

S P E A K E R : "A soft answer turn away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise dispenses knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly".

Proverb 15 : 1 - 2

We will take up questions. Let us call upon Pu Zodintluanga to ask Starred Question No. 146.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr Speaker sir, I ask Starred Question No. 146 to be replied by the Hon'ble Minister for Public Health Engineering Department.

- (a) To how many consumers water billing meter have been fixed ?
- (b) How many consumers are still remaining ?
- (c) What is the average amount of water tariff collected from consumers who have water meter ?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the following are the answer to questions asked by Pu Zodintluanga, hon'ble member from Buarpui constituency.

- (a) 22100 water billing meter have been fixed till date.
- (b) 11596 consumers are still remaining. This number may be rising as new connection is given day by day.
- (c) The average water tariff from consumers who have water meter is Rs. 490 approximately.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, it is written in the answer to unstarred question No. 54 that M/s Sumberger Industry Ltd. New Delhi is one of the suppliers of water meter. The rate of water meter is Rs. 6525 plus 2.5 % freight charge and 4% CST. Does the said Industry register itself under the Government of Mizoram ? How can they pay CST ? Is it Delhi based Industry ? Secondly, Pu Sailothanga's question was answered on 28.2.2006 that there are 21267 water connection. But now, the Minister says that water meter have been fixed to 22108 household connections. If so, there are 841 bogus water connections. To which consumers do 841 water meters are fixed ?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, water meter are generally fixed outside the house. It is said that its safety will be the responsibility of the consumers. Can the Government

prevent them from external breakage as they may be destroyed by some people other than the consumers ?

Secondly, the hon'ble Minister said that water meter have not been used to assess the amount of water tariff. But, there are some consumers who paid in accordance with their water meter. Does not the Minister know this ?

PU LALTHLEGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, I appreciate fixation of water meter to every connection. Since there will be equal distribution of water among the consumers. When will this work be completed ?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, M/S. T.S. Enterprise, Chanmari Aizawl, and M/S Skumberger Industry Ltd. N. Delhi, C/o J.H.Sangkhuma, Vaivakawn, Aizawl are the suppliers of water meters. In regard to CST. I think it is paid by Pu J.H.Sangkhuma of Vaivakawn. Regarding the number of water connection, I think the Hon'ble Member confused the number of connection in Aizawl with the whole state of Mizoram. 21267 is the number of water connection in Aizawl till 28.2.2006. At the sametime, 22108 water meters have been fixed throughout Mizoram. Mr Speaker Sir, the said figure may be rising day by day. Replying to Pu R.Lalzirliana we want to fix water meters inside the house if possible. Replying to the Hon'ble Member from Mamit constituency we hope that water meter can be used totally in the beginning of this coming financial year. Now, water supply control Rules is still under processed. If we have the said Rules enforced water tariff will be paid in accordance with the amount of water that we received. Mr Speaker Sir, there will be flat rate of Rs. 100/- which will be paid by those who receive water upto 3000 gallon, additional charge of 7 paise per gallon will be charged beyond 3000 gallon of water.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, If a consumer gets 3100 gallon of water, how will we calculate the amount of water tariff whether 3100 X 7 paise or Flat rate plus 100 X 7 paise ?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, flat rate will be calculated first. Rs. 100/= will be charged for 3000 gallon will be calculated by multiplying it with 7 paise. Thus, the amount of tariff for 3100 gallon of water will be flat rate plus 100x7 paise. Similarly, calculation will be done according to the amount of water received by a consumer.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, M/S Skumberger Industry Ltd.seemed to be the supplier of water meters but CST is paid by Pu J.H.Sangkhuma of Vaivakawn who is only the care of (c/o) the supplier. Is it a true system of taxation. Can he clarify this ? Who will be the right payer of CST in this matter ?

S P E A K E R : Rules is still under procession, which will be enforced after obtaining recommendation from cabinet. Let the matter of taxation be enquired by the Minister. Now, let us call upon Pu R.Khawpuithanga to ask Starred Question No.147.

PU R.KHAWPUITHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister for School Education Department be pleased to reply Starred Question No. 147.

- (a) To how many students does the Department of School Education distribute Text books during this year ?
- (b) From which year does free distribution of text books started by the Government ?.

DR R.LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the following are the answer to question asked by Pu R. Khawpuithanga.

- (a) 179973 students were given text books freely under SSA during this year, 2006. Besides this, 3753 disabled students were given free text books and necessary study materials under SCERT and IEDC.
- (b) Free distribution of text books has been started since 2002-2003 academic year.

PU R.KHAWPUITHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, I appreciate various steps taken by School Education Department which includes a proposal to recruit new 500 Hindi teachers for Primary Schools. In addition to this, another 600 post will also be created shortly. Why do not we have such Hindi Teachers in Primary Schools before ? Secondly Mizoram got second position in Literacy. What progress do we have to attain first position in India ? Thirdly, what further steps will be taken under vocational project ?

PU H.LIANSILOVA : Mr Speaker Sir, the new HSLC Results have now been published. Many students want to take Science Subject. The existing Higher Secondary Schools which can provide Science Subject are quite few to meet the demands of the students. Can the Government take steps to introduce Science Subject in Chaltlang Higher Secondary School and Zemabawk Higher Secondary School from this year onwards ?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, If I am not mistaken, 65 High Schools have 'Nil' result in the last HSLC examination. What steps will be taken by the Government for the improvement of such High Schools ? Secondly, in the last session, assurance was given to me that condonation of teachers would be done shortly. Has this work been done now ? Thirdly, Rs. 450 lakh has been sanctioned for the salary of Hindi Teachers. Under which head has this amount of fund been allocated ?

PU H.LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, I am happy to know that the Central Government distributed text books to the students. What criteria are used for this purpose ? If free distribution of text books is done under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, there are some students below the age of 14 years in High School also. Do they receive free text books ?

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, I am aware that one-man enquiry commission has been constituted to enquire the results of some suspicious schools in the last High School Leaving Certificate Examination. Has the Government received the Reports of the said enquiry ? If so, can it be circulated to the members of this House ?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Dr.R.Lalthangliana, the concerned Minister to give answers.

**DR.R.LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, let me try to answer as much questions as possible. Replying first to Pu R. Lalzirliana in the matter of High School Leaving Certificate Results - Last year, there are some schools which has good results in the High School Leaving Certificate Examination. The results of some schools are in fact, better than what we expected they could be suspected of applying unfair means. Therefore, enquiry is done and the Report of such enquiry is still examined. This year, we have improvement in our High School Leaving Certificate Results though it is not satisfactory. At the same time, there are some schools which have 'Nil' results. We now have an idea to take action against such schools by suspending their recognition and affiliation, so that we can get quality education. It is important to make competition among various schools.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, every school wants to have good results. So, we encouraged schools in our respective constituencies. But, our main problem in the rural areas is lack and shortage of qualified teachers. I, therefore, request the Government to post adequate teachers in various schools in rural areas too.

**DR.R.LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, Pu Lalrinliana's speech is true. Shortage of teacher is the main problem in rural areas. I fully agreed with him. We try to fill up all vacant posts of teacher especially science teachers. So, let us hope that such problem will be solved shortly.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, we enquired schools which have good results and we threatened those who have bad results what result would be our desire ? Is it not troublesome for various schools ?

DR R.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, we always welcome good results if it is achieved through hard working. But the results of some schools are said to be suspicious.

MINISTER Since we got information from the people we need to enquire about them to find the fact. Anyway, I hope that there will be improvement in HSLC Results. Various seminars and orientation programmes are still conducted by MBSE to motivate teachers.

Replying to Pu H.Liansailova, I would like to mention that Science stream will be introduced in Chaltlang Higher Secondary School and Zemabawk Higer Secondary School from this coming acadenic year. Besides, K,MHigher Secondary School is also permitted to open Science wing. Similarly, we will introduce in other schools also gradually, Rs. 46 lakh has been set aside in the budget to introduce Science subject in the said three Higher Secondary Schools in Aizawl.

In regard to arrear for condoned teachers asked by Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, it is still processing, however it cannot be done easily, we need to collect various accounts of condoned teachers from various Districts. So, it needs a long time to make final report. Anyway, it is still processing.

Replying to Pu R.Khawpuithanga, Hindi Subject will be introduced in Primary Schools from this year onwards under Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Sanction for 500 posts of Hindi teacher has now been released by the Central Government. Now, there are 1187 Primary Schools in Mizoram. The remaining 687 posts will also be created and filled up shortly.

Regarding literacy percentage our record according to 2001 census is 88.80%. Many progressive steps have been taken to achieve higher percentage in literacy. If I am not mistaken the actual literacy percentage of Mizoram is now 90.27%. If we keep up such progress I hope that we can get number one position in India by 2006. In regard to free distribution of text books we cover students of Primary Schools and Middle Schools. From this year onwards, some text books can be distributed to the students of class-VIII also.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Liansuama to ask Starred Question No. 148.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Public Health Engineering Department Minister be pleased to state- It is possible to allot work to contractors under water pipe supply scheme, in rural area.

