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Therefore one must be subject, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

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We will take up Question Pu R. Khawpuithanga to ask starred question no. 186.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister Home Department be pleased to State :-

(a) Whether a good Cooperation be existed, to fight against intoxicable drinks and drugs, between YMA and Government of Mizoram? (b) Whether crime rate his lowered ?

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

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : (a) A good Cooperation is prevailed. (b) Yes.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, there is much complaint against YMA in the Light against intonixable drinks and drugs. Whether Government could make law to avoid such complaint ?

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Government of Mizoram used NGO'S to carry out the work. Can we make use of NGO to detect the case of kidnapping at Suangpuilawn ?

PU H. ROHLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, supplementary questions :- (a) Whether Government of Mizoram helps YMA to fight against into-xable drinks and drugs by any means? (b) If no, is there any budget provision for this purpose this year ?

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Is there any way to provide fund especially in aid of NGOS working on behalf of Government of Mizoram ?

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Can this Government of Mizoram set up a powerful VDP at Selesih and Khuangleng to detect thieves especially Bike thieves ?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the crime rate under MLTP Act is reduced in each district. And the Cooperative between YMA and Government of Mizoram is very very good, it is fit for record. YMA largely contributed to root out wrong doers against MLTP Act because of their own earnestness under the said Act Government of Mizoram does its best to help YMA.

And budget can be provided under Village Defence Organisation for the said NGO'S. But not under normal budget. Setting up of powerful VDP at Sesih and Khuangleng will be included under the head of Village Defence Organisation. In short, it is very pleasing to see the contribution of YMA. to detect offenders of MLTP Act,

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu R. Lalzirliana to ask starred question no 187.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Will the Hon'ble Minister, Food and Civil Supply Department be pleased to state :-

- (a) Will bad rice be given for BPL and AAY ration ?
- (b) Whether the same ration will be given to the Villagers and urban citizens ?
- (c) Whether K.Oil rate is the same both at Village and City ?

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Sangthuama, Minister to answer the above questions.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : (a) C-rice is proposed to be given to BPL, while AAY. is not given. But if C rice is not convenient, Grade A is given to AAY. (b) Yes. (b) Yes, there is a little difference because of carrying charge.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, rice given to AAY is so bad that it is unfit for human beings. I hope better quality of rice for AAY is allotted. What I would like to ask is that-whether carrying charge for sugar is given to retailers ? Why did retailer of Vanbawng sold a bag of sugar for carrying bill ?

PU LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, whether VIP ration can be allotted from only one retailer ? Secondly, Tinghmun retailer used to sell rice more than at the price which was already informed to the Government and proved. What kind of action is taken against him ? Does the retailer return his profit to the consumers ? Whether Government dismissed him from retailership ?

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, Supplementary questions:- (a) Whether Government of Mizoram knows that a compartment of K.Oil is usually sold in black market ? (b) Whether Government of Mizoram claimed transport subsidy of rice from the Central Government amounting to Rs.1.13 Crores ? (c) Whether Government of Mizoram claimed re-imbursement of carrying charge for Wheat from the Central Government ? (d) Whether BPL Ration Card holders can claim normal ration especially rice ?

PU H. LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, a road block exists for truck between Saitual to Phullen. Carrying of rice has stopped while carrying rate of rice for light vehicle is not yet proposed. Will Government of Mizoram give more attention to solve rice problem in my Constituency ?

Secondly, retailers in the Villages have no specified rate for head-load for carrying rice. Whether the concerned department had witnessed the problem faced by retailers in the rural areas ?

PU RASIK MOHAN CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir, how did supply Department select BPL family ?

PU H. VANLALTHALIANA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know the rate of K.Oil fixed in urban area ? Secondly, K.Oil is now commonly used for fuelling purpose. Why does the supply of K. Oil decrease day by day in the State ?

PU H. ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister could enamine the present position of retailer at 'N' Diltlang ?

Secondly, 300 quintals of rice unfit for consumption of humans as well as animal is stooked at Kawlbem. Will the Government dispose off such goods emmediately ?

S P E A K E R : Let us call ulpon Pu K. Sangthuama Minister to give answer to the supplementary questions.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, first of all, prompt action will be taken against retailer of Vanbuang for sale of a bag of sugar unauthorisely ? And we will search the way for VIP quota to be drawn from one retailer.

Regarding sale of rice by a retailer unauthorisely, action has been taken by the Government. The final report is at hand. The House will be informed about it after final report is

readied. Regarding the decreasing of K. Oil supply in the State, it is due to the decrease in the supply of K.Oil from the Central Government. We do our best to solve the problem.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Whether the Hon'ble Minister knows the way for short-lifting of KOil from the Central Government?

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I would like to request all Members to make report of the wrong doers against Government, so that action may be taken against them.

Regarding transport subsidy of rice and wheat-we will do our best for claiming the subsidy.

And all BPL. families are regarded to have Card. If a BPL. family has no Card he has to approach DCSO. of each district.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Rural Development Department, Supply Department and LAD have BPL of their own.

The lists of BPL families differed from one another. Will the Government provide the same list of BPL ?

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I donot know BPL families having various ration cards. Every family is entitled do have a ration card if they want to.

Regarding Saitual to Phullen road block, we will do our best to solve the Problem, but I could not give assurance.

Generally, we have about six Crores of rupess in the budget for head-load and carrying bill. We have to pay about 70 crores for it. There are various problems in this connection. We do our best to make payment as much as possible. But the provision of budget is inedequate for it. Anyhow, I would like to request the House to understand our problem in this regard.

Regarding allotment of rice to BPL family, it is not our concern but of the Central government for which the amount has already been fixed at 35 Kgs.

Relating to the question of rate of K.Oil, rate fixed at the following designated points are as follows.

Thingdawl	(a)	9.67 /	per litre
Ratu	(a)	10.26 /	per litre
Darlawn	(a)	10.17 /	per litre

Aizawl	(a)	9.97 /	per litre
Khawzawl	(a)	10.27 /	per litre
Saiha	(a)	10.83 /	per litre
Lunglei	(a)	10.50 /	per litre
Serchhip	(a)	10.18 /	per litre
Kolasib	(a)	9.64 /	per litre
Zawlnuam	(a)	9.91 /	per litre
Champhai	(a)	10.38 /	per litre
Aibawk	(a)	10.02 /	per litre
Lawngtlai	(a)	10.70 /	per litre
Lungsen	(a)	10.65 /	per litre
W. Phaileng	(a)	10.12 /	per litre
Thingsulthliah	(a)	9.96 /	per litre
Vairengte	(a)	9.59 /	per litre

In reply to the question of reduction of supply of K.Oil, it happened not only in Mizoram but also in other states. Due to this, we are compelled to reduce the amount issued to the Public.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The question of Pu R.M. Chakma is of the amount allotted to each village and not of the amount allotted per family.

PU R.M. CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir, number of BPL family in each Village is changing every year. What is the reason? Pu Lalrinliana Sailo have also asked the reason for the difference in the number of BPL family assessed by R.D. Department and of Supply Department. Whether the assessment of Supply department depends on the availability of supply of rice? What is the amount fixed per family?

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, alteration is made as per instruction of the Central government and guidelines provided by the same. In Mizoram, the existing number of BPL beneficiary happened to be 42,150 families and under AAY. scheme 26,100 and the total is 68,250. In this relation, I want to point out that there is or are no beneficiary of BPL or AAY in Zarkawt locality which other localities may take this as an example. It is, in a way shameful for a developed locality to have beneficiary of the said schemes.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, the concern Minister pointed out that alteration of list of BPL beneficiary is done following guidelines and instruction from the Central government. In this connection, I want to state from my

experiences as a VCP in the previous years that only 41 families were being selected for the said beneficiary where as other Village Councils who were smaller in size than my locality selected more than my locality selected more than 100 families which further included government servants like UDC. Here it is to be noted that the said guideline had not been changed and as answer given by the concern Minister is wrong. In my opinion, it may be wise to introduce BPL beneficiary even in Health Department so that the concern family are able to claim the cost of their medicine.

