing I like to highlight is that Vety. Department has contributed Rs. 80 lakhs for matching Central fund. But I want to criticise that fund provided for medical treatment is too much.

Vety Department has land for rearing animals at Lungdar "E" But it is not look after properly. It appears that it needs improvement as the Eastern block is suitable for rearing animals

like cattle, Pig, poultry, Goat and sheep. Under Vety Department 644 families were selected to take up rearing Pigs, 16 families for rearing, Poultry, 716 families for rearing cattle, Goat sheep. It is very pleasing to have such scheme.

Secondly, I would like to request Government to open Booking office at Sailulak Village. It is very pleasing to earn revenue from Transport Department. Before it is a department which has large amount of liability.

Under demand no 41 Sericulture Department, 630 families grow mulbery tree last year. Now, 1500 families will grow mulbery tree this year. It is very pleasing to know that such proposal has been formulated by Sericulture Department. Not only this, but 350 families received help from Government. I do hope that the Department would carry over such policy.

Next to this, it is very pleasing that the Food and Civil Supply Department constructed a number of Godowns and quarters in many places for storage of rice in preparation for the coming famine due to bamboo flowering. Not only that, but various godowns and quarters were maintained for such purpose.

Thank you.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I will begin from Horticulture Department. The Budget provision for Horticulture Department is unsatisfactory. Because Rs. 400/- Lakhs is given for Horticulture development. The actual fund provided for Horticulture in the budget is very small. It is more than last year by about Rs. 10/- lakhs after adding Rs. 400 lakhs of fund under baffacos. It is needed to provide more fund in Horticulture because it serves the poor farmers and cultivators, and the department supplies seeds to the farmers. And I would like to add that the passion fruit grown in Khawzawl Constituency is not successful and no aid is received from the Government.

Khawzawl and Chawngtlai Village is selected for model village. But scheme is not formulated properly. Financial assistance is to be given on need base. YMA is selected to make recommendation while officers also have such recommendation. But their recommendation are not the same. Hence, financial assistance are not properly given to the farmers. Anyhow, if the marketing is good it appears that farming would be successful. I therefore request Government to give confidence to the confidence to the farmers as well as YMA for inspecting team to the farmers.

Lastly, My Constituency has interest with the animal feed plant set up by A.H. & Vety Department. Many farmers want to supply raw materials like maize, bean etc. The farmers of my Constituency can supply the raw materials of the said Animal Feed Plant, but as a contract firm having fixed rates. In short, I would like to request Government to do selection of farmers impartially, I think that will lead to the success of farming in the State. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Time is over we will have a recess and continue at 2:00 PM. Sitting Adjourned : 1:00 PM.

2 : 00 PM.

PU C. LALRINSANGA
DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Let us call upon Pu Lalhmingthanga

PU LALHMINGTHANGA

: Thank you Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, Demands we are discussing is very important as it concerned the common people in our State.

First of all, I will begin from demand no 41 sericulture Department. Sericulture Farming is very suitable for our State as farming is accorded with Mizo Psychology. Besides these, There is no problem in marketing of the products. And the Mulberry tree is suitable in the climatic condition of the State. It is very pleasing to provide more fund in the budget than last year. But this year, the budget provision is not enough as it is a sustainable economy to individual family to fight the coming famine due to bamboo flowering. It is needed to increase Sericulture farming year by year.

Secondly, demand no 32 Horticulture Department. Considering physical feature of the land of Mizoram, Horticulture is the most sustainable economy in the State. Its potential area is wider than Agriculture potential area. There are many kinds of plants to be grown in the State. There may be short term and long term varieties. oranges and Assam lemon have no problem in marketing. It is usually purchased before it is ripen.

The hon'ble Minister said that growing of Jathropa, red oil palm pachauli etc. are to be encouraged. But, large-scale growing may not be good to encourage now. I think such planting should be taken as a pilot project. There are many spices like Nimbu, Orange, Hatkora etc. which can be encouraged in large scale as they are already tested. The spices selected by Horticulture Department is too much. I think we should concentrate only on few spices at a time. What should be considered is what will be good for employment orientation to the farmers.

Demand No. 31 Agriculture Department In Agriculture also, the purview of the department is too wide. It is time to concentrate on few seeds. Steps taken by the Department is rarely fruitful. The WRC and terracing are not successful due to bad irrigation system. That's why, it is necessary to be concentrated on few spices.

Demand No. 34 Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, Poultry, Pig, cattle imported from outside are largely encouraged in the state. I would like to suggest that Hill cattle etc too be encouraged in the state.

Lastly, under Relief and Rehabilitation, Silpouline is distributed for prevention of landslide but now there is a very high demand for farmers to prevent their crops from rain before harvesting season.

Thank you.

PU, C. LALRINSANGA
DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Pu, Lalhlengliana.

PU, LALTHLENGLIANA

: Thank you, hon'ble Speaker Sir. The Budget provision we are discussing is satisfactory. If we use it in the best ways

and means, it will be very useful for development of our state.

First of all, I will say about demand no. 31 and 32 Agriculture and Horticulture Departments. In the Last years, Garden colony is called the State policy, after that Jhum control and then New Land use Policy. Now MIP is formulated for upliftment of the poor people. Anyhow it appears that it is necessary to revise our development policy.

Now, Jatropha, red oil palm, Pachauli, grape, etc. are now encouraged in the State. As I was the Chairman of MIFCO, I am clear that passion fruit is the best for encouragement in the State. The purple variety is the best quality in the world. Which is grown in our State. The MIFCO set up machine for processing such passion fruit. It can process 25 quintal within an hour. But the products cannot be sold abroad because of chemical minton. State Government gave as Rs. 151 lakhs for setting up of new processing unit. After commissioning this unit, the products will be exported in foreign countries. The purple passion fruit variety is the clearest of all in the world. It appears that it is the variety for encouragement in our State. It appears that there is marketing problem in international market.

Demand no 41 Sericulture Department The people of my constituency also grow mulberry trees. Some of them buy Rs. 20/30 thousands in a month. It appears that it is good to adopt by Horticulture and Agriculture Department as one of the plants encouraged by the Department. It is a sustainable economy for every individual family of our State as there is no marketing problem.

Under demand no 30 Relief and Rehabilitation, Silpouline is allotted for prevention of landslide and other Natural calamities. It appears that farmers and cultivators highly needed it. Hence, I would suggest that it be given to them for processing this production in their farm.