S P E A K E R : We will now call Public Health Engineering Department Minister Pu Tawnluia to answer the question.

PU TAWNLUIA, : Mr Speaker Sir, the answer to the hon'ble member's question is - pipe fitting, pipe laying and pipe improvement work is not allotted to contractors. The work is taken up by the department.
MINISTER

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, we have trained plumber from ITI. If we look at the quality of the work in rural area, like pipe laying, improvement. The quality of work has gone down tremendously. The pipe are uncovered. Pu Speaker, if quotation is given, it will generate employment. I therefore would like to ask if works like pipe laying, pipe fittings and improvement could be allotted to contractors.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker Sir, I have submitted to the hon'ble Minister for Public Health Engineering Departament, a list where hand pump and reservoir is required, in several villages within my constituency. Pu Speaker, after one year and inspite of the hon'ble Minister's promise, there is no result. I would therefore, like to ask the hon'ble Minister if the matter could be taken up now.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, when will the improvement of pipe and repairing of tanky at Hortoki and Nisapui be taken up.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, I have often high lighted the problem faced in my constituency due to scarcity of water. Pu Speaker, I would like to request the Minister if water could be supplied by vehicle in Sialhawk and Tualte. I would also like to thank for the Supply of water in Biate during the centenary celebration.

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

**PU TAWNLUIA,
MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, regarding water scarcity in Sialhawk and Tualte, we are aware of the situation. However, as the hon'ble member mentioned for the immediate relief, let us expect that water will be supplied by vehicle. Priority will be given to this.

As for repairing of pipe and tanky at Hortoki, it has been included in the Action Plan for the year 2006-2007. The Estimate amount is - 44,07,300, which is already sanctioned.

What the hon'ble member from Ratu mentioned is correct Pu Speaker. However, we cannot change plan. This year the fund allocation was diverted for maintenance by the planning department. I would like to inform the hon'ble member to submit the list as it is the right time to take up the matter.

As for the allotment of works to contractors, there is a chance as it still serves the purpose. Regarding the quality of work, it is true that the department should supervise the agencies more carefully.

- S P E A K E R** : We will now call Pu Lalhmingthanga to ask Starred Question No. 149.
- PU LALHMINGTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, Thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister, Forest and Environment be pleased to state - How many persons have been apprehended under the wild life protection Act during the year 2004-2006 ?.
- S P E A K E R** : We will now call the Environment and Forest Department Minister to answer the question.
- DR R.LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, the answer to the hon'ble member's question is - During the year 2004-2006 11 persons has been apprehended under the wild life Act. 5 persons in the year 2004, 5 persons in 2005 and 1 in 2006. In the year 2004, persons apprehended because of hunting wildbore was Laldinpuia, New Market Aizawl District, the case is as per the DCF Wildlife Rules. Lalrammawia was also apprehended for selling Wildbore in New Market in 2004. Then in 2004, Pu Rosanga was caught poisoning crabs, however the case was disposed of by 1st class magistrate. Tluanghaia is apprehended for shooting a deer, the case is solved with a fine. Under Zuangtui Range DFO. Krostana was apprehended and was given 30 days simple punishment and a fine of Rs.1000/- was awarded to Jessy Lalfakawma at Dulte. Under trail Lalruatkima Keifang was acquitted because he is under age. Rosiama Khawzawl has a case under Champhai Division for shooting Barking bear. Pu Speaker, under wildlife protection Act, 1972, a case has been registrated against K.Lalruata.
- Under wildlife protection Act, 1972, section 9 and 51. Hleichaw Bungtlang is apprehended for shooting a deer in Ngengpui wildlife sanctuary. On 2nd February, Kapthianga Lungpher, Sangulha, Zadowla, Hlimpuia, Rinthanga were apprehended and a case was registered at Lawngtlai District Magistrate.
- Thank You.
- S P E A K E R** : Question hour is over. Members absence are hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Aichhinga, Minister, Pu Sainghaka, Pu K.Lianzuala and Pu Rohluna we will move on to the nexst business. We will now call hon'ble Minister Pu Tawnluia to lay the "The Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India relating to the Accounts of Mizoram for the year ended 31st March, 2005.
- PU TAWNLUIA, MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, with your permission and the House, I lay "The Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India, 2004-2005" relating to Government of Mizoram.

S P E A K E R

: Let the copy be distributed. Now we move on to Discussion and Voting on Demand for Grants. Today we will take up 2 Ministers demands - Dr.R.Lalthangliana and Pu H.Vanlalauva. We will now call Dr.R.Lalthangliana, Minister to submit demand No.20, 26 and 36 in the House.

**DR R.LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER**

: Mr Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir. I move the demand No. 20, 26 and 36 for Rs. 2,38,28,00,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2006-2007 in respect of the following departments.

Demand No. 20 School Education Department	-	Rs. 2,05,49,70,000.00
Demand No. 26 Information & Public Relations	-	Rs. 5,19,00,000.00
Demand No. 36 Environment & Forests Deptt.	-	Rs. 27,59,30,000.00
Total	-	Rs. 2,38,28,00,000.00

S P E A K E R

: We will now call Pu H.Vanlalauva to submit demand No. 16,19 and 27 in the House.

**PU H.VANLALAUVA
MINISTER**

: Mr Speaker Sir, thank you sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir I move the demand No. 16, 19 and 27 for Rs. 1,41,47,45,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2006-2007 in respect of the following department. Demand No. 16 Jails (under Home) Rs. 8,21,25,000/- Demand No. 19 Local Administration Rs. 65,49,20,000/- Demand No. 27 District Council Affairs Rs. 67,77,00,000/- Total = 1,41,47,45,000/- only.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Now that the two Ministers have submitted their demand, we will start our discussion. As usual, each member will be allotted 10 minute each. Is this acceptable by the members ? Alright, who will start the discussion. Pu Sailothanga Sailo.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO

: Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. I will start from demand No.20 School Education. The hon'ble Minister in-charge is worth giving praise. This department generates employment. The fund allocation has been increased by 1340 lakhs and eighty thousand. But the Grant-In-Aid has decreased by 1642.6 lakhs. Pu Speaker, the matric result this year is quite satisfactory.

Mr Speaker Sir, Green Hill High School which was established in the year 1992, has 12 teachers. The pass percentage has increased in the recent years. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to up-grade the School to aided school. I would like to thank the hon'ble Ministers for globalisation with Cambridge University, and the introduction of midday meal and free text book. Lastly, I would like to remind the Hon'ble Minister that Headmaster post is still lying vacant at Bukpui High School.

Demand No. 36 Environment and Forest. I feel that, this department needs to speed up its works. Now with the guidance of a new PCCF, let us expect for a better performance from this department. Pu Speaker, regarding the distribution of LPG connection for the preservation and protection of forest, it is too partial, the distribution is only for the MNF party. Therefore, this system needs to be reviewed.

Regarding information, it is pleasing that, the fund allocation has increased this year. It is also good to note that, Publicity and Advertisement has been increased.

It is desirable that more facilities be given to the media.

Regarding Local Administration Department, it is pleasing to see that the budget allotment for this department is tremendously increased this year. It is expected that more achievements would be made through this department. I would further like to commend the vigorous efforts rendered by the Hon'ble Minister.

Coming to jail administration it is known that the bedclothes used by the jail inmates are worn out and shabby. Besides, the diet supply is also found to be very poor in quality. I would like to request the authority to take note of this.

PU LALDUHOMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, I will start with demand no.36 that is environment and Forest Department Under Darlawn Division Forest, Development Committee has been formed in various areas. The Rules demands that Secretary post should be filled up by a Forester. But, under Darlawn Division Forest Guards occupied the seats of Secretary of the Committee. It would be appreciated if the hon'ble Minister can inquire this.

Mr Speaker, the state of Mizoram has various complications under Forest Department. To state one point, the State Government prohibited cutting and selling of timber within the state as per the supreme court order. C.No. 2002-1995 dated 15.1.1998. Private plantation owners have met difficulties due to this order. But Mr Speaker, if we thoroughly study the copy of the supreme court order, it says that the laws and rules would be formed by the State Government under which private plantation and community holdings could be disposed. Way back in 1994 such rules was already made by the Government. And on para 25 of the Supreme Court Rulings, it states that the plantation schemes raised on private and community holdings should be excluded from this requirements but shall be regulated under respective state rules and regulations. Despite this rules, the state government caused burden to the people. The Government refused to accept that we are being exempted from this rule. Even the State Government advocate Mr Hemantika Wahi had informed the state government that we were not affected by the Rules. Still, the Government has been enforcing this rule within Mizoram which creates many problems.

