

5th sitting on 20th March, 1987 at 10:30 AM

PRESENT

PU J. THANGUAMA Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister 11 Ministers and 25 members were Present.

PART I

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

QUESTIONS

1. Questions entered in separate list to be asked and answers given.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET

2. Pu Zoramthanga, Finance Minister to present to the House the supplementary Demand for the year 1986-87 and the Annual Budget of the Government of Mizoram for the year 1987-88.

PART II

PRIVATE MEMBERS BUSINESS RESOLUTION

1. Pu F. Lalramliana to move :-  
" This Assembly is of the opinion that construction of the Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei Road be handed over to the BRTF immediately for better improvement."

S P E A K E R : Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your path.

S P E A K E R : Our first hour is  
We shall take up Pu K.L. Lianchia's question first.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state -

\* Steps taken by the Mizoram on the demands of pay scale by the Mizoram.

S P E A K E R : The Minister in-charge Health and Family Welfare may give reply.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, the UT Government of Mizoram had recommended Central pay scales to the Government of India. In the light of this recommendation, the proposal for giving central pay scales than their counterpart doctors in Medical Department. Now that we have attained statehood, is there any intention to upgrade their pay scales ?

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, would it be too difficult to give the assurance on the part of the Government ?

PU LALRINCHHANA :  
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the proposed pay scales are recommended by the UT Government are being studied and the state Government has had no time to finalise the issue as we have said earlier.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, in the UT Government the Home Minister had the Final word. Now that we have a state Government can we not give the assurance ?

S P E A K E R : Let us take up question 3 now.

PU LIANSUAMA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Agriculture Department be pleased to state -

Whether Government of Mizoram will continue assistance of villagers under New Land Use Policy to do a way with jhum cultivation ?

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education Department be pleased to state -

What actions have been taken on the demands of pay scales by the Mizoram High School Teachers Association ?

S P E A K E R : The Hon'ble Minister in-charge may reply.

PU ZORAMTHANGA MINISTERS : Pu Speaker, the erstwhile UT Government of Mizoram in supporting the demands of revised pay scales by the Mizoram High School Teachers Association had made a strong case to the Government of India since 1980. The Mizoram state Government is now competent to dispose of the case and to this end the Education Department has pursued the matter and the case is now under examination with reference to the position obtaining in the neighbouring states.

S P E A K E R : Are there any supplementary Questions ?

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question please.

Will it be settled before the meeting of the High School Teachers Association in the month of April ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA MINISTERS : Pu Speaker, it is not possible to say exactly whether it will be settled before the meeting of the Teachers Association as we have not yet presented the budget. However, it will be settled in the earliest possible time.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Speaker, question. Can the Hon'ble Minister tell us what recommendation the Government has given on this matter ?

PU KL.LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, another supplementary question. Would it be wise to copy the practices of our neighbouring states ? Will this include Middle and Primary Schools too ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, our Subject concerned is High School. We will see how our neighbouring states are practising but this does not mean that we will copy exactly what they are doing.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, did the coalition Government review the matter? or is the Government going to act on the lines of federation of the Union Territory Government?

PU ZORAMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Government had a review of the matter. We are trying to make an assesment of the situation in the best possible way.

S P E A K E R : I hope that is clear enough.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, the Minister said he would see how other doing. The School Children are now suffering as opening of School has been delayed, which states are they going to see?

PU VANLALNGENA : Pu Speaker, the reason for the temporary end to the teacher's strike is because the Chief Minister had promised to attend the matter immediately. If the matter is still under consideration, does it mean that the Hon'ble Chief assurance to the High School Teacher's?

PU LALDENG CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the respected member should bear in mind that this Government is only a month old. We are now having a Session and there has been absolutely no time to do anything at all.

S P E A K E R : We shall come to question no 2 Pu K.L.Lianchia to ask.

PU NGURCHINA  
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the answer is yes.  
Assistance will be continued.

PU LIANSUAMA

Pu Speaker, a supplementary question  
what is the reason for  
out money to the beneficiaries se-  
lected for the year 1986-87?

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU :

Pu Speaker, the New Land Use policy  
is a beautiful name. I would like to  
know who selects the beneficiaries.  
Is it the Ministers, or Ruling Party  
Block Presidents?

PU NGURCHINA  
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, 86 beneficiaries have  
been selected for the year 1986-87  
However, there has been some flaws  
in the selection as non-formers were  
selected in some villages. Some  
villagers have also defied orders and have cut jungles for  
Jhums. Secondly, in reply to the question of the member from  
Ngopa, we are going to reconstruct the selection board. A  
state level committee will be set up whose recommendations  
will be taken up by the Government. It will not necessarily  
be party oriented.