Thank you.

PU H. LALSANGZUALA

: Thank you. Mr. Chairman Sir, we are now discussing demands. I would like to say demand no 31 and 32 in the

first place Horticulture and Agriculture Department is the lifeline of the people of Mizoram. Government of Mizoram has taken various policies for upliftment of the poor cultivators and farmers. But the farmers/cultivators are in dispair and success is far from most of them till now. It seemed that the Government has to encourage few variety for their success without encouraging new items from time to time. They also need to be given financial assistance in time. For example, passion fruit is encouraged in the State, accordingly many farmers cleared their land in my Constituency. But they have abandoned their project due to absence of iron wire for fecing. Hence, it is clear that the farmers are to be given assistance in time, without which, no farm will have success.

Under demand no 31 the Agriculturist should be given assistance when needed for Example Buffaco in case of dead, pine line in case of broken water supply etc.

Under A.H. & Vety Department, steps should be taken for the Villagers to have sufficient milk by giving loan to them.

Under demand no 41 Sericulture Department, we all know the goodness of silk and the progress of Sericulture farming. But there is no institution for imparting silk farming technology to farmers or the people. Hence, I would like to request Government to take steps for importing its technique of management to the farmers.

Thank you.

PU C. LALRINSANGA
DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Pu H. Liansailova.

PU H. LIANSILOVA

: Pu Chairman, to start with I would like to dress the need to acquire more silpouline for Relief and Reha-

bilitation Department before rainy season comes it will be much important to take precautionary measures particularly within Aizawl.

Secondly, it is necessary for the government to resolve the problem of certain officers of veterinary Department particularly of their promotion. It is learned that those veterinary surgeons still enjoy the same pay-scal even after promotion some officers are bound to remain in the same post even after 20 or 30 years. The concern authority must determine incentive to those concerned officers.

If we look into our Budget, 218 lakh is sanctioned from the revised budget of 2005 - 2006. To what extent step for the construction is being taken? Will it be completed for immediate use?

In this connection, I appreciate steps taken by the department of A.H. & Vety Department in supporting the families who earn their livelihood in rearing cattles, particularly for turning towards production of sufficient amount of milk.

Coming now to Transport department, I want to stress the need to consider the welfare of its staff in addition to strengthening of enforcement which will be the main source of revenue for the department.

Regarding Demand no. 31. Agriculture Department, our Chief Minister highlighted in his budget speech of the plan for collection of user charge from irrigation. In this relation, large amount of loan is taken from AIDP and NABARD for diversion of rivers. It is important to consider what benefits we have made from that loan. In the same manner, introduction of uses charge collection would not be much effective as we are not having appropriate works under irrigation. It is therefore, important for the government to make the decision very carefully.

Coming now to the demand of Horticulture, we have just listened that 400 lakh is allocated for concentration on Passio fruits at the area of 1025 acres of land. Mr Speaker Sir, the problem is that as soon as concentration is given in that regard, no much fruit is found in the market. We have to determine the reason for this where as investment is high enough to achieve this plan.

What important first is to improve our financial management otherwise nothing will be achieved.

CHAIRMAN : Pu Saikapthianga.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Chairman, let me start with the demand no 30. Which concerns Relief & Rehabilitation Department. Pu Speaker, considering the requirement of the department, Budget Provision for this department seems to be insufficient. It may be supplemented in the Revised Estimate. In this connection, I want to point out that relief Fund given to the 2 victims of fire which had broke out in my Constituency is inconsiderable. It is therefore, necessary to improve our handling of relief fund for the victim of natural Calamities. At the same time, it may also be necessary to improve the system of distribution of relief material so that it is given to those who truly deserved the material and to stop selling of the material for personal benefit by some people. Considering the requirement of this material, it may also be determined for the concerned authority to acquire more so that the concerned people avail when needed.

To speak of the demand number 34 Animal Husbandry, we the Mizos are blessed with the talent of rearing cattle for which every households particularly in rural areas are able to maintain their livelihood because of this. Yet, there is a limit for each of the concerned family for which it is much important for the government to determine more assistance.

Coming now to the demand of Agriculture department, what is most important for the department is to teach the people the technique of productive farming. It may be past popular department yet it is the most backward compared to other departments. It is said to learn that the popularity of this important department seems to fade especially in rural areas as the department is taking no step which is worth mentioning. It is therefore necessary for the department to turn its attention towards the people in rural areas.

I also want to mention about irrigation. It is to be noted that there are number of cultivated land on which irrigation cannot be done. Hence, it will not be appropriate to collect taxes from such cultivation. Hence, the work will be better taken up departmentally rather than by contractors, as it is a sensitive work which needs careful attention and special technique.

Coming now to the demand of Horticulture Department, since upgradation of Horticulture to a full-fledged Directorate, the government is searching for appropriate project to be taken up for which concentration is given to plantation of fruits like grape and passion fruits. In this regard, it is time to make a firm decision and it is not appropriate to sign agreement consecutively with different companies. Our main objective have to be of guiding the concerned people into appropriate direction so that they may be able to depend on plantation of the said fruit or plants.

There is a problem which I cannot understand regarding Supply Department. In Mizoram, most of the families are depending on imported rice from which the supply is mostly benefitted by non-Mizos. It is learned that most of the stores run by Mizos receives supply from

non Mizos on which the major share is benefitted by the latter. In spite of availability of regular supply in the market, the department is spending large amount of money for purchasing food grains from FCI. It is therefore wise for the government to determine supply rate of rice cheaper than that of open market. If we have to depend on the supply from the market, the government have to stop purchase of rice from FCI so that large amount of fund can be saved. It is regretted that we are being invaded economically by rich suppliers from outside and we have to determine measure to stop them. It is not appropriate for the people of rural areas to purchase supply at higher rate and for this the government may examine the situation. Thank you.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Pu K. Lalrinliana.
CHAIRMAN

PU K. LALRINLIANA : Thank you. Pu Chairman considering our Budget Provision of 2005 - 2006 what we have now is much considerably high.

Let me start with demand no. 30 Relief & Rehabilitation department. I opine it is necessary to make provision for purchase of life-saving equipments for drowning. More provision may be given to Relief & Rehabilitation Department when revised Estimate is made.