On 6th February, 1985 the Government has issued an order that authorised the village council to give provisional pass on garden, hoouse - site etc. to the beneficiaries of Family Oriented Developmental Schemes. Under this scheme 2028 families from various villages and sub-towns are allotted LSC. These families have taken up various plantations like teak, betelnut, orange etc. In the land allotted by the Government. These plantations are all private holdings one of which is teak plantation. If so, why has the Supreme Court Ruling affected only teak plantation where as orange and betelnut plantation are also a private holding.

On 17th December, 2004, the Government issued on Eviction Order against 5094 families from forest area. According to National Policy and Guidelines 1998, the evicted families should be given a replacement or compensation.

The Government has set up an Environmental Protection Council on the 1st February, in which I was also one of the members. Whereas the council has to hold a meeting 2/3 times a year, we have not had sitting even once since the day it was formed. If this consultative council has a meeting occasionally, many of our problems would be saved.

Pu C.Pahlira, the then E.M. who was also one of the makers of this Law has expressed his negative comment on Forest Department. It is quite clear that Forest Act was made in order to get generous royalty. During the earlier times, the Government has never demand royalty. Even permission was not required in order to acquire housing materials from the forest. in 1994 the Government made Felling Rules which was contradicted to the main act, that is Forest Act. Till today, Forest Act has been enforced in contrary to the ideas of the makers of this Act. More areas of Forest has been declared as Forest reserved area which compelled the original inhabitants to leave. Many people are living in agony. These people need relief. I think the only remedy to all these problems is to counter the Government legally. If not, the problem will stay for ever.

I will go on to School Education, we are all aware that the Office of the Prime Minister has exempted the Government of Mizoram from the order that prohibits sanction of appointment on Education department. I would like to enquire how far the Hon'ble Minister has utilised this.

Deterioration of the number of students in Government Schools has compelled the Government to close down a number of Government Schools. As this is the case, I suggest that the education system should be changed and privatisation scheme be taken up for teachers.

On demand no. 19, I would like to question the Hon'ble Minister as to why the last Electoral Roll of the Village Council Election was not printed at the Government Press.

I would further like to ask the intention of the Government for the villages which have drawn results in the Village Council Election.

PU K.VANLALAUVA

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Mr Speaker Sir, thank you for allotting me time. I would like to start my speech with Jail which is under Home Department. It is pleasing to note that the annual budget for Jail has been increased this year. Jail administration will also be more efficient if the establishment is made to function Independently.

I appreciate the visits of evangelists to the Jail as it is important to sensitise prisoners towards the necessity of leading a dignified life inside and outside the Jail. It is indeed pleasing that various district jails are being constructed at a fast pace.

Coming to Forest Department, I would like to remind the authority to take steps towards repair and renovation of Office building and staff quarters. I would also like to say that I have high expectation in the new PCCF.

Next, on School Education. I am glad to say that the copy of the result book of the last matriculate exams was given to the House members on the day the result was announced. We have never received the result book on the day of the announcement of result earlier. So, I appreciate it and would like to advise the responsible persons to keep up the practice.

The Department of education may also be commended for being able to issue Matric Marksheets 3 hours from the announcement of the results. The Officials and Staff deserved special mention for this achievement.

It may be suggested that the department will function more efficiently if the Directorate is bifurcated. The department is functioning smoothly under the guidance of an efficient female Director. I am certain that there are more officials who are eligible to become Director.

Lastly, I would like to say a few words on the distribution of free text books to students. If the text books are printed in the Government press, students could be provided free of cost as well. The printing cost would go to the State Department. I request the department to consider my advice.

To conclude my speech, I wish the two Ministers great success and support for passing of the demands under their departments.

Thank You.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO

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Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir. Prior to the election of the Village Council, the ruling party had used NBCC as a tool to get vote.

I want the Government to fulfil its promise now that the election has been won.

In regard to Housing loan and LIC, it would be appreciated if the MLAs can be given priority.

Coming to School Education, the provision on 'other charges' has decreased by 1200 lakhs from last year. Please clarify this point.

I noticed that the budget provision for advertisement has been increased in double. This is good news for the Media.

On demand no. 36. I would like to emphasize the significance of Forest Department in today's world. What amount of money is received under the scheme for protection of Wildlife Sanctuary Area under Economic Development? As I know, it is Rs. 1308.04 lakhs which is sanctioned. How far the work has been done ?

Now, the chairman of Economic Development is Range Officer. Why has it been changed? In the beginning VCP/YMA President/High School Headmaster is to be appointed as a Chairman for public participation in the development. Now, it appears that there is loophole. Range Officer may monopolise the development fund. And I also want to raise more questions under base Conservative Scheme, Rehabilitation of abundant Jhoom Cultivation under NAP in 11th Division. Whether Agriculture Department and Forest Department have cooperation under this Scheme? What about medicinal plant, Afforestation maintenance and fire control? A large sum of money is estimated for such schemes. Besides these, how Forests Development Agency is carried on. Whether the public participate in it. The estimated cost is Rs.5080.41 lakhs. And Rs. 1072.12 lakhs is estimated for Forest Protection. Whether the Hon'ble Minister can distribute this in various constituencies? Again, Rs.11190.30 is estimated for compensatory Afforestation, whether this is included in Forest Protection Scheme.

Lastly, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to take more step for environment protection as he is a learned man. Thank you.

PU S. HIATO : Thank you Mr Chairman. First of all, I would like to inform you that Saiha Jail is in a very bad condition. Prisoners could get out at any time. The concerned Minister too know about it.

Mr Chairman I will say about demand No. 39, District Council Affairs. In this budget provision, the budget of the three District Councils has been increased. It is very pleasing, but the budget provision for CEM constituency is unsatisfactory. Mr Chairman I would like to express how this Government treated the District Council. It was being appealed to the High Court. But the Government did not follow the Court order till date. Treatment meted out to Village Councils and the members is also legally wrong. Truly speaking, this Government has no power to allot LSC on the Soil of the District Council.

Direct Finance is not to be applied by the Government of Mizoram but only by the Central Government, Consequently, as a result of ill treatment of the Government of Mizoram we are to demand direct finance and Union Territory from the Central Government. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : I think the hon'ble members do remember that reading out of rules inside the House is not permitted. We will call upon Pu Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, I would like to begin from demand No. 20, School Education. The Hon'ble Minister said that we are trying to become highest in literacy in India. It is very pleasing. But I feel that we need quality than quantity. We know that 40.49% only passed HSLC this year. Many school have nil result. Their salaries are good enough. But most of us sent our children to private High School where teachers enjoy few remuneration from the institutions. It appears that this Government needed to review the functioning and the system of our School Education.

And I would like to point out the problem faced by Schools in the villages. It is

teacher, most of High Schools in villages have no teacher properly. Some teachers sent their substitute. That means many schools have no teacher but one or two teacher. I therefore request the Hon'ble Minister to give more attention to the teachers in the villages when winding up of his demands.

I am very sorry for the State Government could not meet the matching share. The State Government lost Rs. 2522.6 lakhs this year for this reason. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to take prompt action to meet such matching share.

I also want to point out about midday meal Central Government sanction midday meal for children's good health. But the State Government allotted midday meal unfit for human consumption. I would like to request Supply Minister to take prompt action.

Lastly, demand No. 36, Environment and Forests Department. My constituency has Thoreng Sanctuary adjoining to Kawnpui and Darngawn villages. The cultivators has to pass through the sanctuary, which is unsafe both for them and for the sanctuary. I therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister to seek their resettlement Scheme under Sanctuary. I also request the Hon'ble Minister to conduct awareness campaign for Environment and Forests. Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA

: Thank you Mr Chairman. I will start from demand No. 20, School Education. If we see the said HSLC result this year, 65 Government Schools did not have a successful candidate. This revealed the necessity of reformation of our education system in the State. We have many progress from different angles while it appears that we neglected the basic education. That is why, our education system needs to be improved.

Regarding Private Schools, it is pleasing that their result is much improved compared to others. Hence, it is not appropriate for the concern authority to ignore their problems. It may be necessary to set up Guideline so as to control excessive fees for the students. Besides Mr Speaker sir, insufficiency of teachers is one of the main problems of Primary Schools in rural areas as most of the teachers hardly stays for a week at their place of posting since they are from Aizawl or other district capitals. Some employed an idle graduate or HSLC passed from the locality on their behalf but with a reward of different and lesser amount. If the department have to ignore this practice, it may be necessary to have uniform rate in respect of those substitute teachers. It may also be important for the concern authority to re-examine our system of posting of teachers. It is also important for the Government to determine the future of our students as most of the students today ends up their studies after graduation due to lack of ideal institution for their further studies. It will be much appreciated if the Hon'ble Minister approach central authority for setting up of new approach of study to that effect.

Coming now to Demand No. 36, Environment & Forests Department, I opine it is necessary to resolve our difference with Supreme Court Order in dealing with Teak Plantation and its marketing.