Thank you.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, What I meant by the
MINISTER guideline is number of beneficiary as
fixed by the central government and
on the basis of which the state Government make arrangement as per number of householdes in
the concern locality on Village.

In reply to the question relating to Retailer of N. Diltlang instruction has already
been given to resolve the problem which may take a week as there are some works to be done
in that dealing. Regarding unpaid bill for carrying contract works. I supposed it is done as
instruction given.

Regarding the quality of rice at Kawlbem Village, I admit it is because of our in
efficiency as a department to some extent for which I request understanding and Co-operation as
such cases are to be found in other Villages too. Anyway, immediate action will be taken to
dispose off rice which cannot fit for human consumption.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : To ask starred question, no 188, I
call upon Pu Sailothanga

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, since this matter has
already been discussed previously, I
better not ask again of allowed.

S P E A K E R : Its upto you. If so, I now call upon
Pu Andrew Lalherliana to ask starred
question no. 189.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, My ques-
tion is-On what criteria Mizoram Public
Service Commission appointed one
Sub-Ordinate Agriculture Service ?

S P E A K E R : Pu Tawnluia, Minister for DP & AR

**PU TAWNUI
MINISTER**

Mr Speaker Sir, the appointment was made on the basis of personality, intelligence, General knowledge, knowledge of the subject, suitability, ability, qualification and experience.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA

Mr Speaker Sir, there was number of complaints from the newly graduated in Agriculture in connection with appointment. Firstly, out of 5 posts to be made on direct recruitment, 3 were being filled up by in-service employees. What is the reason? As it is of a technical Post, it is inappropriate to conduct only of 15 minutes personal interview where as test for the concern subjects has not been made. I doubt the appointment is made in order of merit as some of the appointed are having lower qualification than those who are dropped. It is all because of political interference in the appointment.

**PU TAWNUI
MINISTER**

Mr Speaker Sir, In reply to the last Supplementary question, no Politic is involved in the working of MPSC as it is not allowed. It seems that the member who made this allegation is rather trying to politicalise the appointment. The truth is that there are 5 vacant posts of sub-co-ordinate Agriculture Service I for which MPSC issued an advertisement by No. 12 / 2005-2006 in which last date for submission of application form is 26.11.2005. There are 46 Candidates for these posts and personal interview was Conducted at the office Chamber of Chairman of MPSC. Out of 46 applicants, 45 faced personal interview from which 5 were appointed the qualification of those appointed ranges from B.SC (Agri) to M.Sc (Agri) Besides, 3 were put at penal list.

As already mentioned, MPSC makes selection on the basis of qualification of the Concern person without partiality. It is done purely on the basis of merit list.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA

Mr Speaker Sir, I first of all would like to know the prescribed qualification for recruitment of these 5 posts and the basic pay. Is this post a Gazetted post? If so, may the concern authority, from now on, conduct written test examination for any Gazetted Post. Lastly, is there any possibility of partiality among the Board Members if not political favouritism?

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA

Mr Speaker Sir, My question has not been fully answered. What I would like to know is the reason for appointment of 3 in-service candidates where as it is supposed to be of a direct recruitment secondly,, it is learned that 2 newly candidates were being appointed instead of those who are having recommendation of MPSC from the previous interview. What is the reason? It may also be pleased if the concern Minister furnish original Marksheet of the candidates so that their qualification can be compared, not only this Mr Speaker Sir, I opine it is inappropriate not to conduct written test examination for a technical concerned post and a doubt efficiency of the concern Candidates can be tested within

15 Minutes of personal interview only written test examination should be there since it is of an important post, Mr Speaker Sir.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA

: Mr Speaker Sir, involvement of Partiality and Political favouritism in MPSC can be learned from the appointment of its Board members which includes a childhood friend of our Chief Minister, father-in-law of an eminent Minister and wife of advices to Chief Minister. This indicates involvement of Political favouritism among Board members of MPSC.

S P E A K E R

: If my memory serves me right Recruitment Rules of most of the departments do not mention written test as a must. It may, as well be pleased if the concern Minister explain the detail to clear his point.

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER**

: Mr Speaker Sir, Members of MPSC are approved by the Government of Mizoram and not our Chief Minister and are all reliable persons with great experiences no partiality is involved here

Regarding the question of its pay scale, Gazette or non-Gazette post and prescribed qualification for the post, answer may be given in written later as most of the necessity for the appointment is done by the concern department through DP & AR.

Those who are appointed are 2 nos of Msc (Agri) and 3 nos of BSC. (Agri) and all are qualified for the said post. Regarding the question of mode of appointment for this post, Certainly MPSC makes appointment in accordance with Recruitment Rules, and it is fair enough. The question of appointment of in-service candidates, one can also be appointed if he or she has the prescribed qualification for the post.

S P E A K E R

: Question hour is over. We will now move to the next list of business. I now call upon the hon'ble Minister Pu Tawnluia to lay papers of "The 14th Report of the Mizoram Public Service Commission 2003 - 2005".

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER**

: Mr Speaker Sir, with your permission and of the House. I now lay on the table "The 14th Annual Report of the Mizoram Public Service Commission 2004 - 2005".

S P E A K E R

: The Copy may be distributed to the members. Pu Lalthlengliana Chairman, Estimate Committee may now present to the House "The 2nd Report of Committee relating to Agriculture Department".

Mr Speaker Sir, with your permission and of the House, I now lay on the table of the House Estimate Committee 2nd Report regarding MIP.

S P E A K E R

The copy may be distributed to the members. Today is scheduled for the election of members of the three Financial Committees but arrangement is made not to conduct the election necessarily and the following are elected uncontest.

Members for Public Account Committee are :-

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| 1. Pu Lalduhoma | 2. Pu H. Liansailova |
| 3. Pu Sailothanga Sailo | 4. Pu D. Thangliana |
| 5. Pu Lalrinliana Sailo | 6. Pu K. Lalrinliana |
| 7. Pu H. Vanlalthaliana | |

Members for Estimate Committee are :-

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| 1. Pu Lalhmingthanga | 2. Pu Liansuama |
| 3. Pu R. Lalzirliana | 4. Pu Lalthlengliana |
| 5. Pu R.M. Chakma | 6. Pu H. Rohluna |
| 7. Pu H. Lalsangzuala. | |

Members for Public Undertakings are :-

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| 1. Pu Saikapthianga | 2. Pu S. Hiato |
| 3. Pu K. Vanlalauva | 4. Pu F. Lalthanzuala |
| 5. Pu P.P. Thawla | 6. Pu Andrew Lalherliana |
| 7. Pu Zodintluanga. | |

Chairman of each Committee will be elected from members of each Committee.

The term of the existing Financial Committee will end by this June 17th 2006 and the newly elected members will function w.e.f. 18th June 2006.

Lastly, we will now have Discussion & Voting on demand for Grant. According to the list of business, the demand of Pu Tawnluia and Pu Aichhinga will be taken first Pu Aichhinga authorised Dr R. Lalthangliana hon'ble Minister to stand up on his behalf due to his health problem.

To start with, I now call upon Pu Tawnluia Minister to move his demand nos. 13, 16, and 25 to this House.

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER**

Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I moved the

Demand nos. 13, 16, 25 for Rs. 197 crore. 56 lakhs and 15 thousand only for meeting expenses during 2006 - 2007 in respect of the following Departments :-

1. Demand No. 13, personal & Administrative Reforms Rs. 85 lakhs 15 thousand.
 2. Demand No. 16 (Home Excluding Jail) Rs. 124 Crores. 60 lakhs, 30 thousand.
 3. Demand no. 25 water supply & Sanitation Rs. 72 Crore, 10 lakhs, 70 thousand.
- The total 197 crore, 56 lakhs, 15 thousand only.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: I was call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana, hon'ble Minister on behalf of Pu Aichhinga to move the demands No. 33, 38 & 44.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER**

: Mr Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the demand No's. 33, 38 and 44 for Rs. 45 crore, 8 lakh, 61 thousand only for meeting expenses during 2006 - 2007 in repect of the following departments :

1. Demand No. 33 - Soil & Water Conservation Rs. 7 Crore, 78 lakhs, 55 thousand.
 2. Demand No 38 - Rural Development Rs. 34 Crore, 2 lakhs, 73 thousand.
- The total - Rs. 45 Crore, 8 lakhs, 61 thousand

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: We will now have discussion on the emand of the two Ministers. As usual, 10 minutes will be allotted to each member.