In regard to Demand No. 34 Veterinary Department, I want to mention about plant for processing food for the animals. It may be important for the department to put more efforts to that respect, so as to maintain self sufficiency in animal feed. It is also important to construct animal sheds in more places so as to keep our city clean, this is also necessary from hygienic point of view. Regarding milk production. Dairy plant was inaugurated at Kolasib last year. Number of families put their efforts in rearing Cows to feed the Plant. In addition to feeding the Plant sufficiently, large amount of litres has also been sold to Silchar which is much encouraging

Demand 42- Transport. I agree that MVI wing is revenue earning department. We should therefore strengthen this wing. It is pleasing to note that, there is a proposal to shift station superintendent office from silchar to Kolasib. I also thank the hon'ble Minister for the effort given for computerisation of Registration of Driving License.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to thanks for the fund allocation for the construction of Transport office Directorate building. I would also further like to thank for District forum office buildings in Champhai, Mamit and Lawngtlai under Food & Civil Supply.

Demand No. 41- Sericulture. I visited various Sericulture demonstration farms, it is pleasing to note that, it is leading to self sufficiency. If we look at Mugat Variety-from the source given by the department, it is available only in North-East India. Therefore, priority should be given to this variety.

Demand No 31 -32 Agriculture and Horticulture. Pu Speaker, priority should be given to area where land development scheme has not reached. The farmers benefitted from this scheme. Their products have raised due to this scheme. Agriculture - link - road should also be given priority where there is potential connectivity.

We are now know for rose and Anthurium plantation. A proposal should be made to help the self-help group for supporting themselves.

There are many points to highlight. however since the time allotment is limited I will end here Pu Chairman,

thank you.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO

: Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to speak about demand 30- Relief & Rehabilitation. Why is other -charges decreased by Rs. 300 lakhs?

Demand No. 31-32, Agriculture & Horticulture. From the Governor's speech, Agriculture Department has procured 5,000 quintals. of potato seeds which have been distributed to the drought victims. However, from the unstarred question No. 61, it is stated as fifty fifty. Why is the 50 quintal differences? We should be more careful.

Cow peal rut was procured for Rs. 79 lakhs. If this is so, it seems we will be self-sufficient in Cow-peal. However from the information I received, these fund were for Lai District election. The government should be careful in the implementation of fund. Pu Chairman in Agriculture we are taking up cush crop, leaving behind food grain. Cash crop system opens doors for corruption. The government should direct its view towards the stabilisation of farmers.

Yesterday, we visited Chite rose-garden, with its new technology, it was a pleasant sight. However, what concern me is, it will go upper-class oriented leaving the farmers and growers behind.

Demand No. 17, Food and Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs. K. Oil is usually not distributed in urban area. But, yesterday K.Oil was distributed in the outlet, it could be due to the on-going session. I therefore, urge the government to distribute accordingly, and pay the bill evenly.

Demand No. 41. Sericulture. This department is serving as the means of livelihood for the rural people. But, I would like to suggest the government to be more caucious in the implementation of the fund sanctioned by the Central government.

Pu Speaker, from the information I received, I will not give the name of the person, but one person was from Registrar Co-operative society was promoted to Account Superintendent of Mizoram multi-commodity produces Co-operative union MULCO. I have the memo number. This person, never attent the office after he was posted in MULCO. However, from the office's record, he is a regular staff and present in the record. The said person is engaged in full time bussiness with the understanding of Managing Director and Manager. Pu Speaker, action should be taken. I regret, I have to mention in this August House. I request the Minister to please note this carefully.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Pu R. Khawpuithanga

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA

: Mr Speaker Sir, First of all I would like to speaker about demand No.

17. Food and Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs. It is pleasing to note that, BPL families are able to distribute 35 Kg. of food-grain to each BPL families. It is note worthy that, the department is able to distribute food - grain to the various Homes and Hostels.

Regarding controlling of diesel/petrol quality. I urge Legal Metrology department to take speedy steps. Pu Speaker, it is grate-pleasing that, Food and Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs Department received the National award for best performance.

Sericulture department- It is worth mentioning that. 360 families are earning their livelihood through this department and the development of the department is seen each year.

Demand No-30 Relief & Redhabilitation. As we are aware, natural calmities are occuring around the World in various places. We hear of earthquakes and as we know, Mizoram is in the earthquake zone. What I would like to suggest is, Disaster Management unit should be opened in every village to guide the people. Disaster Management unit is not just for earthquake, but for natural calmities as well. Recently when shape caught fire, people gathered without being able to do much. Therefore, this department should be given priority and the fund allocation in Revise Estimate should also be increased.

Demand No 4. Law and Judicial It is pleasing to note the various achievements under this department like the separation of Judiciary, the Mizo customary law etc. We also have the High Court bench. Buildings have come up for the Hiigh Court which is also an achievement. Pu Speaker, the fund allocation should be increased for this department.

Demand No. 31. Agriculture and Horticulture. I just want to mention that grape and passion fruit should be given priority. Lastly. I support that the demand of various departments be passed by this August House.

Thank you.

PU H. VANLALTHALIANA

: Thank you, Mr Speaker. At the outset, I would like to expeass my appreciation of the stops taken by the government to counter he coming Mautam next year.

Let me start my discussion with Sericulture Department. As we have experienced, the rural population cannot find there livelihood from jhumming alone. The Government is aware of the great potentialities of Sericulture in Mizoram in providing employment opportunities and economic wellbeing to rural families. Under a special scheme, a special package has been recieved by the people of Lawngtlai and Saiha Districts. This Special parkage has been utilised for the progress of Sericulture activities like mulberry sericulture and rearing of Cocoon. With this successful projects. I dont think Mautam would be a Meance for the districts. I would even like to advise the Government to lay more emphasis on Sericulture activities as it is an attervative for the devastating jhumming cultivation.

Next, on demand no. 37, Cooperation continued to be the department that is highly utilised by the people. The department provides generous financial assistance and loans to individuals and different church denomination for construction of churches. In Lawngtlai, Apex Bank which is under the Cooperation Department has been the most families institution amongst the people because of its services for the same.