Hon'ble member from Saiha constituency pointed out inefficiency of the Autonomous District Council. I must say that we made a mistake in that regard as certain political party approached Home Ministry so that the Governor may be given full authority towards Autonomous District Council. The Minister deserves appreciation. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : We will now have a recess and discussion will be resumed at 2 : 00 P.M.

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2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER : We will now resume our discussion. I now call upon Pu Lalhmingthanga to have his speech.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Thank you Mr Speaker sir. To start with, I would like to make few points in regard to Demand No. 19, Local Administration Department. It is pleasing that 11th and 12th Finance Commission has given priority to Beautification of Aizawl City for which sufficient amount of fund is allotted. Hence, the appearance of Aizawl too is much improving. In this connection, I would like to make appeal to the Government to determine beautification of Lunglei next to Aizawl. It will be much appreciated if 65 crore, 49 lakh which has been allotted to Local Administration Department is also utilised for beautification of Lunglei.

Secondly, I opine it is highly necessary to amend Rules concerning Village Council election as it is framed in the year before 1954 and is no longer applicable today. Besides, our model code of conduct needs some sort of modification so that it is in tune with our culture today. What most important is to have secret and secure voting system so that no more unfair mean is evolved.

Coming now to No. 20, School Education, it is pleasing to learn that sufficient amount of budget fund is allocated in this department. It is said that a good beginning is half-way done. If so, it is important for the Government to give priority to Primary Education. It is true that most of our Schools today are of commercialised institution where the majority could hardly afford to admit our children. Hence, it is important for the Government to determine an ideal system of education so that anyone can avail the opportunity.

Lastly, Demand No. 36, it is sad that most of the Forests we can see around turn out to be Forests Reserved- area for wildlife sanctuary. Any forest owned by the department cannot be taken back since it is under Directive Principle. It is, therefore important for the Government to be careful in making decision so that our forests can be saved for the youths today and for generations to come.

Thank you.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker sir, let me start with the demand of School Education Department in which budget allotment is increased by 13 crore 40 lakh rupees compared to last year. considering its importance as the foundation of the Mizos, the amount is hardly satisfactory. I am proud of the concerned Minister for his untiring efforts. While mentioning about School Education Department we know that Mizoram got the second position in India in Literacy percentage. But we cannot avoid to go to other States from Mizoram to join educational Institutions. Therefore, we need to give quality education to our students. I still remember the day we discussed about the ICFAI Bill. We unanimously passed the said Bill as we want to introduce job oriented education as much as possible. It is true to say that politicians are greatly responsible in the deterioration of quality education in Mizoram. Every Ministry in the past years is also responsible in this sphere. Therefore, we need to

work together to make improvement in our education system. Teachers should be appointed on merit basis other than political basis. Various schools in rural areas should also have adequate teachers and necessary equipments such as given to those schools in Aizawl.

Now, coming to my constituency, we have private High School called Model High School which is established during the first MNF Ministry. Many people called this school as 'MNF School'. This school has not been upgraded to Deficit or Provincialised till date. I, Therefore request the Government as well as the concerned Minister to take steps for upgradation of this School as it is included in the election manifesto of the MNF Party in Khawzawl constituency.

Thank you.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. Let me speak about Department of School Education first. As we have listened now, there are some High Schools which have NIL results in the last HSLC Examination. In this regards, I opine that the Head of Institution is mainly responsible. I, therefore, suggest appropriate actions be taken against such schools, so that we can achieve better results in future. Meanwhile, I would like to mention various developments and progresses in this Department. Due to the untiring efforts of the Staff and the hon'ble Minister, 500 posts of Hindi teacher are newly created and another 687 posts would also be created soon in all Primary Schools in Mizoram. This is a great achievement.

Besides the above, new training centres for teachers called Mini-DIET had also been constituted at Mamit, Kolasib, Lawngtlai, Serchhip, Saiha and Champhai. Such Training Centres are very important to improve the quality of teachers. Constitution of the said Mini-DIET accompanies creation of new 150 posts. Regularisation of 109 P.G Teachers is also an important steps not only to improve education system but also for solution to unemployment problem in our State. 200 Middle Schools and 38 High Schools are newly provincialised now which regularised the service of more than 1300 teachers. All these measures taken by the Government proves that creation of new posts has not been banned as alleged by some people.

Various progresses in the Department of School Education cannot be neglected. Rs. 1350 lakh is sanctioned by the Central Government for vocational project. This also is a great achievement. 90000 students are now given mid-day meal. Village level Education Committee is also constituted in every village. I really appreciate this.

Coming to Demand No. 26, Information & Public Relation Department - Live Telecast of Assembly Session can be watched by the people. This becomes a geat achievement. In regard to Forest & Environment Department also more than Rs. 45 lakhs of revenue was mobilised. Meanwhile, I wish this Department to work harder in the prevention of forest fire. Lastly, I am satisfied with various steps taken by Prison Department and Local Administration Department also.

Thank you.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr Speaker Sir, Thank you. Let me speak about Demand No.20. School Education Department. As we know that Education is very important. I would like to express my thanks to the hon'ble Minister and Staff of this Department for having good results in the last HSLC Examination. At the sametime, I request the Government to work harder to develop quality education in rural areas too. For such purpose, shortage of teachers and necessary equipments should be addressed.

Coming to Demand No. 19, Local Administration Department. This Department is very important Department. It makes pavements in various places and it works very hard to keep our city clean. I, therefore, appreciate various steps taken by this Department. I, further request the Department to keep up and continue such progresses. In regard to construction of vehicle parking centres, I wish this Department to work harder towards achieving this project.

In regard to Demand No. 27, I request the Government to note various problems faced by Village Councils. Every Village council needs to have fund of their own to render better service to the people. More attention needs to be given to Village Councils. The Village Council Houses also need repairing in many places. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note down this.

Lastly, Forests Department the poor needs timber for construction of houses. Is there any way timber permit can be issued in various villages ?

Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. First of all, I would like to say demand No. 20, School Education. As we know, we are going to employ Volunteer teachers. Can we make 50% reservation for trained teachers ?

Secondly, I would like to request hon'ble Minister to review the functioning of the Selesih Selection Board set up to appoint Pre-Primary Teachers under SSA Scheme.

Thirdly, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to ready Education Bill which has been passed in the House a long time back ?

Fourthly, Learning of Science Subject is mainly concentrated at the Capital. I suggest that Education of Science Subject be arranged at each of District Capital and Sub-Town and important villages so that students of villages also may have conveniency of learning science subject.

Fifthly, regarding representative made by some teacher- we, the members, said so many times in the House. Let us made rules for such representations.

Fixed pay Teachers demanded increase of their pay from 3000 to 4000/5000. Not only that, but they also demanded regularisation of their posts. Let us seek the remedial measure for them.

Next to this, I would like to say about demand No. 36 Environment and Forests Department. We all know the problem faced by Teak Planters. It appears that their problem has to be solved someway or the other.

It is also important to preserve the evergreen forests we have in the State for Tourist attraction. Government of India has census of Tiger, so, does the Government of Mizoram, but such animals are very rare. This indicates that preservation of forests highly needed in the State than encouraging more plantation. The animals of the State decreases in the State for want of food. Not only that, but the sources of water too decreases that's why, forests of the State should be preserved.

Lastly, the remuneration of the Members of Village Councils had been increased. But it is so inadequate comparing to their duty given to them.

Thank you.

PU H. VANLALTHALIANA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. Demand No. 36 Environment and Forests Department. I visited Thakthing Bazar last saturday and found a hoopie bird shot down by a saler. I informed him not to do it again. It is one of the most beautiful birds in Mizoram. It is necessary to preserve them. In this connection, what I would like to say is that this is not the season good for hunting wild life because it is a breeding period. I used to see a number of hunter wandering with guns. Mr Speaker Sir, awareness campaign to preserve wild life especially in this season should be launched by the concerned Department. The awareness campaign launched by the Environment and Forests Department in the State is very fruitful. But, it is still needed to have more awareness campaign to preserve wildlife. Fortunately, we have the P C C F who is the son of the state soil. Even if we could not follow all India norms, I think it can be done to comply with the Practices of our own state. I feel that students are to be imparted to inform their parents and elder brothers not hunt any wildlife during this season even if they were hunters. I request the Hon'ble Minister to persuade the education department to cooperate with the wildlife protection.

Use of gun for man is so pleasant as use of cosmetic is to women. It is needed to know that wildlife protection is for all of us and for our State.

Not only that, but we should also preserve woods and bamboos in the forests. Environment and Forests Department minimised cutting down of woods in the forests within wildlife sanctuary area by giving free LPG connection to the people. It may be guessed that it will be still more effective to minimise cutting down of woods in the forests if the Forests Department could provide more LPG connection even outside the sanctuary areas. Due to deforestation rain water is lesser and lesser year by year, the climate condition of the State becomes warmer and warmer. Prompt action should be taken by the Government in this regards.