PU K. VANLALAUVA

: Mr Speaker Sir, I first of all would like to stress the need to give priority to the on going project of Champhai Greater water supply. Here, laying of pipe is completed. How far the department has taken step for the achievement of this scheme?

Next, I want to point out that there are 24 villages on the eastern side of Champhai for which the department is now working hard to provide water pump. I therefore want to express my gratitude to the department.

There is a small Village called Saikhum near Vaphai in my constituency. This village also needs water supply. I, therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to remember this. Further, I would like to raise one question that what is the reason for discontinuation of distribution of tin water reservious? In this regard let me express my sincere thanks to the Government that all houses in Zawngtetui Village are given tin water storage. Besides, one tanky is also made for public. This measures will solve the problem on scarcity of water in the said village.

Coming to Demand No.38, Rural Development Department. Rest House is constructed by this Department under BADP fund in many places. But there is no maintainance of such Rest Houses. Can the Department provide Chowkidar for each Rest House? Now, three of them had been damaged. Besides, there are some constituencies which are not covered by BADP scheme. Can the Government make proposal to develop such constituencies from other funds?

Thank You.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA

: Mr Speaker Sir, let me speak about seize of liquor. Some Police Officers are involved in this illegal trade. Some

days ago, the NGOs siezed liquor from the vehicle owned by Police Department. Besides this, another vehicle MZ-01-C-7690 (Bolero) owned by Police Department is also involved in transportation of liquor. I, therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to enquire this. Mr Speaker Sir, I was the Chairman of Government Assurance Committee. I had presented a report some days ago stating that the Governmet takes strong action to stop engagement of Police Constables by senior officers for their personal works, in pursuance of the question raised in 2004 during the Budget Session. I was happy to present such report. But today, I got another information that four Police Constables are engaged at Tuirial and another four constables at Tawizo to look after private piggery site. I, therefore, demand strong action to be taken against this. Otherwise, I will resign from my Chairmanship as I do not want to present a fake reports.

Coming to Rural Development Department in my constituency, Engvari of Maite Village, Lalropuia, Lalchuangliana, Rokungi and Lalchhuangi of Rulchawm Village included in the list are bogus beneficiaries of IAY scheme. There are no such persons in the said village. I would like to request the concerned Department to give up such bad practice. Also in regard to PMGY, fake APR (Actual Pay Receipt) from the Office of BDO are often to be found which shows that there are misappropriation of funds in many places.

From the answer to starred question, are listened that Rs. 42.64 lakh and Rs.5.14 lakh had been spent to buy and carry I opine that the said amount of money seemed to be too much. However, all the piglets have died. Has enquiry been done in this matter? Mr Speaker Sir, there are many undesirable practices in this Ministry. Various development funds should be utilised rightly.

Thank You.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO

: Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all, I would like to mention about Trade and Commerce Department. I opine that the Govern-

ment seemed to neglect this Department. Budget allocated for this Department is very small. Meanwhile, I appreciate various steps taken by this Department towards border trade. Construction of Land Custom Building at Zokhawthar is now still going on. In the western side, Kawrpuichhuah near Tlabung is also chosen for trade centre. However, the steps taken at this site is very slow. I, therefore, request the Government to take quicker steps for early implementation of border trade.

Regarding Demand No. 33, Soil and Water Conservation Department, I wish this Department to have more funds in the Revised Estimate of possible.

Coming to Demand No. 25 Public Health Engineering Department. I would like to express my thanks to the hon'ble Minister for Public Health Engineering Department for constitution of water supply schemes in various villages in Kawnpui constituency.

In regard to Demand for Home Department, we see various progresses in this Department. We know that 1st I.R. Battallion has Headquarters in my constituency, I request the Government to allocate some amount of money to repair the internal roads within the I.R. Battallion Headquarters.

Regarding Demand No. 13, I would like to request Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department to take more precautious measures in the matter of transfer and posting of Government's servants.

Coming to Rural Development Department I support the speech of the hon'ble Member from Khawbung Constituency, all the three constituencies in Kolasib District are not covered by BADP. I, therefore, request the Government to introduce special scheme for such constituencies. Mr Speaker Sir, I congratulate this Department for having bigger budget than last year. Meanwhile as mentioned by the hon'ble Minister for Rural Development Department. I also want to eradicate favouritism on the basis of political party in the selection of the beneficiaries of various schemes under this Department.

Thank You.

PU K. LALRINLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, Thank You. Let me speak Demand No. 44, Trade and Commerce Department first. Various progressive steps have been taken by this Department. Market buildings are constructed in many places. District office building is also constructed in Kolasib. I request the Hon'ble Minister to take steps for early inauguration of the said building. Regarding Demand No. 33, Soil and Water Conservation Department, I would like to request this department to take rapid step for prevention of soil erosion along the river Tlawng within the village area of Bairabi. Many houses are now under dangerous situation.

Coming to Demand No. 38, Rural Development Department. I express my thanks to the Government for inaugurating new Rural Development Block at Bilkhawthlir in Kolasib District. I hope that there will be great development in this area. At the same time I also request the Government to introduce new schemes for those constituencies which are not covered BADP.

In regard to Demand No. 25 Public Health Engineering Department, I appreciate various water supply schemes for various towns and villages. Every person needs healthy water. I, therefore, hope that various steps taken by Public Health Engineering Department will help us solve our problems due to unhealthy water. Regarding Kolasib Water Supply Scheme, I opine that the increasing population of Kolasib and its surrounding villages seemed to require more Water Supply. We would be very grateful if the said water supply scheme is upgraded.

In regard to Demand No. 16, Home Department, I opine that Mizoram seemed to be one of the most peaceful states in India. The condition of Law and Order in Mizoram is good enough. I am proud of our police forces for their bravery and efficiency. There is good relationship between the police personel and the people. I proudly appreciate steps taken by the Government to constitute 3rd Bn. I.R. This new battallion will further contribute for peace in the state.

To conclude my speech I would like to express my thanks to the Government for construction of new Office Building and Staff Quarters at Kolasib Police Station. Meanwhile, I would like to request the Government to shift the location of Kolasib Fire Station to more appropriate place which can easily be communicated by all vehicles. Mr Speaker Sir, I agree to pass our demands for today. Thank You.

PO ANDREW LALHERLIANA

: Mr Speaker Sir. Thank You. Our demands for today are very heavy to discuss them all within a short time.

First of all, let me start from Demand No. 25, Public Health Engineering Department. In this connection, I would like to point out about Aizawl Greater Waters Supply Scheme Phase-II. This scheme is said to be a direct funding scheme from the central Government through DONER. But from the answer to Starred Questions, we heard that no sanction has come from the central Government since 2003. If so, I opine that it will be good to set aside some amount of money for this project from our state's annual budget for early completion of the work. Mr Speaker Sir, we know that scarcity of water is one of the biggest problems in Aizawl city. When I visited Chandigarh some days ago, people receive water for ten hours in a day. The condition of water supply in Aizawl will be the worst among the State Capitals in India.

I think the Members are not to be reminded that the Centre had Sactioned Rs. 71,80,00,000/- in 1997 for Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II. The project has been undertaken by the previous MNF Ministry and is still going on. Unfortunately, are expectations seemed to be going to nothing due to misappropriation of the fund. Out of favour, Johnson Eastern Power firm was selected to take up the contract work. An agreement was even signed to increase the estimated cost to 99,32,00,000/- whereas the Central has sanctioned only 71,80,00,000/- for the scheme. As this is the case, the state government made revised estimate for 1,13,46,00,000/- .But, the revised estimate was not approved by the Centre and instead instructed the State Government to minimise the project to be able to cover by the remaining fund. And they further advised the State Government to submit fresh proposal if the project could not be completed. But, what is most regretting is that the contractor has still demanded Rs. 80 crores despite the project being minimized from the expected size. Not only this, it is learnt that the Government is about to negotiate with the contractor. In this regard, I would like to emphasize that the Government should take the side of the department while making a negotiation. And also, when making fresh proposal, the Government should be cautious against misappropriation of fund.