Coming to Food & Civil Supplies Department. I am proud to say that 34 new godowns has been constructed during the last financial year. At the same time I would like to say that the rice Godown at Tuithum hnar is not fit for storing supplier during rainy season. During the last monsoon, more than 700 quintals of rice had been damaged by rain and were not fit for human consumption. Later, loss of supplier on damaged is reported as the liabilities of the store keepers. Therefore, it would be appreciated if the authority note the difficulties faced by the store keeper and take positive action. I would further like to suggest that when constructing supply godowns, concrete materials be used at least up to skirting level so that materials will not get damaged by rain.

I am happy to say that the over all availability of food grain in the State has been satisfactory. If there is fund, there is supplies. Even the coming Mautam could not be a threat to us because this Government has fund for procurement of rice.

Yesterday, we, the MLAS were taken to visit the rose garden at Chite which gives me an impression that if the Government can provide infrastructure there is hope for achievement of self-sufficiency in any food grains. Similarly, there is also potential for seccess in rose garden.

Emphasising on Relief & Rehabilitation, Silpauline served a great purpose particularly in Lawngtlai District as landslide has continued to be a serious threat - Therefore, the Government is urged to make more sanctions besides Revised Estimates It may also be suggested that distribution of silpauline to rural areas may be done with the knowledge of the concerned MLA. More emphasis should be laid on providing awarness and training to the people on disaster management.

Coming to the department of Transport, I would like to ask the Government to provide better bus services to various routes. Considering the plight of the poor rural commuters, the department is urged to ply buses to even new routes besides the identified routes. To conclude my speech I want to say that I am in support of the demands.

Thank you.

PU LALDUHOMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, in the last BAC. Meeting, I had expressed my feelings that the time allotted to the representa-

tives of the people used to be little. And today, approximately 1-Minute each is allotted for every department.

I will start with Demand no. 30. There are 6-families in Mauchar Market as beneficiaries for compensation. But, one person named Lalmuan awma of Mauchar has taken his dues without the knowledge of others.

There is also another incident at Ratu where one miscreant has taken ex-gratia to be given to another person. The department should have demanded identification or acknowledgement issued by the concerned Village Council. All this have happened because of the negligence and irresponsibility of the department. I request the Hon'ble Minister to note this and take steps so that such miscreants could be punished.

Secondly, in the GPC meeting, it was resolved that Silpaulin should be provided to all MLAS as a quota so that only the needful could get the supply. But this resolution has not been abided now except in the last financial year. In this regard I suggest that more confidence be put to the MLAS and take up distribution of Silpaulin in a more accurate manner. The disaster management should also be made more active and awareness campaign may also be conducted among the people. I would further like to urge the government to provide more amount in payment of ex-gratia grant. Disaster Management Committee should also be empowered to be able to provide immediate relief in case of emergency.

As already stated by the member from Kolasib, there are certain Villages which frequently has to encounter untoward incidents like drowning. Being situated at riverside the people of sairang and some Villages have to search for dead bodies at their own risk without any assistance from the department. Therefore, the department should arrange special package to be provided to there Villages to meet their requirements in times of disaster.

I will go to demand no. 44. In Mizoram, Insurance Company refused to give insurance sto certain vehicles. This has been a problem as Enforcement police used to book those vehicles that are not insured. It would also be appreciated if the Government could relax the rules and ensure that all private vehicles are insured. It may also be suggested that private rental car agencies in Mizoram be encouraged to compete with each others.

Coming to demand no 17, Food & Civil Supplies, it is known to all that weightbridge for weighing rice bag at Supply Godown has frequently been broken by the Department employees on purpose. I would like to request the Minister to react to this matter on his wind up speech.

I would also like to advise the authority to take initiative for the repair of and maintenance of road between PTC to Ramrikawn Godown.

In regard to the rate of rice, it seems that the Government has sold rice to retailers at a rate which is higher than that of the rate of the FCI. As this is the case, the public have to purchase it at a heavy rate. The retailers are now comfeting with open markets. And the victims are the public while the department is expected to go on no profit, no loss basis/policy, it has rather caused burden to the public. Therefore, this matter needs to be considered.

On Agriculture and Horticulture, I would like to ask the hon'ble Minister to assure that banana seeds would be distributed to the growers in time. Horticulture is an important department for the state. But, the Government is not generous enough to families who have taken Horticultural activities. The department has not given enough to build infrastructure. Materials should be distributed as silpoulin is being distributed to the needy. Horticulture and Agriculture activities could be more successful if MIP fund is utilised for supply of water pipes and barbed wire to farmers so that they could have emple supply of water.

In regard to selling of ginger, I have highly expected the intervention of State Market Intervention Scheme this year so that the fall of ginger rate could be controlled. How can the government remain silent while the non-Mizo traders are monopolising ginger trade in Mizoram.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Time is now 4:00 PM. Will we continue our business without break or not? Yes, we will have a break for half an hour and meeting will be resumed at 4:30 PM.

4:30 PM.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA

: Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to start my speech from Demand No. 34. AH & Vety Department. in the past years

we were not careful in our diet, especially in meats. such carelessness might be the reason for great prevalence of Cancer and other dreadful diseases in our society. Therefore, we need awareness campaign on this regard. I would like to request Animal Husbandry & Vety Department to take such steps immediately.

Coming to Horticulture Department, I appreciate various steps taken by the hon'ble Minister. In this matter. I opine that the staff of this Department and even the people need to share the vision of the hon'ble Minister. Most of the farmers in Mizoram have no educational background. Therefore they are greatly in need of proper guidance. The Department is responsible to educate the farmers to understand various programmes initiated by the Government. Under Sericulture Department also 1630 families now started growing mulberry. They will need proper guidance for the success of the scheme. We all need to work harder to achieve successful revolution.

In regard to Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department. I appreciate various measures taken by Legal Metrology wing to prevent adulteration of Petrol and diesel, this bad practice causes early damage to vehicle engines. So, I would like to request this Department to continue and work harder in this matter.

Thank you.

PU LAL THANHAWLA

: Mr Speaker Sir, from the speech of the hon'ble Members, we know that all our livelihoods are totally depend-

ing only on the Government since there are no major Industries and companies in our state. Therefore, the Government has to make programmes and budget to reach every people. I think we all have common idea which is to give priority to Agriculture and allied services to become self-sufficiency in foodgrain which will be the most important for Mizoram. Therefore, we need to start a particular programme which has an objective in this matter. I opine that we have wasted too much time for experiment only. We have introduced passion fruit, bamboo and many other items, but, we do not have adequate products to meet various demands. So, we really need to concentrate on any specific possible item. We have to choose an item to be dealt from now on.