Secondly demand No. 20 School Education, I do highly appreciate the steps taken by the Government under SSA Scheme. Books, uniform and midday meals are freely given to the Students.

Thirdly, District Council Vote - By law, elected members will have right to vote. It was appealed to High Court. The High Court decree provided that all members shall have right to vote. It is very pleasing. Previously we regarded Government of Mizoram as neglecting Lai District Council. But now we are thankful after provision is made in accordance with the population. We are very happy at the strong hand of this Government.

Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, to start with, three members mentioned about the Demand of Local Administration Department. I must say that department of Local Administration Department has been making great improvement with the effort of the concern Minister and the department. construction of Bus Terminal at Zemabawk and Truct Parking at Rangvamaul are worth mentioning. Besides with a view to cater the need of the youths, construction of playground has also been done in full-serving. If so much works is being done for improvement of Aizawl, I am having high hopes in the concern Minister that plans for improvement of rural areas may also be determined by the next financial year.

Secondly, in view of the service rendered by our village councils, I opine it is necessary for the concern authority to make provision for their TA/DA.

Regarding Education Department, I opine it is important for the Government to put more efforts on Education so that our students acquire talent and ability to complete in the Central Service Examination as was the case in the previous years. In relation, it is to be noted that one of the largest sources of income in India is from Business service Industry. It is therefore important for the Government to determine how to build up our students so that they may be able to complete in the entrance examination of I.I.T., I.I.M Institution so as to enter into service Industry.

In the meantime, it is disappointing to learn the passed percentage of HSLC in the last examination which is only 40%. Here we have to determine the future of the rest of students. I do not have any idea to resolve this matter yet it is necessary for us all to determine resolution to solve this problem. Relating to our system of Education the main reason for impediment of the department in my opinion is involvement of Politics in the system, In order to resolve the problem, it may be necessary to rope in a commission from outside. Unless concentration is given in the field of Science and Technology, our students will never catch up with others. In this connection, it is much pleasing to learn that the Government is having policy to provide Training for teachers at Cambridge University at the expense of 17 crore rupees. Besides, 40/50 lakhs has been provided for Secondary Education especially for Science stream much for the benefit of the concern students.

Coming now to Forest Department, I would like to request the concern Minister to determine re-demarcation of Dampa Wildlife sanctuary as it is causing problem to the people living in the nearby villages. Secondly, I want to state that it is important for the concern authority to determine the functioning of forest department so that the public also could participate.

Lastly, I want to stress the need to reduce political interference in the appointment of teachers and to prevail regular inspection of our Schools. Unless an ideal mobilisation and motivation exists, budget provision which may be given to the department will bring nothing good. Thank you.

PU H. LIANSILOVA

: Mr Speaker Sir, to start with, I am happy to learn from the concern Minister for Education that Mizoram is on its way to exceed Kerela in literacy rate and the achievement of the department is much praiseworthy.

Secondly, it is pleasing to learn that the result of HSLC examination for the year 2005 is much improving compared to the previous year. In this relation, there was a report in the last year examination that unfairmean was practiced excessively for which an enquiry is being prevailed and follow-up action was taken instantly Here, the efforts of the concern officers is praiseworthy. On the other hand, it is necessary to prevail enquiry to those Schools who are not able to produce any successful student continuously plus, a studey on the concern Schools environment, their parents and community may also be prevailed.

In this connection, I want to request the concern Minister to determine the condition of the Principal of Hindi Special School who is now enjoying the status of College Principal, This is somewhat, a failure of the administration and must be checked immediately.

Coming now to Local Administration Department, it is important for the Government to give attention towards municipality as the necessity has already been pointed out repeatedly, in this connection, I would like to request the concern Minister to include improvement of road heading to Ramhlun Sports Complex under the Scheme of improvement of Aizawl City. It may also be important to provide Electricity at the said Complex. Thank you.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA

: Mr Speaker Sir, to start with I have to stress the need to resolve the problem in the election since we under the Government with democracy it is necessary to conduct free and fair election. Secondly, I want to praise the achievements of the Government through Local Administration Department such as construction of All India Radio transmit accommodation, Construction of State Government Employee Housing complex of 91 units, Bus Terminal, Shopping Centres at Kolasib, Champhai, Hnahthial and at other headquarters in rural areas.

Coming now to Prison Department, it is pleasing to learn that we are having only 832 inmates where as our Jail capacity is 1004. Thanks to the efforts of the Government, Churches and NGOs. I want to say that this is an outstanding achievement.

Pu Speaker, I take keen interest in forest reservation. As we are aware, forest reserves are deteriorating. It makes one's heart bleed to see forest burning, as mentioned by the hon'ble member from Saitual. Some of the forest reserve has turned into agriculture land. Pu Speaker, however, the introduction of Environmental Subject in School lifts my spirit. With the introduction of the subject the children will be convinced and made aware of the need for forest reserve. I therefore, thank the hon'ble Minister for the introduction of the subject and making it compulsory.

Regarding School Education, there is development to a certain extent. The credit goes to the hon'ble Minister. I am glad to point out that, Hindi has been introduced in Primary School. It is important that the Children are aware of the language. A person who is fluent in Hindi and English has confident. Therefore, the standard of English in our schools needs to be raised. It is regretting to note that, inspite of all our schools being English medium, very few are able to converse in English. Therefore, the medium of teaching in High-Schools, and college is done in Mizo, as there are very few who understand English. Pu Speaker if we look at the MBBS entrance exam results, 98% are from Urban area. It is because of the better quality of Education. I would therefore, like to suggest that, balance Education should be given to rural and urban areas. Emphasize must be given to rural areas. Regarding result, we are glad when the percentage is mere 30 above. What I would like to suggest is, we should aim for 50% and above. With the help of the Minister the Educational system needs up-gradation.

Pu Speaker, one last point, regarding appointment of Headmaster, only person competent should be appointed and not on seniority basis. The result of the School greatly depends upon the Headmaster. The medium of teaching in High Schools should be in English and English Medium Schools should be opened in rural areas. The appointment of Educational volunteer teachers should be given to only those teachers who are fluent in English. Thank you.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA

: Pu Speaker Sir, thank You. Today we are discussing demands of two capable Ministers. This two Ministers are worth giving praise.

Demand No. 20 Education, first of all I would like to thank for the distribution of free text book and scholarship. It is worth mentioning that there is a provision for the appointment of 500. Hindi Teachers, and DIET at every district headquarters. Pu Speaker, it is pleasing to note the huge development in infrastructure, but the Educational system needs reform. As mentioned by the hon'ble members, 16 Government Schools result was nil. This is due to the fact that, the Teacher are negligent and lack sincerity. The teachers need reform. The ACR of these teachers should carefully be examined and written accordingly. Strict action should taken on negligent teachers for better result.

I would like to ask the hon'ble Minister if there is a way to solve the problem of fixed pay? Lastly, regarding Education Department, I would like to thank for the free distribution of mid-day meal. However, inquiry should be taken regarding the incident mentioned by the hon'ble members from Buarpu.

Demand No. 19, Pu Speaker, the bus-terminal, New Capital Complex, and Rangvamual tract parking, is worth mentioning, and also Champhai shopping complex. There is huge developmental work under this Department, Pu Speaker, one more point regarding demand No. 26. Information, I would like to suggest that, the vehicles of this Department should be replaced. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Should we continue or have a recess. Alright, we will have recess, meeting will resume at 4:30 P.M.

4:30 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We will now call Pu P.P. Thawla.

PU P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Demand No. 20 - Education. We have capable Education Minister, who is efficient and sincere. The Hon'ble Minister visited Saiha during his term as M.L.A. and visited the various Schools, which makes him very fluent with our conditions.

Pu Speaker, I have been in Education Mission for the past 16 yeawrs. It is regretting to note that the quality of our Education system is not improving for the past 3/4 years. Teachers union and Mara Student Organisation in Joint Venture has organised promotion Exams and Board exams to up-lift Educational quality. It has showed a good result as the pass percentage of Matric in Saiha District has gone up.

Pu Speaker, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister for a full fledged D.E.O. at Lawngtlai and Saiha District. Also, a regular School inspection could improve the quality of Education. Pu Speaker, I would further like to request the hon'ble Minister to up-grade New Colony High School to aided School.

I would like to thank the hon'ble Information and Public Relation Minister for giving information to M.L.A. which is vital for our constituencies.

Few words regarding jail, demand No. 16 I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to give priority to Saiha Jail. Man-power is needed to increase and the building needs up-gradation.

I would like to thank the hon'ble Local Administration Department for the up-liftment of Saiha and Tuipang town. I request the hon'ble Minister not to stop the development work.