Coming to Trade and Commerce Department, this Department has collected tariff on agriculture products at Vairengte check gate. Poor farmers carried their products to be sold to marke outside Mizoram and has to pass through Vairengte. But, they have to pay tariff at the check gate. The Government should have given subsidy to these farmers. Hence, on behalf of the farmers I request the authority to review this maatter.

The problem faced by the farmers cannot be missed. They marked in their field vigorously throughout the year but the profit they got is no match for their efforts. Therefore, the government should find a way to help the farmers. The first thing to be done is to allot more amount in the budget for Market Intervention Scheme.

Another point I would like to say in matter concerning Police Department. There is a complaint against Police Officers who have gone on retirement. It is said that police constables

are continued to be employed for personal use by the officers even after retirement. I have mentioned this point following the complains from the public.

PU D. THANGLIANA

: Thank You, Mr Speaker Sir, at the outset, I would like to express my gratitude to the Government for the support and assistance we received for KTP General Conference held at E.Lungdar which is situated within my constituency.

I will start my discussion with demand No. 16. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the overall law and order situation in the state continues to remain peaceful due to the efficient intervention of our Police Forces. The percentage of crime cases solved by our Police Forces is 85% while the record of percentage in India is 81%. It is also due to the effort of over forces that Mizoram could remain the most peaceful state in India. The credit also goes to the people of Mizoram who have been awoken to abide by the rules of the Government. The performance of the NGOs towards the various steps taken by the Government should also be commended. In regard to investigation of crime, the police forces have done extremely well. The efficiency of the concerned minister should also be appreciated. I would also like to stress on the peacefulness of our State. People from outside the state are beginning to notice the pleasant situation of Mizoram. This is the reason for attracting more and more visitors. At the same time, I would like to say that there is only one Police outpost within my constituency. But the police outpost can hardly perform any important task due to shortage of force and facilities. Therefore, I request the concerned Minister to note this and even post SDPO at the outpost.

I would further like to suggest that another outpost be set up at E.Lungdar. It would be appreciated if the hon'ble Minister can take note of this.

For remote areas like most of the village within my constituency, development could be expected only through Rural Development Department. Realising this, the budget provision for this Department has been increased by 206 lakhs. The people of my constituency are looking forward to receive assistance through IAY and PMGSY.

Fund coming from BADP has been highly benefitted by rural areas. But, the problem is in the drawing of fund for developmental works. We have District Project Director in each District. It would be more convenient if the fund to be released for the development works undertaken by the community could be handed over to District Project Director, fund the local people could again draw it from the them so as to avoid a lot of difficulties.

The people of my constituency have been facing water problem despite the vigorous efforts taken by Public Health Engineering Department. In this case, I would like to urge the Government to cover my constituency under Tuichangral Greater Water Supply Scheme.

Thank You.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA

: Mr Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me time. I will start with demand No. 25. The performance made by Public Health Engineering Department has been satctory. This is due to the efforts made by the Hon'ble Minister and the department officials and staff. However, I would like to remind the Government to give more

interest to the ongoing project of Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme as the people of Aizawl have been eagerly awaiting for the completion of the project. It is also the responsibility of the government to see that the firm selected to take up the project has executed the project.

I have personally studied the performance of Public Health Engineering Department in rural areas. During the Congress Ministry, proposal was made for adequate supply of water to the people within the remote areas of my constituency. Presently rapid steps have been taken for completion of composite water supply system. At the same time, I would like to raise a suggestion in regard to Water Supply Scheme for western areas like Kawrthah, Zamuang and Kawrtethawveng. I believe that Tut river could generate more water instead of the proposed river. Hence, in order to be more sufficient in water supply for the western areas. Tut river should be selected. The Government is also advised to re-survey the project.

I would like to add that the construction of Tuipuibari road has seriously been damaged by water supply system within my constituency. This is a problem faced by my people.

I will go straight to demand no. 16. I am proud of the efficiency of the Police forces. They are no doubt the best in India. They had been the envy of the police forces of other Indian States. But, it is understood that their performance has deteriorated since two or three years back. They failed to fulfil the expectations of the people. Considering the recent operations they had like the kidnapping of Teirei Engineers, it is disappointing for the people. I think the Police forces need reform. The State Home Department received large amount of fund for Police modernisation from the centre. But, these are spent for the wrong purpose which sows the seeds of corruption. With the growing strength of Police forces, there is more and more shortage of forces. The people and the NGOs are the witness to this fact. The State has a large number of police forces who are not engaged in police works.

Suggestion may also be raised that a separate Traffic wing be set up with Superintendent of Police at the head. For security and safety the coming and going of all vehicle to and from Aizawl should be registered by the Police force.

Coming to Demand No. 44, Trading Regulation is a must for Mizoram. The longer we postpone having such Regulation, the more problem we will face.

The rural population has been depending on Rural Development. The Rural Development Department is the agency that supports the under privileged. But, Village Level Committee has been terminated while State Level Committee, District Level Committee and Block Level Committee are still functioning. Therefore, I suggest that Village Level Committee be re-constituted with deeper involvement of the concerned MLA.

Thank You.

S P E A K E R : The House will have a recess till 2:00 P.M.
Sitting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M. (Afternoon)

PU H. VANLALTHALIANA : To begin Mr Speaker Sir, it is pleasing to learn that various achievements have been made under Home Department during the last financial year. Most of all threats BNLF has now ended with the effort of the government. Our

people can now sleep peacefully since the attainment of peace agreement. It is also worth mentioning of crime rate which has been falling down remarkably thanks to the effort of Home Department and of the Government. Not only this Mr Speaker Sir, it is pleasing that 84% of criminal cases have been solved during this year and this indicates efficiency of our police forces. Keeping in mind the necessity of accomodation for staff, construction of 56 quarters had been completed during last year.

Not only this Mr Speaker Sir, it is much pleasing to learn that there is an intention for recruting new IR Battalion by next year. In this regard, it is much desirable if the said new Battalion is located at Chhimtuipui District as it is done in other districts. In orderd to resolve security problem caused by BNLF, it is of important to upgrade a temporary out-post Dungtlang into permanent since the area is located within Indo-Burma and Indo-Bangladesh border.

Mr Speaker Sir, we now have forensic science laboratory thanks to the effort of our government and the building for which is learned to be constructed by next year.

Coming now to the demand of Rural Development, one of the remarkable achievements of the department during last year is inauguration of four new Blocks. Particularly we, the people of Lawngtlai District is much thankful for giving us new Block. Relating to this matter Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to requests the government to determine drawing of BPL Fund at our own Headquarters in such a way to resolve the problem of the department and of the people concerned.

Last but not the least, I want to mention that achievement made by the Government under Trade and Commerce Department is praiseworthy especially of construction of Border Trade Centre at Zokhawthar. In the meantime, I want to remind the government of the necessity of improving our Trading Regulation. Thank You.

PU S. HIATO

: Mr Speaker Sir, I think the Department of Rural Development is the most important tool for the government for improving the people

in rural areas. The concern Minister have even pointed out in his speech at the training that the department is working without involving partiality. Despite this it is regretted to learn that selection of beneficiary of certain schemes such as IAY, PMGY etc. is done mainly on the basis of party-wise. In this connection, I want to mention that Saiha District has also been included among 150 most poorest districts in the country under which various apportunity is provided under the programme of 'National Food for Work'. According to the guidelines, no machinery is to be deployed and the work charge is to be given in kind i.e. Rice. But, it is surprising to learn that Bulldozer is deployed for the work in my constituency, and no work is provided for the concern people. Not only this, on Esteem car is purchased for supervising the work whereas it is useless in rural areas. Whether the government is aware of this ?