Coming to Relief & Rehabilitation Department unfortunately disaster would be coming during this rainy season. In such circumstances the immediate relief sanctioned by the Government seemed to be quite inadequate. Our existing rule is needed to be revised Mr Chidambaram, the Union Minister for Finance, in his budget speech stated that more amount of money is set aside this year for calamities relief fund. I, therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to pay heed to this matter. Besides, we know that every family even in Capital and villages need silpoulin to prevent our sites from landslide. I would like to request the Department to give more importance to each MLA in distribution of Silpoulin.

In the matter of Law & Judicial, we just passed separation of Judiciary from executive but we have not get used in practical. I, Therefore, suggest early implementation of separation of Judiciary in practical.

We have listened about Sericulture Department. I also opine that Sericulture can provide good livelihood to many families. So, I wish this Department to work harder. Likewise, Co-operation Department should also be strengthened to provide livelihood to the people. Various financial Banks under, this Department should be opened to help farmers in rural areas too.

In regard to AH & Vety Department, there have been many important steps to be taken. We need to improve our slaughtering system. If this Department works harder we can get healthier meat from the market.

Coming to Transport Department, I appreciate various steps taken by the hon'ble Minister and staff of this Department. Meanwhile, I would like to suggest this Department to detail more passenger buses to various rural villages so that poor people in rural areas would be benefitted much more than today.

Thank you.

PU K. VANLALAUVA

: Mr Speaker Sir, Thank you. First of all let me speak about Agriculture Department. Budget allocated for this

Department this year is much more than last year's budget. I would like to suggest that the concerned Minister as well as the Officers and staff of this Department take progressive steps towards the common interest of the whole state.

Considering the hindrance of Agriculture Department, I think it is time to determine how to improve we system. We see that sufficient amount is allotted for Minor irrigation project. I must say that unless the fund is utilised carefully, there will not be improvement for the concern cultivators.

Coming to the Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, number of families within my constituency make their living by supplying Cattles and the increasing rate of tax to that respect is too much and the concern people can hardly bear the burden. What I can do as an MLA of their Constituency is to console them that they should learn to cope with the decision of the government get their problem is never solved. In this connection, I would like to ask whether tax is being collected by the concern officials without appropriate check gate and without issue of receipt for payment of such taxes?

Lastly, to speak about the demand of Co-operative department. I strongly believe that steps taken by the department is profitable rough if its budget provision is utilised appropriately. Regarding Mizofed, step taken by the department is Praiseworthy for being able to maintain regular supply of Petrol, Diesel, Gas etc. The department had even received National Award in 2005 for their efficiency in content of oil and gas. I therefore find it hard to accept decrease of the budget Provision in respect of Co-operative department.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Before winding-up the discussion, I would like to remind the House that I have made a suggestion at the Business Advisory Committee for changing of our pattern of discussion in which discussion may be taken in a legislative group-wise by allotting half an hour or 45 minutes to each of the member could have enough time for the speech.

I request each of the member to consider this matter. I now call upon the concern Minister to wind up the discussion also move to this House permission to pass it.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I appreciate speech made by each of the Member as they all are emphasising on improvement and good Co-operation. The department I look after received various words of praises from the Members and I must say that it is the result of the efforts of our Director and its staff

Firstly, I would like to point out that most of the people misunderstood the department of Relief & Rehabilitation as an welfare department. In this regard it is to be noted that the Central government provides norms in respect of each of the project under Relief & Rehabilitation Department. The Department is not concern with all the Calamities which may happen in our state and there is a limitation which includes.

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| 1) Cyclone | 2) Draught. | 3) Earthquake |
| 4) Fire (House) | 5) Flood | 6) Hailstorm |
| 7) Tsunami | 8) Landshide | 9) Avalanche |
| 10) Cloud Burst | 11) Past Attack. | |

The victim of the above may avail Central Relief Fund from the department, yet, it is to be noted that accident like snake bited, suicide, falling from trees or clift, accident from vehicle are not included payment of Central Relief Fund is fixed on the basis of various grounds such as - Ex-Gratia payment. Rs. 50,000/- Loss of limbs Rs. 25,000/- Hospitalised victim of Accident for one or two weeks Rs. 5,000/- Building which may be fully destroyed Pucca Building Rs. 10,000/- and for Kacha Building Rs. 6,000/- For the repair of Kacha House Rs. 1,200/- Furthermore, it may also be granted 800 to the victim of building or House which may be destroyed not less than 15 %, Rs.500 to the victim who close clothing and Rs. 500 for loss of other materials.

It is also to be noted that 75 % of this fund is coming from the Central government and 25% from the state government. To highlight the main achievement, of the department during the previous financial year, collection is made for the relief of Tsunami victim amounting to Rs. 13,082,723/- plus one lakh Bamboos which was submitted in the Central government. During this financial year. Central Government sanctioned Rs. 311 lakhs for payment of Ex-Gratia grant of Rs. 15,000 each to 2073 families. As a preventive measure for landslide and to YMA for use as necessary, 3,1093 nos of silpouline was distributed.

Beside Mr Speaker Sir, during the year 2005-2006 Rs. 1063,00,00,000/- of Natural Calamities Contingent Fund was received from the Central out of which Rs. 441,28,000 was issued to DC. of each District, not only this, Rs.403,50,00/- was forwarded to Public Works Department and 5,000 bundles of GCI sheets had also been issued for the relief of victims of cyclone and hailstorm. For the repair of school buildings destroyed by the same Rs.18,20,000/- is forwarded to Education department

Again, on 23.1.2006, we received Rs. 103,67,541,12/- as a disaster Management fund from UNDP. of Central Govt from which expenditure disaster Training and reward given to the Consultant is met.

Keeping in mind the importance of taking preventive measures from impending danger which may be brought by some sort of natural calamities, a Committee at state, District, sub-division, Block and Village level was formed and for that purposes, training is given to Police, NGO and students and also to MLAS, Head of Departments, Engineer and others as well.

For the year 2006-2007, the Budget estimate for Relief & Rehabilitation Department is 677 lakh rupees. Which may be utilised according to Norms provided by the Central Government.