Coming to the budget of the three District Councils, Lai, Chakma and Mara. Pu Speaker, the total budget of the three District Councils are Rs.6,77/- lakhs, which is very meagre once

it is split. Moreover, the budget has remained the same size for the past 10 years. I would therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to increase the fund allocation in Revise Estimate in the plan sector. Thank you.

PU D. THANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to speak about demand No.36. Environment and Forest Department. In order to preserve the reserve forest, and sanctuary, the Department has distributed aids to the families living near these forest and sanctuary. Pu Speaker, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to find a solution for these families to attain livelihood and self-sufficiency.

Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to thank for the step taken by the department in regard to the selling of teak trees. It is pleasing to note that teak growers are able to sell their cultivation. I request the Department to further take step for the selling of larges quantity.

Mr Speaker Sir, it is pleasing that, the Department has collected Rs. 245 lakhs revenue during the year 2005-2006. I would like to encourage the Department to take further steps in this prospect.

In Demand No. 20, we see several new policies and programmes. Though it is great that Mizoram attained 91 % in literacy, we should try to get to the highest literacy rate in India.

This year we have a desirable plan from the Centre. The Centre has sanctioned 500 posts of Hindi Teachers in which the State Government will contribute manpower and the financial sanction would be provided by the Centre. It is most pleasing that 500 persons could find new appointment.

As a result of the steps taken by the hon'ble Minister and the Department officials, a vocationalisation project worth Rs. 1350 lakhs is being rooted out. It is highly commendable that the Government could receive additional fund from the Centre.

Another great achievement made by the Government during 2005-2006 is the provincialisation of 200 Middle Schools and 38 High Schools. Not only this, 1300 posts of teachers were also regularised. Mid-day Meal is also continued to be provided. Under SSA Scheme, BRC and CRC have been set up where teachers could under-gone training. This could be a great help for the teachers working in rural areas.

Through the Government has been taking rapid steps in the field of education, there is one point I would like the authority to take note on. There are a number of High Schools in Vanlaiphai and East Lungdar, I would like to request the authority to upgrade these High Schools into plus two status.

The performance of Local Administration Department for the past years have been quite remarkable. The government could get large amount of fund for the development of Mizoram. Let us hope that this could serve beneficially.

I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to see that District Information Office be opened at Serchhip.

Going back to demand No. 19, I would like to express my appreciation to the Government for increasing HBA facilities for its employees from Rs.1,75,000/- to Rs. 2,00,000/- and Rs.1,00,000/- to Rs. 1,25,000/-.

Therefore, Mr Speaker, I support the passing of the demands. Thank you.

PU K. LALRINLIANA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, I am glad to hear the members giving positive comments on the demands of the Ministers.

To start with, I would like to say that there are several points to commend on the performance made by the department of Information and Public Relation. At the same time I would like to remind the authority to provide facilities like vehicles and cameras to the department as the staff and employees of the Department face shortage of these materials.

It is pleasing to note that there is provision for the construction of new Jails at Serchhip, Mamit and Lawngtlai District. It would be appreciated if the existing Sub-Jail of Kolasib could be extended.

Various Villages have highly benefited from Forest Development Agencies as the Government made developments through this agency. Forests Development Agency has been set up in a number of villages where free LPG are distributed to the villagers. Development has been going on at a fast pace through Forest Development Agency.

It is a great achievement that a revenue of Rs. 2,458,76,38/= is received through teak, bamboo, sand and broom. The people are now beginning to be aware of significance of bamboo. Since the introduction of bamboo permit system, the Government has been able to collect a revenue of more than Rs. 229 lakhs from bamboo alone. I am also proud to declare that Kolasib Forest Division collected the highest revenue from bamboo during 2005-2006.

I would further like to commend the efforts rendered by the Hon'ble Minister to find easy transportation of teak for teak planters.

Coming to demand No.19 we are all aware of the various steps taken by Local Administration Department for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation. Construction of Sports Complex, Shopping Complex and Strengthening of existing town roads are the major point of developmental works undertaken by this department. I am glad to note that there is plan to strengthen the existing town road of Kolasib.

Measures are being taken by the Government to solve the problem of traffic by constructing truck and bus terminal from the North East State Development fund. I am anxious to see the completion of this project.

The achievement made by the Government to provide housing facilities to 10,334 families and another 11974 employees through normal Housing Loan and HBA respectively is not to be missed. The concerned Department has done a great job in carrying out this project.

The Mizoram Urban & Regional Development Act & Rules provides Building Regulation. New steps can now be taken by this Regulation. More budget provision should also be allotted to Town and Country Wing. Project on new Aizawl has often been mentioned. But town planning on the newly declared District Headquarters is more important.

Coming to Education Department, Mizoram has now acquire literacy percentage of 91 %. I am now delighter to have scored 91% literacy rate in India. Inadequacy of teachers is also improved with the steps taken by the hon'ble Minister by means of SSA and other means. It is also pleasing to have Mini DIET in each District.

And Kolasib District has a number of High Schools while Higher Secondary School is only one. I think we may guess the problem faced by the District. Consequently, the only Higher Secondary School i.e. C.Z. Higher Secondary School needs improvement as early as possible.

Lastly, I would like to thank for employment of more Hindi teachers. Sports academy organised by SSA and provision of Coach and Sports facilities to the selected Primary Schools. Thank you.

PU RASIK MOHAN CHAKMA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker sir. I will say about the problem faced by Tlabung, Buarpui and Chawngte constituencies.

Firstly, only one Higher Secondary School is set up for Buarpui and Tlabung constituencies. Teachers of the School are very irregular. I would like to demand improvement of the School. During the last two years I visited villages of Chakma within Buarpui and Tlabung constituencies, all Schools including SSA need improvement.

Further I would like to point out that no School is provincialised within Autonomous District Council when Middle School and High Schools are provincialised by the State Government in 2003. I feel that those Schools should be included. As the provision of Sixth Schedule to the constitution of India such Schools are the Schools of the State Government.

In Chawngte constituency, 15 Schools have new buildings which has been constructed by the State Government. We do appreciate the acheivement of the State Government.

Secondly, demand No. 26 , Information and Public Relation Department constructed one office at Chawngte. But no officer is posted there. It will be very pleasing if an Information Officer is posted.

Thirdly, Demand No. 36, Environment and Forests Department appears to propose Wildlife Sanctuary and Forest Reserved Area and Border Fencing is to be done. Considering the situation, the problem faced by the people will be so high. I therefore, request the Government not to have Wildlife sanctuary and Forest Reserve at Tlabung.

Thank you.

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

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Urban Development Ministry and
LEADER OF OPPOSITION Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation Ministry
appointed Local Administration Department as a Nodal
Department. The purview of the Department is more wider than before. I would like to know whether
Government of Mizoram has proposal to set up Urban Development Department in the Capital. In this
connection, Sunday is the day of cleanliness while the market place and roads in the city have its climax
of dusty materials and wastes of any kind.

Village Level Election system is complaint so many times. It is not to be neglected.
It appears that it is good to set up State Election Commission to look after local bodies by means of
model code of conduct in accordance with the desire of Central Government. And it is also needed to
update Jail as a matter of Reformatory Centre but not for punishment.

We had listened many things about School Education. It is said there is an
improvement which is a must. But there should be self sufficiency. It is very pleasing to know such
improvement. SSA is very important. Its main purpose failed in many places. It should be impartially
applied to all people. Besides this, it appears that there is much corruption, which is not the purpose of
S.S.A. There is also something to speak about Mid-day meal too. The Central budget increased from
1675 crores to 3070 crores I think it will include Mizoram. In this connection, I would like to request the
Government to be careful in dealing with the midday meal too.

Regarding Information and Public Relation, it appears that the Department
needs to be strengthened. It is necessary to make post of Information Officer in each District. The State
Government is taking step to preserve Wildlife in the State. That needs information and publicity. It is
very pleasing to note action taken by Government against offenders of wildlife preservation to discour-
age others.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we have finished our discussion. Before winding
up by the Minister. I have to clarify one thing. MLA
from Khawhai asked a question about New Zoo,
Mizoram. The matter is not regarded as assurance by the Assurance Committee. That is why, the
matter is not regarded as assurance made by the hon'ble Chief Minister.

Regarding acceptance of questions raised by the Hon'ble Member, all members
are requested to be careful to follow the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram
Legislative Assembly. Generally, we are very liberal in accepting questions raised by the hon'ble Members.

Now, let us call upon Dr R.Lalthangliana to wind up his demands.

Dr R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. It is very pleasing for
MINISTER a member of Members discussed my demands. It is
still more pleasing that the hon'ble Members contributed
constructive ideas in the discussion. Some of them can be easily achieved.

Firstly of all, I will clarify about Information and Public Relation said by a few
Members. The Leader of the Opposition said it as a conclusion. It is very important.