Speaker of the problem in my constituency, I want to inform the concern Minister that scarcity of water in my constituency is extensively high for which I request the concern Minister to determine solution for this problem. Relating to this matter, it will be much pleasing if regularisation of Muster Roll employees for not less than 20 years is determined.

Coming now to Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department, I want to point out that special reservation for Chhimtuipui District had been provided in the previous years and circular had also learn issued by the Government of India to that effect. It is

regretted that the said reservation is no longer existed. I therefore, request the Government to determine the welfare of poorer section of the people in the southern portion by reviving reservation under Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms.

Last but not the least, I opine that it is inappropriate for the concern authority to do posting and transfer of the officers repeatedly. If an officer needs some sort of punishment, action may be taken against him as deserved but not by transfer or posting elsewhere.

Thank You.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, I first of all want to stress the need to determine traffic problem of Aizawl and Lunglei because of shortage of enough staff. In my opinion it is wise for the government to pay attention to this problem before recruitment of new I.R. Battalion. In relation to this matter, it is also necessary for the government to determine a separate Superintendent of Police for traffic to enable them function independently. It is also important for the concern authority to release TA/DA of Assam Police which has been held up for months as most of the incumbents are of needy families.

Regarding step taken by Public Health Engineering Department, it is pleasing to learn that various improvements are made within this year, yet it is to be noted that performances of the department in any water supply scheme can be measured from involvement from grass-root level of the society. Hence, it is highly necessary to enhance more power on Village Water Committee. It may also be necessary to determine how to avail L.I.C. Loan for Public Health Engineering Department so that water tanks can be provided to each household particularly within Aizawl. It is also necessary to improve machineries for Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme so as to evade eminent problem of water supply.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I will go straight to demand No. 16 concerning Fire Department. This year fire broke out in several places not only within Aizawl city but also in Lunglei, Leite and Kawnpui. As this is the case, better facilities should be provided to Fire Department. Considering the performance of this department in the past, we cannot deny the fact that the department is lacking enough equipments to undertake real task.

I would also like to stress that the existing fire extinguishers supplied to various fire stations is found to be inadequate for now. Hence, importance should be given to this and more fire tenders may be provided to all the fire stations.

Another problem faced by Fire Department is water. The department has no convenient place to store water. Therefore, the Public Works Department Minister is requested to arrange a separate water tank in our or two places at the disposal of the department.

Apart from the various points I have mentioned, another problem faced by Fire Department is shortage of staff. Moreover, the budget allotment is also found to be too little to meet the various needs of the department. So, the Minister is requested to note that this department should be favoured in time of the preparation of the Revised Estimate.

As already mentioned by one of the members, there is shortage of traffic personnel for which importance may be given by the government.

Speaking in regard to BADP, SGRY, IAY and PMGY, I must say that supervision and monitoring work has not been done as expected even though 4% of the fund is said to be allotted for it. It may therefore, be important for the department to be more careful in the dealing. Regarding the functioning of village council, it is inappropriate in some ways that the concern Block Development Officer or Director of Rural Development is not given the power to control village councils. It may be more convenient to hand over village council controlling to Rural Development as this department is concerned with the works of Rural Development and it will also be possible to check the detail of their works.

Thank You.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Mr P.P.Thawlla.

PU P.P.THAWLLA : Thank You Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, In demand no. 13 Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms,

Saiha Deputy Commissioner absents from Office and Project Director takes charge of Deputy Commissioner while Additional Deputy Commissioner was on duty at the same Office. Why did not Additional Deputy Commissioner take charge of Deputy Commissioner.

Secondly, water supply and Sanitation under the Rain Water Harvesting Scheme, Plain sheet used for Water Tanky is too bad and unfit for use. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to be careful while contractor is selected.

I also want to request the Hon'ble Minister to repair Water Supply Pipe Line dismantled by Public Works Department and BRTF worker on the road of Zawngling and Siatlai.

Thirdly, in Rural Development Department, I would like to point out that no quota is allotted to me when IAY and PMGSY beneficiary is selected nor was I informed when meeting was held. That is not good for further practice in future.

In Mara District Council, some Village Councils were dissolved and Government appointed caretaker Village Council in those Villages. But Rural Development Officials did not like to use them as its agency. Instead, President of Mizoram Upa Pawl or Young Mizo Association are usually used for its agency to execute Food for Work Programme. It appears that such agency are not force from corruption. The poor deeply suffered due to them. I therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister to chalk out such order and to formulate new arrangement for the good of the poor.

And BADP is commonly known in the state. It is very useful for development of rural areas. But no Jeepable road reach Lungdar Village of my constituency. I would to request the Rural Development Officers to give ear to the word of MLA in future.

Thank You.

PU H. ROHLUNA

: Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, I do support MLA, Buarpui on his speech about Fire Service. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to formulate water supply system for fire service. We know inadequacy of Traffic Police personnel in the city. It appears to be arranged under the control of the Superintendent of Police. Aizawl increase of Ration Money and Rifle Allowances is urged by Hon'ble Members from time to time. It appears that it is so needed.

Regarding kidnapping of MLA candidates of Suangpuilawn in 2003 General Election, it is very desirable to show efficiency of our police personnel to root out kidnappers.

Demand no. 25, Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-II is said to be commissioned in March 2004, but it is not yet commissioned till date. I would like to request this Ministry to do its best.

Distribution of water from Laipuitlang main reservoir covers too vast areas that it could not serve consumers to have water connection in time. It is therefore, needed to revise the water distribution system. And I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to note down the problem of water at Hnahlan, Kawlbem and Khawkawn in my constituency.

Demand no. 38 Rural Development I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to make arrangement for Village Defence Committee Meeting as meeting will not be held while Assembly is in Session.

Regarding selection of contractors of BADP, I would like to request Government to give preference to the contractors of the concerned area. At least 50% be reserved for public.

It appears that state share could not be given in IWDP properly. This makes problem to the coffee plantations. Anyway, it is not good to change its nodal department from time to time, instead it is better to have a permanent one.

Thank You.

PU LIANSILOVA

: Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I will begin from Trade and Commerce Department. This Department decided to take over Tung oil business under their charge. But there is a problem in regards to its rate of oil, while India imports Tung oil from Hongkong. But now India consumers its domestic products. That is why, Khadi and Village Industries too have a rate of Rs.70/- per litre. Consequently, a company tried to visit Mizoram to search for Tung oil. If Trade and Commerce Department knows nothing about Tung oil marketing, it seemed that it is good to put in the hands of a department which knows its availability and its marketing.

Regarding ginger marketing, it appears that there is a serious problem. Not only that, but the price support system is not properly done. It appears that the growers of ginger did not benefit the price support, while the middle men benefit from it.

And I would like to say that Trade and Commerce Department be enlarged and more fund be provided in the budget so that the Department could work better more effectively.

I would like to point out only two point under Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms. Firstly, Government of Mizoram follows Central Government Service Rules. I think it is good to have State Service Rules of our own. Secondly, Government of Mizoram bands employment through Memorandum of Understanding. It has bad effect on our educated youths. Most of them became over aged. I feel that it is good to increase tribal concession in regards to age limitation for any post especially for lecturers.

Thank You.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu Lalduhoma, Group Leader of opposition Legislature Party.

PU LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, I will start from Rural Development Department point by point. Firstly, fund under PMGSY (GA) is taken back after it is given to BDO for distribution. It may be necessary for the government to divert the fund. But, there should be proper record. Now I have a copy of official document in this regard. The Government is still searching for excuse. Block Development Officers are ordered to make fake reports. Besides this, all DRDA offices are also ordered to make fake opening balance in the new financial year. The sanction of Rs. 14 lakh for construction of DRDA office at Lawngtlai is also pulled back in which the existing building would be reported as a newly constructed buuilding. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I will submit copies of such documents after delivering my speech today. There are many other misappropriation of fund under various schemes such as IAY, SGRY and BADP.