Coming now to the demand of one of my departments, AH & Vety Department, Annual Plan for the year 2005-2006 was Rs. 758 Lakhs out of which 264 lakh was allocated for the purpose of preventive measure against Bamboo Flowering and 40 lakh under Dairy development.

Plant for Processing of animal Feeds is being set up from Non-lapsable Central Pool of resources Fund from which 7678.80 quintal of chicken feeds, 3,522.90 quintals of Pig feeds and 3,012.30 quintals of Cattle feeds was produced during the year 2005. The Central government also sanctioned Rs.7.25 Crore for this project out of which 4.36 crore has already been released and the rest 2.89 Crore will soon be on its way.

Financial concurrent for Construction of slaughter House has also been received from NEC for which Rs. 321 lakh was received out of which 308.90 has been spent for that Construction and is now being completed. We are now preparing for collection of materials and other necessities.

Mr Speaker Sir, financial assistance has also been provided to families engaged in rearing cattles such as Piggery - 664 families, Broiler, layer, large breed and local breed cattles to 16 families respectively BAFFACOS fund has also been utilised to promote rearing goats and sheeps.

Since introduction of Mizoram Regulation of Animal Movement, Examination Fee which has been collected so far is Rs. 30,5400/- Imported cattles are being examined since introduction of the same which happened to be 2,91,221 Nos.

In order to prevent Bird Flu from entering Mizoram, Laboratory Test has been prevailed from blood sample of various birds and the test result is being forwarded to the Central. Fortunately, no test result is found to be positive. Not only this Mr Speaker Sir, impregnation of a variety of Cow or Pig by injection has also been introduced and this comes out with a positive not only this Mr. Speaker. Sir, impregnation of variety of cow or pig by injection has also been introduced and this comes out with a positive result since then, Mizoram is known to be the most successful state with this method - The same method has also been introduced with a variety of Turkey and no positive result has yet been found.

In order to produce better quality of milk, the department has now constructed dairy Plant at Thuampui with a capacity of 10,000 litres out of which it is expected to be able to produce 15,000 litres per day. Plan estimate for this project is amounting to Rs. 254.98 lakhs out of which Rs. 135.28 has already been sanctioned. In addition, Plant for the same has also been Constructed at Lunglei and Kolasib and the Budget plan for that purpose is 199.41 lakhs proposed for Saiha, Champhai and Serchhip has also been submitted and a positive result is expected to that respect. Besides, Financial concurrent for quality control of Milks has also been received amounting to Rs. 68.09 lakhs out of which 10 lakhs is being released for the years 2005-2006. Again, for Construction of major poultry Farm, 170 lakh rupees had been issued from Centrally sponsored scheme, and Assistance to Central Poultry farm and Suahi farm well be established at Kolasib, Mamit, Saiha and Serchhip, from the fund Coming from Assistance to State for Central Animal disease Programme, 208 lakh has been received out of which Construction of 9 buildings is being completed Building for Department Disease Investigation laboratory is now under construction with the amount of 30 lakhs.

For the Financial year 2005-2006, the department of AH & Vety is being allotted Rs. 778 Lakh and 60 lakh under Dairy Development. For the year 2006-2007, 200 lakhs is being proposed under BAFFACOS for Construction of new building, 28 lakh is allotted, under the scheme of supply of Chicklets on subsidized rate 2 lakh, 2 lakhs respectively to pigery society and Milk society. Besides, there is a plan for construction of 100 units of Bio-gas.

Coming now to Transport Department with the introduction of Privatisation policy in Mizoram, the government is now giving thought to handing over MST Buses to Corporation on privatised basis 'No' firm decision has yet been made due to lack of reliable corporation. In order to keep up with the existing service of our Buses, sanction has already been received for purchase of 4 new buses. Besides the department is now Constructing more Booking station at Vaitin and Mimbang and office of MST superintendant of Kolasib is now under construction. There is a plan for introduction of computerised Booking of Train Ticket at Railway out Agency Lunglei and for meeting expense to that effect 7 lakhs has already been received from Railway Ministry. Besides, 65 % of the construction of ISBT Chaltlang is being completed. Amount estimate for the construction is 901 lakh and 40 thousand rupees.

With the increasing number of vehicles at Aizawl, there is a plan to upgrade DIO at a full-fledged status with the sanction for 11 new posts now being expected, staff of MST may also be deployed for the time being. There is also plan for reconstruction of DTO office Champhai

Further, Mr. Speaker Sir, there is a plan for computerisation of driving licence and registration in every district and driving licence school fee will soon be taken up by the Department.

Public Works Department is now handing over the maintenance of Inland Water transport to the Department of Transport for which experimentation is now going on at Thakern.

During the year 2004 - 2005, income of MST is 557.58 lakh Rupees and for the year 2005 - 2006 upto January is 5203.87 lakhs.

There is plan for reconstruction of Directorate Building following consultation with Disaster Management Committee and Technical experts as the building is not safe.

The fund allocation for Road Transport is Rs. 500/- lakhs and Rs. 100/- lakhs for Motor Vehicle. Pu Speaker, the Department functions with the allotted fund, however it is difficult to attain self sufficiency. The pension provision of Drivers and conductor are as of those other Government employees. due to this reason, the Department is facing difficulties. Drivers are unfit to continue driving once they reach each the age of 50. The Department, therefore, has to find a solution to their posting.

As for vehicle insurance, talks had been held with the higher authorities. So far it has not been fruitful, this is a difficult problem, however, the Department is taking necessary steps.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, Motor Insurance, could be solved by the hon'ble Chief Minister.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Department will try and solve the matter and do whatever it can. Then, regarding ex-gratia mentioned by the hon'ble member from Ratu, it is the first time. I hear the case, we will look into the matter.

Pu Speaker, I beg leave of this House that, my Demand No. 30, 34 and 42, total Rs. 46,22,90,000/- be passed in this August House.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalrinchhana Minister winds up his Demand and begged leave of the House to pass his Demand. The Demands are - No. 30, 34 and 42, Total Rs. 45,22,90,000/-. All those who agree say agree and those who disagree say disagree. This August House has passed Pu Lalrinchhana's Demand No. 30, 34 and 42 total Rs. 45,22,90,000/-. We will now call Pu H. Rammawi to wind up his Demand and beg leave of the House to pass the Demand.