I am glad to inform the House that, Public Information office has been established in all the District. However, there is shortage of vehicle which the hon'ble Chief Minister is willing to solve the problem very soon. The Live telecast of Assembly House is also one of the steps taken by Information Department. Pu Speaker, there is a Press Release of 1540 a years, and Video new clipping of 710 a year. There is 805 video coverage, which aims to distribute Assembly Session to all the Districts. Then we have a documentary film, 'Chhiatna aia malsawmna', an awarness campaign for 'Mautam'. Besides these, we have organised tour for rural areas, to visit the various Government centres in and around Aizawl city. Then for PAMRA members, Bharat Darshan was also organised. Pu Speaker, as Pu Rintea has mentioned, we won 3rd position in Delhi Republic Day Tableau.

Mr Speaker Sir, regarding Right to Information Act, the central Government has appointed Information department as Nodal Department. We have organised Media Work-shop and has taken necessary steps in this regard. The Department has prepared folder Brochure and Pamphlet which is distributed to the various Mizoram Houses.

The Department is hosting Economic Editor on Infrastructure development conference in April. We are expecting 4/5 Union Minister. It is organised by First Information, Government of India Press, Information Bureau, Government of India. We are the first State to host such a conference in North East India.

The Department has approached the central Government to solve the problem of Doordarshan Kendra, in regard to the filling up of vacant post. Also, office land site has been allotted at New Capital Complex. Frequency modulation transmission test has resulted to be satisfactory. Therefore, in a short while from now we will be having F.M. Station.

Coming to Environment and Forest. It is pleasing to learn that hon'ble Members gave importance to wildlife Protection. Pu Speaker, we, Mizos have the tradition of hunting from our fore fathers. Therefore, it is difficult to transform the mentality, inspite of the awarness campaign the Department has lodged. Due to this reason as we heard this morning. We decided to introduce Environment Education to saw the seed wildlife protection from Primary level. Pu Speaker, recently Environment Exhibition was held at Government Higher Secondary School Hall, in colaboration with School Education. It was amusing to watch children of class 5, 6 7 explaining the need for protection of Environment. We are expecting to organise Environment Protection demonstation in all the Districts by next year.

Mr Speaker Sir, under the chairmanship of the hon'ble Chief Minister, State Level Fire Protection Committee has been constituted. With the support of NGO, MUP, MHIP, Green Mizoram Committee has also been constituted with the hon'ble Chief Minister as its Chairman. Steps has been taken, to plant trees. Trees have been planted along Aizawl - Silchar road, Aizawl - Lunglei road and in various other areas. Proper action plan programme will be delivered soon.

I just want to inform the House that, we are expecting a bio-diversity project for world bank funding in Dampa Tiger Project area.

Regarding bamboo, the hon'ble Chief Minister held talks with Bangladesh Prime Minister in Delhi. When he last visited India. The Bangladesh Prime Minister, invited the hon'ble Chief Minister to Bangladesh for further talks. Pu Speaker, in regard to Mizo bamboo Suppliers facing problem, I have asked the Hindustan Paper Mill to come to Mizoram to hold talks in this regard. I therefore want to state that steps has to be taken in this matter very soon.

In regard to Sanctuary Area and field village, it is Government of India funding. However, I want to state that, necessary steps will be taken.

Pu Speaker, the Central Government does not provide budget provision for Forest Department. However, with Integrated Forest Protection Scheme, we are expecting new horizon. The Central Government has further stated that only 10% matching share is to be contributed by the North Eastern States.

Hon'ble members Pu Lalduhoma spoke about the problem faced by private teak planters. Meeting was held with Teak Planters Association in my office. The definition of the Supreme Court was discussed. Further discussion is expected with the Chief Minister, as soon as possible. I personally wish to solve the private teak planters problem. I would like to invite the hon'ble members Pu Duha to be present when meeting is held with the hon'ble Chief Minister.

Coming to Education, now that we are the highest in literacy rate we have to maintain quality. The youth of today lack discipline, we need youth who can occupy prime post. The main focus this year is quality Education, therefore we are taking steps to improve Education. We are looking into the matter, regarding what the hon'ble members mentioned as to why, the number of enrolment of children in English Medium is higher than Government School.

Mr Speaker Sir, from the recently concluded Education Minister conference in Delhi. I learned that enrolment in Government School is lesser because, admission is taken only from 6 years, where as English Medium Schools admit from 4 years. Therefore, step is taken to open Pre-School in all the Districts for higher percentage in enrolment. As for the improvement of quality of Education, there are certain points, I would like to mention.....

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker, being the concerned MLA I think I have the right to be informed of the general findings of the investigation on Darlawn Centre.

Dr R. LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker, the concerned member would be provided with the important findings of the Enquiry Commission. Most of the members have expressed their concern over the High Schools that have poor results in HSLC examination. I know that the members have mentioned this matter. Some members have even suggested that Schools with very poor HSLC results should be penalised by withdrawing their recognition and affiliation. I would like to assure the House that the Government will take some kind of action. The members are also reminded to know that improvement of educational quality is the goal we have to achieve. Proposal has been underway for recruitment of 220 education volunteers for rural areas. These volunteers would be given a remuneration of Rs.2,800/- per month. Thought the hon'ble member, Pu R.Lalzirliana has suggested that at least 50% pre-service trainees be appointed for the job, I would like to say that it is Government decision to appoint local persons. However, preference will be given to local candidates with pre-service training. (Pu R. Lalzirliana : What is the Government decision on the candidate from Sesih Village)

I have seen the report on the case of the candidate from Sesih. It seems that the VEC has certain objections against that candidate.

As for the posting of Teachers, the Government has faced many problems because the majority of teachers refuse to be posted to rural areas. Anyhow, the problem of transfer and posting of teachers is expected to be settled within the next two weeks.

I would like to extend a few points on Midday meal. Mid-day meal programme has been implemented despite lots of difficulties. As for the order of the Supreme Court, midday meal is to be provided in the form of cooked food (rice). As this is the case we need Kitchen shed, cooking materials like LPG, utensils etc. However, amidst various difficulties midday meal programme has been implemented since 15 February this year providing cooked food to 96,000 students. 1300 cooks have also been recruited for the job. Food & Civil Supplies has supplied rice free of cost as per order from the government of India and another Rs.1.70p is sanctioned for each students, as a part of mid-day meal. 228 kitchen sheds has already been constructed and there is sanction for the construction of another 230 sheds, which is expected to be completed this year under SSA project.

I would also like to mention that Education Committee has been set up in the State and District Level to ensure that mid-day meal is properly provided to children. Mid-day meal is available for only Government Primary Schools and it is hoped that students enrolment would be increased next year.

Mention may also be made that new DIET centres is set to be opened in 6 Districts next week.

Proposal has been made for the utilisation of fund sanctioned by the Centre for vocational course. Fortunately, the Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 1350 lakhs for this. I would like to inform the House that 1300 teachers from the recently provincialised Schools are given regular appointment. Proposal has also been made for the recruitment of 687 Hindi teachers for all the Primary Schools within the District Council areas.

In pursuance of the instruction made by the President of India during his visit to Aizawl, the State Government has submitted a project to the Central Government to provide computer to all the Government and Aided School in Mizoram. We are awaiting fruitful results from the Centre.

New Classroom furniture and teaching equipments have recently been supplied to most of the Schools in Aizawl District. Another achievement is the construction of 22 Block Resources Centre and 79 Circle Resources Centres.

There is a new programme to be implemented by SCERT which is to be undertaken under Education project. Under this project, there is plan to provide network activity to all Schools. For this purpose, equipment has already been received from Indian Space Research. With this project there will be connectivity throughout the remote areas of Mizoram.

Under Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Computer had already been provided to 52 High School and Secondary Schools, another 52 Schools is also expected to be provided with the material.

Through the National Talent Share Examination, a Scholarship has been given to 6 merit students.

In the District level, 78 newly appointed lecturers were given training and rapid progress has been made to take up AIDS Education through SCERT.

Under CCS, District Centre for English has been going on smoothly in Aizawl, Lunglei, Champhai, Kolasib and Serchhip Districts.

We have a new experience in Education Department recently. Following an invitation from U.K. University, I visited U.K. where I mentioned the need to impart quality training to one teachers. Proposal was also made for this cause. Memorandum of Understanding has been signed for 5 years. According to the plan, SCERT will operate the programme. As an initial programme, Secondary Education teachers would be given training. This will be an ongoing programme for the next five years during which we intend to train all 16,000 teachers of the State at the School level to ensure that the State becomes better performer. The Central Government is also concern over this matter.

It is also a matter of pride that the Government has decided to train teachers in General teaching skills in collaboration with Cambridge University.

Steps have been taken to set up School Advisory Committee in which members would consist of persons from the MHIP, YMA and MUP. When this Committee starts to function, many of today's problem would be solved.

The common problem faced throughout India is shortage teachers in the elementary stage. This problem is set to be improved in the near future.