In BADP, 4% of the amount of sanction is cut in every scheme. But, the concerned Block Development Officers are ordered to make fake list of expenditure on such 4% of the amount of sanction. Meanwhile, the Government is now intending to dissolve the State Level Monitoring Cell as they are afraid that the said misappropriation of money would be found out by this agency. I, therefore, really hesitate to pass demands for Rural Development Department.

Besides the above, under NREG scheme, 200 backward Districts in India are selected by the central Government which would be given power generating machines. Saiha District and Lawngtlai District are amongst them. But, the said machine is now installed at Sihhmui in the farm of the Rural Development Minister. Rs. 52,300/- is spent by the Department for installation of this machine. I, therefore, demand constitution of Enquiry Committee in this regard.

Coming to Demand No. 16, I would like to mention fabout great stagnation of promotion for constables and Head Constables of MRP. This can lead to deterioration of moral in the forces. I opine that we need to strengthen our forces. Their ration money should also be increased. We need to have Mizoram Police Mannual. We have heard about kidnapping of Mizos very often. To avoid such undesirable incidents, I would like to make a suggestion to constitute special force. Thank You.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, Let me start from Demand No. 16 Home Department. First of all I would like to praise Police Department for rendering good services in maintainance of peace and harmony in Mizoram. Comparing to other states, we have very small number of Police personel, inspite of this, their

service is praiseworthy. Meanwhile, I request the Government to create new police out post at Reiek in my constituency. The nearest Police Station is now W.Phaileng which is very far from Reiek and its surrounding villages. Therefore, we need separate Police Station.

Coming to Demand No. 25 various steps taken by Public Health Engineering Department through out the whole state of Mizoram are much appreciated Water Supply Scheme for Mamit, one of the driest twons in the world would be inaugurated shortly. At the sametime, I would like to point out scarcity of water in other villages of my constituency. I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister to note that Reiek and its adjoining villages greatly need water supply scheme. Now, Reiek became a very important village, hundreds of people including foreigners use to visit Modern Typical Village every day. But scarcity of water is still the main problem for such people as well as the permanent inhabitants of the village. When Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-II is commissioned. I opine that Phase-I would be good to be diverted to Reiek, so that atleast 14 villages would easily be covered.

Coming back to Demand No. 16 various steps taken by central Young Mizo Association are not due to the weakness of the Government. We know that there is peaceful atmosphere in our state. But we cannot avoid to fight against the emerging evils of the world. Our NGO's cooperate the Government in this matter.

Thank You.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA

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Mr Speaker Sir, Thank you. I would like to raise about the hard working efforts of Police Department first. Our views might be different from each other. We have to understand the reason for which we need to have Police Department, at the same time there are the duties of the people. It is important to assess whether the Police Department carries out its duty or not. In this regard, the total criminal cases recorded during the year 2005 is less than the year 2004 by 32%. This is a great achievement for Police Department. Many Members used to emphasize the role played by NGO's and they alleged the Governmen to be maningless without the help of NGO's. However, we ought to know that Police Department always need cooperation with NGO's, community and even an individual person to have good achievement in their works. I, therefore, opine that the Government of Mizoram encourages various NGO's and individual persons to cooperate with out Police Forces.

In regard to detection of cases, the average successful detection of cases in all India Level is 42% only. But here in Mizoram 84% of the total case reported is detected successfully. This good report really reflects the image of the Police Department as well as the Government of Mizoram. However, I do not deny that we cannot provide adequate facilities and equipments to our forces. Besides this, we always talked about over-crowded various jails in Mizoram in the past years. But today, we listened that 172 seats are still vacant in our jails. This is due to the steps taken by Home Department. The death case caused by Drug Abuse is also decreasing year by year.

My question in the matter of Drug Trafficking in Mizoram is answered that it is also still decreasing. Therefore, we can see that Home Department works very well.

Now, coming to Public Health Engineering Department, some members have raised about their requirements for their respective constituencies, I also want to mention about scarcity of water in my constituency. I am not jealous of the District Headquarters. But, water supply

scheme for Hnahthial town seemed to be inadequate. While more than Rs. 300 lakhs each is estimated for Khawzawl, Vairengte, Zawlnuam and Darlawn. Rs. 46.48 lakhs only is estimated for Hnahthial. I, therefore, request greater project than this for Hnahthial and I request the Hon'ble Minister to note that Cherhlun and Thingsai in my constituency also need water supply schemes. Is my time over, Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, ? I still have only one point to raise in the matter of Rural Development Department.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The member would be allotted an extra time of one minute.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : I think the cutting of 3% from Rural Development Department should be stopped.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA : Thank You, Mr Deputy Speaker Sir,. Let me start my speech with matter concerning water supply. First, I would like to express my appreciation to the performance of Public Health Engineering Department for being able to promote adequate supply of water to Aizawl city. Despite various criticism on the performance of this department, I cannot help commending this department. Not only on urban area, but the water supply system in rural areas is also found to be good. Meanwhile, the zonal tank at Hlimen has not been made operational till date. though the tank was completed, water has not been stocked. It would be appreciated if the Hon'ble Minister can take priority on this matter. Anyhow, the performance of Public Health Engineering Department is satisfactory.

I would like to praise the steps taken by the Government for the service of border trade. The Government has been preserving vigorously the on going construction of trade building and reads at Kawrpuichhuah. Also bridge has been constructed at Zokhawthar. It is also a matter of pride to say that the Hon'ble Chief Minister had visited Dhaka to discuss trade with Bangladesh. We have not missed that Mizoram has high potential in bamboo. Recognizing the immense potentialities of gainfully utilizing the vast bamboo resources, the Government has taken several initiatives for processing Mizoram bamboo. The Hon'ble Chief Minister had also visited N.Delhi in response to the invitation of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to discuss trade. The efforts rendered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Department for the promotion of Mizoram trade and Commerce deserved praise.

I have certain points to say on Home Department. First, I would like to express my gratitude to the Government for maintaining peaceful atmosphere in the State which prevails since the signing of the peace accord between the Government of India and the MNF. At the same time, we should not forget that various NGO's and the people of Mizoram have contributed a great deal for the success of peace agreement. The peaceful law and order situation could prevail largely through the efforts of our Police Force. We should be happy that the State's Minister can move freely anywhere without security guards. All these proved that the Government has done fairly well in regard to maintenance of peace in the State. The performance of the State Police is largely commendable. Crime rate has considerably decreased, sophisticated weapons are being seized. Therefore, the works of the police force is commendable. The role played by various church denominations has been no less commendable. We are fortunate to have a Chief Minister who can manage the State's administration in a diplomatic way.

There are certain points that I would like to say on Rural Development Department. Rural population has greatly benefitted various assistance provided by the central through this department. Through this Department, the state Government laid emphasis on alleviation of poverty and development of rural areas. In view of the performance made by various departments, we can see that this Government, formed by the MNF party is no less inferior to the others. Therefore, we should make up our mind to pass the demands under discussion today. Thank You.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : 18 members have given speech and 4 members are left to stand. It is 4:00 P.M. now. The House will have a recess till 4:30 P.M.

4:30 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The House will resume business. Let us first call upon Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir. I will start with matter concerning demand no. 33 and 38. It is said that tea plantation is to be taken over by Soil Department from Industries. But, till date, no specific decision has been made. The authority is requested to make decision in this case for rapid development of tea industries in the state.

As one of the programmes under BADP, MST bus station was to be constructed at Sakawrdai. But, Transport Department have no knowledge of the programme. This means that there is no coordination between the constructing agent and the concern department. The Government should take people care so as to avoid this kind of action in the future.

Coming to Public Health Engineering Department, I appreciate that the Government has provided water supply system to Biata and Sialhawk. I would further like to urge the Government to start the project on composite water supply scheme at Biata as this is expected to cater sufficient water to the neighbouring areas like Khawhai, N. Vanlaiphai, Bungtlang and Keitum.

I would like to add few points on Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-II. As we have heard in the Morning Session, fund allotted for this Scheme has been misused which resulted in the delaying of the completion of the project. The people are awaiting the completion of this project. Hence, the Government should take this matter more seriously.