**PU H. RAMMAWI
MINISTER**

: Mr Speaker Sir, first of all I would like to thank the hon'ble members for their constructive suggestions.

I would first of all like to clarify about 5000 quintal potatoes. Last year due to drought, potato seeds was procured from other states. But the potatoes did not reach in time due to heavy rain, therefore the potatoes got rotten by the time it reaches Mizoram, there by which the potatoes were rejected and was replaced later. However, it was too late for cultivation as there was heavy rain fall. Pu Speaker, seed was not purchased because of Lai election.

Coming to contract farmig mentioned by hon'ble member from Khawzawl, the department has given its notion. Talks has been held with Vety Department various points have been discussed. We have to look towards the farmer's moral satisfaction. I would like to high ligh that, it's the department's priority. As for passion fruits, letting it crip on trees, mentioned by the member from Khawzawl, it is practised in South India. We adopted this practice, Pu Speaker, the system flopped in our state, as the passion fruit has to be planted in the forest.

I would like to high light that, there is no partiality in development programme. Pu Speaker at present development programmes are covering the opposition constituencies and not ruling party.

As for distribution of silpaulin, it is true that, some of the persons recommended by me Y.M.A. and Village Council sell their silpaulin.

Regarding banana plantation mentioned by hon'ble member from Ratu, selection is finalised for this year. I will suggest that, both of us discuss this later.

The hon'ble opposition leader mentioned about quantity production. Measure is taken by the department to increase the production. This year the department target to cover 2000 Acre, campaign is going on for the increase in production.

Mr Speaker Sir, demand No. 4 law & Judiciary. The hon'ble member from Aizawl. South II mentioned about, Mizo customary law. Pu Speaker, we have Mizo customary law, but it has not been Department in writing for record. Now that there is a provision in the constitution for the Mizo Customary law. The law is compiled by Committee members. Mr Speaker sir, with the sincere effort of the committee members and the officers, the compilation is completed, it is now under printing. for 50000 copies. Therefore, we will soon have Mizo customary law, which safeguards the people.

As for separation of Judiciary, it is going on in consultation with High Court Committee. As we are all aware there is notification, but the follow-up process needs time.

Coming to Horticulture, if we look at the fund allocation for the department, it has decreased.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA

: Mr Speaker Sir, if we substract Rs. 4000,00,000/- for BAFFACO, The

fund for Horticulture will be very little. I would like to clarify that, from the information given by the office, it is needbase and not unit base.

**PU H. RAMMAWI
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, the terms and words may not be the same. As for the fund allocation, plan-fund has decreased by Rs. 53,10,000/-, however, the on-going developmental works will be carried out. However, we will expect additional fund in Revised Estimate.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Pu Speaker, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister not to stop the supply of wire for grape and squash plantation.

**PU H. RAMMAWI
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, we have grape growers in the eastern parts of Mizoram as well, we can discuss the matter later with the hon'ble member, as we will need to identify.

Mr Speaker Sir, though the fund allocation has decreased, as I have mentioned earlier, development will be carried on. It is pleasing to note that the hon'ble members gave their support. Mr Speaker Sir, regarding grape and Apple it will always be a nutritious fruits in the world. However, in Mizoram we are facing problem because of the Alcohol content, the grape growers are facing problem. The flow of fund is blocked as well. I would request the hon'ble Chief-Minister to clarify in his wind-up speech.

PU LIANSILOVA : Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to remind the hon'ble Minister about the classification. It is learnt that guidelines have not been followed in the implementation of MIP. According to the initial plan Rs. 50,000/- is sanctioned for each family But, only 2500/- 7500/- has so far been given out to the beneficiaries. Rs. 2000 lakhs has been sanctioned for every financial year. Unfortunately, from the result seen so far, this scheme does not appear to be taken up successfully. Therefore, I would like to enquire whether the Government intends to carry on with the existing system or make a new guidelines and policies.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to enquire how the fund allocation for last year was spent. No one within my constituency has received any financial assistance during the last financial year.

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, as adjustments has to be made on the guidelines and the funding source the MIP fund sanctioned for last year has not yet been spent.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, it is true that there are certain adjustments to be made

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, another project under MIP is the construction of Multi-chamber cold storage at Vairengte.

After this cold storage is made functional, our agricultural products can be stored. The project is designed for a 35,000 quintal Multi Chamber. The project is expected to be completed this year if there are cold storages in different areas, the farmers can stock their products. After the cold-storage at Vairengte is completed, another will be constructed at Lunglei and Champhai.

The policy of the Government is to show farmers that different crops can be harvested seasonally. After the harvest of rice, winter crops will follow. The Department designed the plot between Champhai Tourist Lodge and Zotlang as a show piece for this. It is also the policy of the government to demonstrate to the farmer that the same field can produce defferent cash crops one after another throughout the year. One important infrastructure for the farmer is cold storage. Due to the absence of cold storage agriculture products like ginger cannot be stored fresh. Therefore, in view of this problem, the Government plans to construt cold-storage at Vairengte.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, the system in which the Government has taken up MIP deeply hurt the sentiments of the farmers. If the Government really desire to console the grievances of the farmers, it should have utilised the Consultancy firm. No success will be achieved if we go on in this manner. Therefore, I request the hon'ble Minister to become aware of this.

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I agree with the idea of the hon'ble member The farmer no more trust the department or even the politicians. In order to win back their confidence the department should be able to show them success story. Formerly it was production fiest then comes market policy. But, for now, we have to boost them up with the policy of Market fiest production next policy. The Government has now signed MOU with 7 Non Mizo Companies. One company has agried to purchase oil palm from Mizoram.

Though passion fruits and grape cultivation have not been very successful in the State, private firms are very eager to negotiate with the State government.

The work of the farmers could be meaningful if we work together in a constructive manner.

Today, I would like to invite all the members to unit and take steps together. If we take steps together, each farmer will have a good profit after 12/13 years from now.

Mr Speaker, I request this august House to pass my a demands totalling Rs. 88,74,81,000/-

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu H. Rammawi, Minister has requested the House to pass his demand No. 4, 12, 31, 32 for Rs. 88,74,81,000/-. Members who agree to pass may say 'yes' (Members say Yes').

The House has unanimously passed the demands of Pu H. Rammawi.