I would like to inform the House that 4 (four) Educational Rules are prepared to be laid in the House next week. These are Mizoram. Education Establishment and Management of Private Higher Secondary School Rules, 2006, Mizoram Education Grant-in-Aid Rules for General Maintenance of Private School Rules, 2006.

So, Mr Speaker, I request this august House to pass my demand totalling Rs.238,28,00,000/- .

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We shall take voice vote. Any member who agree to pass may say yes (Member say 'yes').

The House passed the demands unanimously. Let us now call upon Pu H. Vanlalauva Minister.

PU H. VANLALAUVA MINISTER : Thank you, Mr Speaker. First, I would like to react to the point mentioned by Pu Sailothanga Sailo. He had stated his concern over the old and shabby condition of bed clothes at the Jail. This would be checked by the authority.

Three members have also expressed their concern over the poor administration of various Jails in the State. I would like to assure the House that the Government would its best to look into the matter. Strict security would also be maintained in the Jail. premises.

Regarding Pu F. Lal Thanzuala's speech, the number of prisoners in our Jails is decreasing. The total capacity of seats of six Jails in Mizoram is 1004. Of which there are 832 prisoners now. Meanwhile, as mentioned by Pu K. Lalinlana, hon'ble member from Kolasib constituency, Kolasib Jails now accommodates 134 prisoners out of 72 seats. In this connection steps will be taken to solve this problem. New building will be constructed and Sub-jail will also be constructed shortly. Saiha Jail, as mentioned by Pu P.P. Thawlla will also be repaired.

Replying to Pu Lal Thanhawla, the hon'ble Leader of Opposition we are still preparing Jail Manual for Mizoram. It is now compared with the Jail Manual of Central Government. It will be completed shortly. All important points raised by the members are noted and steps will be taken for the improvement of Prison Department. We try our level best to make various Jails in Mizoram as a Centre of moral and physical reconstruction. Counselling class is also provided to the prisoners. Orientation training is also organised for the staff. Now many prisoners become skilled carpenters. Various Churches and NGOs make great contributions in this matter. Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to mention that the annual budget for Jails for this year is increased by 10 lakh of rupees which will be utilised judiciously.

In the matter of District Council Affairs as mentioned by Pu S. Hiato, we got an interim order from High Court that nominated member also would have vote in the Council. However, the election to Chairman and appointment of Executive Member are still under the consideration of the High Court as this case is put forward to the High Court by some people. So, we have nothing to explain here in this House. Mr Speaker Sir, during the MNF Ministry, we have made 24 District Council Rules & Regulations. Besides these, we have constructed Dokulha Hall at Lawngtlai, construction of LADC Session Hall, Construction of CADC Rest House at Kamalanagar and Aizawl and many more are still going on. LADC is now luckily included to become a beneficiary of RSVY (Rasthya San Vikas Yozona), through which it will receive Rs.45 crore from the Central Government during the coming three years. Various Housing Loan schemes such as HBA, LIC etc. can be given to employees under the District Councils from 1999-2000. I proudly praise the three District Councils in Mizoram in Revenue collection. During last year, they exceeded their target by Rs. 12,78,000/-.

Now coming to Local Administration Department, Pu Lalduhoma mentioned about Village Council electoral roll. It is prepared and printed by Local Administration Department with its own printing machine. Regarding drawn Village Councils in the last Village Council Election, we have settled 92 Village Councils out of 94 drawn Village Councils till date. Only two Village Councils- Lungrang 'S' in Lunglei District and Electric Veng Aizawl are still left out. In regard to quota for LIC and HBA, all members even the opposition members can make recommendation but quota is given to the Board members only.

Replying to Pu Lalhmingthanga, hon'ble member from Lunglei South Constituency, Urban Development Fund is now proposed to be used to develop Lunglei town also. Sanction has already been made. Many members mentioned about village council Act. The main Act is now drafted and it is vetted by Law Department. It is designed to be suited with our customary law in compromising with the Panchayati Raj system. It will be put forward to the Cabinet Meeting and let us hope that the next Village Council Election would be conducted under the new Village Council Act.

Regarding the construction of pedestrian pavement as mentioned by Pu H. Lalsangzuala, the construction work will be continued in Aizawl North area also. Regarding Traffic management, we now have a High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Pu K. Sangthuama, hon'ble Minister, and sanction of loan for construction of Car parking complex is dealt by Industry Department. So I cannot mention what progresses have been made in this matter.

Replying to Pu Saikapthianga, hon'ble member from Kawrthah constituency, we also want to take up various developmental works in Villages but discussion with Rural Development Department is needed first. Steps is taken now under the guidance of General Administration Department.

Pu H.Liansailova, hon'ble member from Aizawl North-II constituency mentioned about Municipality Bill has been drafted now, which will be forwarded to be Cabinet Meeting. Anyway, I am aware that Private member's Resolution in this matter will be discussed tomorrow. I hope that we will discuss about this in detail. Replying to Pu D.Thangliana hon'ble Member from North Vanlaiphai constituency, we have bought a site for the office of District Local Administration Office at Serchhip. I hope that construction of the building will be completed during the year 2006-2007. Replying to Pu K.Lalrinliana, first priority is given to Kolasib Town Road. Project Report had already been made and steps will be taken shortly.

The last Cabinet meeting agreed to create new Department called Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Department to deal with Urban funds, which is now kept under the consideration of Expert Committee. Let us hope that a full fledged Department to look after Urban Development will be constituted shortly.

Regarding cleanliness, Local Administration Department works very hard to keep our City clean but, Market areas are under the charge of Trade & Commerce, however, we will cooperate it as much as we can.

The Government does not forget the importance of Village Council. Now there are 775 Village Councils in Mizoram. Being a Primary Unit Democratic Government, it is very important. The new Village Council Act is now prepared. According to which more responsibility and more power will be given to Village Councils. During the MNF Ministry we have legislated Amendment to Village Council Act twice. The Mizoram Building Regulations, the Mizoram Urban and Regional Development Act. The Aizawl Authority Act and many Rules. Besides, the Mizoram Municipality Bill, The Aizawl Development Master Plan and Zonal Development Plan Rules 2005 are also still going on. Local Administration makes many achievements.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, bad quality of sand taken from Sairang is used for construction of Retaining Wall and other works at New Capital Complex. Can the hon'ble Minister enquire the said materials ?

PU H. VANLALAUVA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I will enquire about this. Bad quality of such materials would not be used.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker Sor, the starred question asked by Pu H.Liansailova, on the matter of Municipal Corporation was answered last week that no proposal has been made to constitute Municipal Corporation. But today, the hon'ble Minister said that Municipal Corporation seemed to have been constituted. I was very much perplexed by this.

PU H. VANLALAUVA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the matter of Municipal Corporation would be discussed tomorrow.

P U L A L D U H O M A : Mr Speaker Sir, there are two Villages where Village Council Election could not be done in my constituency. When can they have such Village Council Election ?

P U H . V A N L A L A U V A : Mr Speaker Sir, fresh election would be needed in other Villages where Executive body of Village Council could not be formed even after the passing of our date line. The Government would decide the date of such election.

Coming to Sanitation, the Government intended to make Mizoram the most cleaned State in India. So, we constituted Clean Mizoram Committee under the Chairmanship of the hon'ble Chief Minister. However, I am aware that better awareness is needed on the importance of cleanliness. Let us hope that improvement would be there gradually. We now started a new step to convert our garbage to an organic manure. Besides, Garbage dumping ground is also constructed near Zemabawk Village where garbage processing would be done.

As I have mentioned earlier, new agency called ADA (Aizawl Development Authority) would be constituted shortly under Local Administration Department. Besides this, new Department known as Urban Development Department would also be created shortly to deal with development scheme called JNNURM (Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission) initiated by the Central Government. Mr Speaker Sir, I was happy to know that the annual budgets under my portfolios are increased by Rs. 11.12 crores from last year's budget. We will try our level best for judicious use of our budget. I, therefore, beg leave of the House to pass my demands :

- 1) Demand No. 16, Jail - Rs. 8,21,25,000/-
 - 2) Demand No. 19 L.A.D. - Rs.65,49,20,000/-
 - 3) Demand No. 27, District Council Affairs. - Rs.67,77,00,000/-
- T O T A L - Rs.141,47,45,000/-.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister Pu H. Vanlalauva now begged leave of the House to pass his demands. Those who agree to pass will say 'yes' and those who disagree will say 'Nay' (Members say 'yes'). Pu H. Vanlalauva's demands ;

- 1) Demand No. 16, Jail (under Home) - Rs.8,21,25,000/-
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are passed by this House unanimously.

Our business for today is over now, we will have a break and meeting will be resumed tomorrow i.e. 24 March,2006 at 10:30 A.M. Sitting adjourned.

Sitting adjourned at 7: 25 P.M.