It is pleasing to hear that the crime rate has decreased. However, in reply to the unstarred question by Pu Sailothanga Sailo, we know that homicide rate during the last one year was 126. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, we should not be contented with this crime rate. At the same time, due to the efforts rendered by various NGO's, crime rate has reduced for which we should be grateful.

The Hon'ble Member from Mamit mentioned about the film on CNA. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, that film does not convince us. Therefore, the Government should stop acting.

Another point I would like to emphasize is about the purchase of materials at an extremely high price. I would like to enquire if those expensive police materials are utilized or not. I would further like to ask if the Silpouline bought for Rs. 3500/- per price is highly beneficial. Goatproof wiremesh which is purchased at a high price has been left unused in different headquarters of I.R. Battalion. What does the Government intend to do with this material. It seems that the Government has the habit of purchasing materials at a price which is much higher than the market.

I used to have the opinion that Mizoram Police is the best in the world. But, the performance of the Police have deteriorated nowadays. Today, we have a new DGP and I am anticipating good outcome under his guidance.

I would further like to remind the Government to provide better uniforms to the police.

To conclude my speech, I would like to suggest that traffic police forces should be imparted good training on traffic rules so as to avoid further problems. Also, a separate S.P. should be appointed for better management.

Thank You.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon the opposition Leader.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr Speaker Sir, Hon'ble Member from ruling and opposition members have spoken some vital points, which

I will not repeat. Mr Speaker Sir, whatever, is stated by the opposition members should not be taken as criticism. Since the allotted time is very limited, we members are able to state only points where, we feel the need for rectification. I therefore, request treasury bench to accept the points mentioned by Hon'ble Members.

Demand No. 44. I would like to request the authorities to solve the problem faced by farmers at Vairengte gate, regarding tax, as we have heard this morning. And the functioning of MAMCO, needs up-gradation.

Soil and Water Conservation Department - This department, inspite of being an important department is not given due importance by the government. Rural area should be given awareness campaign in regard to water conservation. I would like to know the progress of Mat Valley Project. If this project is completed, it could serve as means of irrigation for Hnahthial farmers. Also, it will generate one megha watt power.

Regarding PMGSY, I visited Thingfal, the road which was supposed to be constructed under PMGSY, was incomplete and a bill of Rs. 1.40 lakhs has been drawn. Public Works Department took up the completion work. There are such cases in different areas.

Though it has been said that Rs. 118 crores was spent for the construction of Rural Connectivity road, only 17 villages has been connected within 5 years. Further, it is said that, 16 crores 64 lakhs has been spent for the up-gradation of roads, but these roads do not connect any

villages. Pu Speaker, there are many such cases, it is only few that I have pointed out. Therefore, under Rural Development Ministry, there is nothing to be proud of, and the rural area are badly effected. National quality monitors made a remark as 'Sub-Standard very much unstatifactory'. Pu Speaker, this is our present situation. The Finance Minister, announced the Bharat Nirman programme, provision of Amenities in rural area. A total of Rs. 5500 crores has been sanctioned for the whole of India. It is a programme, to develop the rural areas. Pu Speaker Sir, if Rural Development Department does not implement these programme accordingly, the rural area will not reap the purpose of the programme. Therefore, Rural Development Department should start functioning more systematically, if so, we can expect great development occuring in the rural areas.

Regarding Law and Order, we are proud of our Policemen, however, we should remember that the crime rate has gone up, which indicates that, there is enough room for improvement.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we are happy that, 195 Bru Surrendered themselves. But what the people would like to know is, how many guns the government has contributed for Bru to surrender, and how much they have invested for the purchase of their uniforms. Recognizing the immense potentialities of our Policemen, the government should utilise their potential more effectively.

Lastly, I would like to mention about the language used by the Hon'ble Minister the other day in regard to Electricity. It is an insult, for the opposition members. Therefore, I would like to state that such language should not be used in future by Senior Ministers.

Thank You.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Discussion is over, we will now call the Hon'ble Minister Pu Tawnluia to wind-up his demand.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to thank the hon'ble members for the participation in the discussion of my demand.

First of all I would like to speak on Demand No. 13, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms. The Department has amended various group Recruitment Rules, like Group-A in 28 department, Group-C in 19 department, Group-D-3 department and Group A-17 department.

I would like to highlight that, All India Service and Allied Services Examination are conducted as per the authorization of UPSC.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I will move on to Demand No. 16. By the Grace of God, today we are in a peaceful state, with various developmental programme springing up. All these achievement is due to the co-operation of the people, Government and NGOs.

In Home Department, our Police are the main force, I would therefore like to highlight some of their achievements. For the passt five years, there is no crime Registration in 146

Villages. Above all, the law and order situation during the last one year has been largely peaceful and under control. The number of crimes registered has considerably decreased by about 32%. And in regard to their efficiency, the crime detection rate is 85% in All India Level. Therefore, a perceptible change for the better has taken place in all spheres of governance. Further, Pu Deputy Speaker, as we are aware, our neighbouring states are packed with underground elements, these underground elements cross our state to acquire sophisticated weapons from Burma. Our Police Force has done well to recover 20 sophisticated arms from these groups of people. And, 1 Rocket-launcher has also been seized, and 1680 ammunitions, 9 Granades, 17 rocket ammunitions and time bomb are also seized. Pu Deputy Speaker, all this is possible due to the efforts and alertness of our Police force.

The government has successfully implemented a scheme for the improvement and modernization of our Police forces during the current year. Pu Deputy Speaker, 16 office buildings have been constructed and 10 vehicle garages. And, in regard to promotion, usually as far as possible, promotions are not held up, thereby which, 277 promotions were given in the current year. Pu Deputy Speaker, promotion has boosted the morale of our Police force. For the information of the House, the 10 MPS that were selected have completed their training, and have joined their posts.

The great efforts put in by our Police force are recognised through Medals, whereby which, our forces received 2 Medals in 1999, 6 in 2000, 21 in 2002, 5 in 2003, 13 in 2004, 7 in 2005, 9 in 2006.

Pu Deputy Speaker, as for the pending bill, we have managed to clear 295 lakhs out of the 600 lakhs. After the assurance given by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, we are expecting to clear another 100 lakhs very soon.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Home Secretary has returned from Delhi on Friday. I am glad to inform the House that, 13 crores have been sanctioned by the central Home Ministry, for I.R. Battalion. Once we have I.R. Battalion, there will be 1060 new vacant posts, and 200/300 promotional chain vacancy posts. We are expecting that with the new Battalion and the filling up of vacant posts, the Police manpower will multiply enormously.

Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, Mizoram Government Secretariat is proposed to be shifted at Khatla excluding Assembly Secretariat and arrangement is made for extension of Civil Hospital, Police Headquarter and Thana. Green signal is received from Chief Minister too for such purpose. Not only that, but also arrangement is made for Police Training Centre and 1st Battalion Headquarter.

Regarding Fire Services, we have no Fire Service Station, but proposal is made for the improvement of fire service in the city.

And I want to say again that traffic Police be made under the supervision of Superintendent of Police, but we have financial problem.

And under the modernisation scheme 11 Gypsy, 20 Motor Cycle, 5 Sumo Tata, Water Tanker, 2 Medium Truck, 4 Fire tender, 1 Tata Indigo is purchased this year. Besides these, we have a lot of improvement in wireless (W.T) equipments and various tools, computerisation, Forensic Science and bullet.

Further, having understanding with LIC authority, our police life is insured at the rate of Rs.105/- per head per month for the sum assured which is Rs.1,00,000/-

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister give me assurance not to engage Police personnel on private work of this Superior Officers ?.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, some officers have entitlement to do so, beyond which is illegal.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, I was informed that strong warning has been given to the concerned officers. (interruption)

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, it is not good to ask assurance against all speeches. I would like to inform the Members to have confidence in the Hon'ble Minister to take appropriate action.

Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, our Police are very efficient. Even in the combat zone of western side, they were at the more favourable position in all confrontation with the underground Brus. We are very proud of them. It is not to speak ill of them by the Member. They also captured CNA personnels in the border area of Myanmar in South East Mizoram. This is the National Security. It is to be done by Assam Rifles.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, we only mean the dramatical situation.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : I also want to highlight that the problem of infiltration solved against Chakma Foreigners is regarded as the achievement of our Police in the western border area.

And we are looking after and settled morethan 30 BNLF outfits who surrendered to the Government of Mizoram. They were received warmly with their arms and immunities.

Demand No.25 Public Health Engineering Department which is Water Supply and Sanitation. But it is not only Water Supply, but it is Public Health Engineering and Sanitation. It also concern Public Health. This plan fund is more than last year. Water Supply Scheme includes two types of Scheme - Urban Water Supply Scheme and Rural Water Supply Scheme. We are now trying to complete Water Supply for 104 Villages within this year.

Besides this, 2526 Schools will be fed with water connection as the Scheme formulated by the Government of India. These schools are already identified. We are trying to give water to all schools within 2006-2007. And I would like to inform the House that PMGSY will be replaced by Bharat Niman for water supply scheme of all rural villages. Government of India also have new scheme named Swajaldhara that means holy water for drinking for rural people.

Regarding Sanitation, Total Sanitation Programme is observed under Rural Sanitation Programme. Total Sanitation Programme is carried on district wise covering all districts. The purpose of this scheme is to provide Septic Tank to BPL families Anganwadi Centres and Schools. Next to this, Water Supply by means of drilling rig. Now the drilling needs repair.

Under Urban Scheme, 22 towns is identified for supply of drinking water 16 towns were already supplied and 4 towns only is left out but work is in progress. North Vanlaiphai, Biate and Khawhai Water Supply System need repair. Now, under Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-II we have Rs.113 crores of administrative approval (A.A). Pu Andrew Lalherliana asked as to why no fund is received in 2003 ?. The answer is that we received Rs. 13 crores in February of this year.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : This 13 crores is included among Rs.71.40 crores. Whether 113 crores has been approved ?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : 113 crores has been approved by the Government of Mizoram.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, no fund is provided now for it. This is why this budget is unfit for passing.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : DONER gave us 13 crores in February. By means of this fund, the work is done continuously. If we have no fund, Government of India will give us fund automatically.

Rs. 22.70 crores of Administrative Approval (AA) is given by Government of Mizoram to Champhai in the Revised Estimate. By means of these fund, the work is carried on. The Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase II is expected to be commissioned within 2006-2007. There is a plan to install water pump at Darthlalong Tlang during this financial year and also the project of Kawnpui, Rengdil and Zamuang are readied for commission by this April. Again, the project at Lungdai will also be readied for commission. Rergarding Emergency Water Supply Scheme, it has now been supplied in 26 villages.

Thank You.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, it is learned that contractor of Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-II demanded 50 crores rupees after reduction of scope of work. What is the reason for that negotiation ?

Apart from this, quantity for supply of water for Aizawl has been reduced from 36 million litres to 12 million litres and it will not serve the need even if it is fully completed. Whether the government determine supply for additional requirement ?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the demand as determined by the department is only 52.2 crores but not 80 crore as stated by the Hon'ble Member. Decission in this regard has not yet been made as negotiation is going on.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, it seems that we hesitant to make another demand to DONER since the work has not been executed appropriately. If so, we are planning to pay the due from our collection of water tariff?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, revised is made following instruction of Central Ministry Since, it is hand over to DONER, we have received 13 crore recently and it is expected to be utilised purposely.

So, Mr Speaker Sir, I hereby moved Demand No. 13 Personnel and Administrative Reforms - Rs. 85,15,000/- No. 16 Home (Excluding Jail) - Rs. 124,60,30,000/- No. 25 Water Supply and Sanitation - Rs. 72,10,70,000/- for favour of passing by this House.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker Sir, we the members on your left too are of representatives of the people of Mizoram and it is

regretted that the concern Minister makes deceitful statements against us a couple of time. Since this matter involves cases which are not allowed to be exposed, we are not willing to vote in favour of this demand.

S P E A K E R

: If so, I have to proceed on. Members who are willing to pass the demand No. 13, 16 and 25 amounting to Rs. 197,56,15,000/- may say 'yes' and those who don't may say 'no' (The members : Yes)

The Demand of Pu Tawnluia - No.13 Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms - Rs. 85,15,000/- Demand No.16 Home - Rs. 124,60,30,000/- and Demand No.25 Water Supply and Sanitation - Rs. 72,10,70,000/- Totally Rs. 197,56,15,000/- has now been passed by the House.

Next, I call upon Dr.R.Lalthangliana to wind up the demand of Pu Aichhinga and then move the house for passing.

**DR R.LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER**

: Mr Speaker Sir, it is my desire to wind and move the demand of Pu Aichhinga in the presence of our fellow members on your left and their absence is a very unfortunate incidents.

To start with, I want to urge that necessary action be taken for the complaint relating to missing of certain members at the meeting of Block Committee.

Coming now to the demand of Soil and Water Conservation Department, I would like to say that due to Nuclear Programme of the country, foreign aids cannot be acquired and as a consequence we are facing the problem but alternative is now being determined by the government. In this connection I want to point out that All India Planning Survey has taken the step at Mat Valley by last December. The Report will soon be submitted. After that, water shed development work will then be resumed.

Regarding the problem of Soil Erosion at Tlawng and Bairabi river, the department is now taking step under the project of RVP. The question relating to Vairengte Check-gate, it is to be noted that the government authorised MAMCO for collection of Tax on Ginger, Chilli, Sausage, Cotton and Turmeric items with notification dated 20th October 2004 and it has been done according to the order.

Regarding marketing for Bamboo our Chief Minister have made a negotiation with the Prime Minister of Bangladesh and a positive result is expected within this year. In relation, for construction of 10 Kms road of Border trade with Bangladesh, DONER is bringing us some problems even though NEC given us certain amount of funds for the said. Fortunately, sanction of 14 crores is being received lately and the work is expected to completed within dry season of this year.

Speaking of the problem with ginger product, I want to point out that Rs. 137 lakhs had been allotted last year for price support of Ginger. Since the amount is being repaid the total allotment is reduced here in the budget estimate of 2006-2007. Excluding allotment for price support, this budget allotment increased by 4 crore.

Coming now to Rural Development, the Department is making various achievements particularly with the project of IWDP. Compared to the population of each state, it is pleasing to learn that Mizoram is receiving adequate amount of fund. We are now having 17 projects under the guidelines of 2001 and the total project costs lakhs and lakh of rupees. There are 5 implementing departments such as Agriculture, Rural Development, Soil, Horticulture and also All Mizoram Farmers Union (AMFU) and so much progresses has been made with the help of the said departments.

Apart from this Project, DAPT is being introduced since 1994-2005, for which the Government of India put this scheme under Plan Sector Since 1997. From the period of 1994-2005, DAPT scheme is funded by Planning Commission but from last year it has been funded from the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government of India. Fund received from 1998 till today is amounting to Rs. 100 crores. The fund is utilised for construction of International Border particularly of Block in my constituency. The demand for utilisation of this BADP fund in other areas, has now been determined.

So Mr Speaker Sir, I now move the demand No. 33 Soil and Water Conservation Rs. 7,78,55,000/- Demand No. 38 Rural Development Rs. 34,27,30,000/- Demand No. 44 Trade and Commerce Rs. 3,02,76,000/- Totally Rs. 45,08,61,000/- for favour of passing by the House.

Thank You.

S P E A K E R : The demand of Pu Aichhinga has now been explained by Dr R.Lalthangliana, the Hon'ble Minister Demand No. 33,38 and 44 the total amounting to Rs. 45,08,61,000/- The members who agree to pass may say 'yes' and those who don't may say 'no' (The members : yes)

The Demand of Pu Aichhinga Hon'ble Minister has now been passed : Our business for today is now being completed. The meeting will be resumed on Tuesday at 10:30 A.M. on 28.3.200

Sitting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.