Let us now call upon Pu K. Sangthuama to wind up his demands.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER** : Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir, 17 members have contributed their constructive criticisms and suggestions on my departments of which I gladly welcomed.

First of all, I would like to react to point concerning Food & Civil Supplies. As far as the department is concerned, the quality of rice supply is not that bad. As for the quality of rice supplied for BPL families, The centre selected C. Rice for BPL. families I would like to inform the House that it is the intention of the departments to distribute rice which is the best possible.

Apart from rice, there are problems from essential commodities like K. Oil. petrol and diesel as these supply item are always adulterated. To tackle this problem, the Legal Metrology wing of the department relentlessly renders service for protection of the interests of the Consumers by conducting regular verification and Checking of petrol. It is learnt that the service of the Legal Metrological Wing has greatly controlled petrol and diesel from being adulterated.

The Government remained alert to adulteration of Cement had also ensure to the best of their ability the health of consumer marketting food stuff. As a result of the service rendered of Legal Metrology Wing better quality of Cement and iron rod could be found in the market.

Pu Lalduhoma has expressed his concern over the continous damage of weight-machine in supply godowns. I would like to admit that this case has been a difficult one to solve. However, after the session is over , the Department will discuss this matter with the Consultative Committee.

- PU LALDUHOMA** : Mr Speaker Sir, certain measures need to be taken as rice supply from the Government has widely been used for brewing local liquor.
- PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER** : Mr Speaker sir, It is live that an amount of Rs. 40 Crore has already been spent under MIP But the Guidelines can't be fully followed the funding source cannot be adjusted as the fund has to be drawn only at the end of the year. Therefore, the Guidelines and policies have to be reviewed.
- PU LIANSUAMA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the Consultative Committee decided that weight bridge be installed by Government and the management be done by private enterpreneus. The in coming and out going trip be measured by paying fees to the propriator. The weight will be surely be just. If Government takes up all these, weight bridge management will not be fair.
- PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER** : It is very pleasing Mr Speaker Sir, It seemed to be good. Any how, we have Consultative Committee. The Committee will see about it and decide the matter.
- PU LALDUHOMA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, will K.Oil allotted to Members be given from one K.Oil agent ?
- PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, K Oil is disbursed only at 10 : 00 AM and after 3 : 00 PM only. What is the guide lines for it ?
- PU LALRINLIANA SAILO** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, What is the present position of VIP quota in regards to LPG gas distribution ?
- PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER** : 5% of LPG gas is set aside for VIP quota. Anyhow it is necessary to review the guide lines. And K.Oil is not given to special dealers but DCSO. Aizawl East and Aizawl West disbursed directly to the people. On the other hand K.Oil received from Central Government is reduced. We are now pressing the Central Government to increase their allotment for us.

Food and Civil Supply Department received Rs. 208 lakhs from Buffacos, which was used for construction of 34 godowns, 37 staff quarter and 24 approach road to godowns. Now, the Department again received Rs. 291 lakhs under Buffacos this year out of this, Rs.124/- lakhs is proposal for purchasing rice and Rs. 41 lakhs for transportation charge Besides these, 2587 old aged are to be given 10 Kgs of rice each month.

Regarding Consumer Protection, it is very difficult to take action immediately. That's why Consumer Protection Union is set up in each district of the State. The Union shall take action easily.

And I would like to inform the House that Mualkhang Gas Bottling Plant is newly Completed.

The opposition leader said about cooperation, we have 1428 Cooperative Societies and 10 State level Cooperative Societies in the State. We also have two Cooperative Banks like Apex Bank and Muco bank. The Bank did not receive returned loan properly. But the Apex Bank now received 52.11%. Muco Bank also have now improvement in its management and administration.

S P E A K E R : Your attention please, a Member said "an office draws salary without any work", What about it?

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the matter will be examined later on and action will be taken promptly.

Sericulture Department is an important department. It was promoted to Directorate Level in the former Ministry. But no director is attached till date. It be very pleasing if the post of director is filled up. It is very desirable to run Sericulture properly. Not much fund is provided in the budget. progress is going on, the staffs and the officers work hard conducting awareness campaign. There will be around 1630 families dependence on Sericulture farming by 2005-2006. About 1500 families grow mulberry tree within this year. It appears that Mizoram is going to have self sufficiency through Sericulture farming. The department felt that Mizoram will have self sufficiency in economy after awareness of Sericulture farming

Rs. 15000/- each is distributed to the families of sericulture farmers. There is no partiality on the basis of political inclination. Anyone may receive such aid.

470 quintals of cocoon is produced last year 480 quintal is our target this year 2 metric tones is produced last year. Now, Rs. 45/= lakhs is credited from Buffacos this year. We also have Rs. 25/= lakhs from silk Board for purchase of Cocoon. That's why, there is no problem in its marketing. A family could earn about Rs. 1,20,000/= thousand by working hard. Our programme includes short and long term policy. Let us therefore take interest in sericulture farming.

Chester Development Project is to be opened at Keifang and Khamrang. Both of them are under Constituencies of Pu Zira and Pu Sailoa. I would like to request him to support the Department for success. We have now Rs.181/=lakhs.

PU LIANSUAMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, may we pass the director post to be filled up when we are passing this budget ?

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is very pleasing. Sericulture Department is promoted to the full fledged Directorate during Congress (i) Ministry. I would like to request D.P. & A.R. Department to give more attention to the Sericulture Department.

Lastly, I would like to inform the House that Mizofed received award for being highest seller of petrol and a certificate of best Economy. We are a good Department.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, regarding LPG Gas distribution some consumers have to wait whole night to fill cylinder. But when the filled cylinder arrives, the agency usually send out to this branches. Will the Hon'ble Minister solve the problem ?

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, we will try to solve the problem

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, we agree with the distribution to the specified areas but only to be given to the waiter of the filled cylinder.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, anyhow we will see the matter and look for its remedial measure. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I request the House to pass demand no 17- Food & Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Rs. 96,13,700, Demand No. 37 - Cooperation = Rs. 7,17,10,000/= Demand no. 41 - Sericulture Department Rs. 6,40,35,000/- Totall Rs. 109,71,15,000/=

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Sangthuama, Minister begged the House to pass his demands. Will you pass it. (The demand is voted and pass). Now, we finish our business for today we will adjourn the House to resume business next day.

Thank you.

Sitting adjourned 7 : 10 PM.