Pu LIANSUAMA

Pu Speaker, I would like to  
know which Departments have  
not executed their programmes  
on Land Use Policy.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA :

Pu Speaker, during the election  
campaigns, the party campaigners  
of the present Ministry propagated  
that if their party came into  
power, they would abolish the New Land Use Policy. Could it  
be possible that the Government is only trying to ham-  
per the proposed plan if their predecessors.

S P E A K E R

Can you give us the names of  
the said campaigners?

PU P. C. ZORAMSANGLIANA : Yes, of course Mr. Speaker.

PU NGURCHHINA  
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, there is provision from the Central Government and the concerned Departments also have provision from their Departmental Budget. Regarding selling, the pasture land chosen for the cattle is too far from the main road and this would pose problems for milk distribution. That is why I have decided to look into the matter again before we distribute anything. A state level committee has been set up for this purpose.

PU ZOSIAM PACHUAU :

Pu Speaker, previously the Government did not allow any family to receive both IRDP and the grant for New Land Use Policy. I would like to know if this Government allows a family to receive both of these?

PU VANLALNGENA :

Pu Speaker, the amount issued for New Land Use Policy was Rs.5000/- which has now come down to Rs.3000/-. Is there any intention on the part of the Government to raise the amount?

PU NGURCHHINA :

Pu Speaker, a State level committee has been set up to look after all these matters. The IRDP is not exactly a means of support, it is more on the side of additional income or supplement. Therefore, there is no reason why a family cannot receive both of these. In other parts of India, if the income of the family is below Rs.6000/- per annum they are considered for the IRDP. In Mizoram, a Base annual survey was made and families whose annual income was below Rs.3500/- were chosen for the IRDP. Therefore, the recipients of IRDP are not barred from receiving other benefits.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU:

Pu Speaker, can two Members of the same family receive IRDP?

PU NGURCHHINA  
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the aim of IRDP is family income. Therefore, two persons in a family cannot receive it.

S P E A K E R :

Question No.4 Excise Department question is standing in the names of Pu Liansuama and Pu K.L.Lianchia. Pu K.L.Lianchia may ask.

PU KL.LIANCHIA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Excise Department be pleased to state :-

Question No.4.

Will the Government of Mizoram withdraw permission the sell IMFL through retail shops and bars in Mizoram from 1st April, 1987 ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the Government has not  
MINISTER yet decided to withdraw sales permission of IMFL from 1st April 1987 ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, according to rule No.215 of the excise Rules 1983 renewal of License have to be submitted before the 10th Feb.1987. I would like to know how many such applications have been received and whether or not they have been renewed.

PU F.LALRAMLIANA : Pu Speaker does the new Ministry intend to carry on with the sale of IMFL ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, I don't think I can  
MINISTER tell the exact number of applications recieved for renewal of licenses. However, the Government is looking into the matter for renewal of Licenes and will renew them if necessary.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, how many liquor Licences have been renewed upto 31-3-87 ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, I cannot give the exact  
MINISTER Just now. I shall give it in writing later.

S P E A K E R : We now have the next item which is presentation of the supplementary Demands for the year 1986-87 and Budget Estimates for the year 1987-

88. The Hon'ble Minister in-charge Finance Department may now present the budget specch.

PU ZORAMTHANGA  
MINISTER

Pu Speaker Sir, I rise to present before the Assembly the supplementary Demands for the year 1986-87 and Budget Estimates for the year 1987-88. This is the first budget

being laid in the Mizoram State Legislative Assembly. The Financial provisions in the revised Estimates for 1986-87 and Budget Estimates for the year 1987-88 are as follows :-  
The Revenue receipt for the year 1987-88 is estimated at Rs. 14890.79 lakhs as against Rs 16561.05 lakhs of the revised Estimate for 1986-87. The estimated expenditure on revenue account for 1987-88 is Rs. 16422.79 lakhs as against Rs 17910.53 lakhs of the revised estimate for 1986-87. On the Capital side, the receipt during 1987-88 are estimated at Rs. 4621.70 lakhs against Rs. 3750.86 lakhs of the revised Estimates for 1986-87 capital expenditure including Loans and advances during 1987-88 are estimated to be Rs. 6513.10 lakhs as against Rs. 5652.26 lakhs of revised Estimates for the year 1986-87.

STATE PLAN OUTLAY FOR 1987-88

As the Hon'ble Members are aware, the outlay for the state annual plan for 1987-88 is fixed at Rs. 7000.00 lakhs as against Rs. 5950.00 lakhs for 1986-87 Sectoral wise distribution of this depicted in Annexure I of the explanatory memorandum.

CENTRAL PLAN/CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES

The total outlay for NEC Schemes during 1987-88 is Rs. 534.81 lakhs as against Rs. 433.83 lakhs in the revised Estimates for 1986-87. The outlay for centrally sponsored Schemes is Rs. 61.58 lakhs for 1987-88. I may mention in this connection that statement of approved expenditure in respect of some of the Central plan/Centrally sponsored schemes for the year 1987-88 have not yet been received till now and therefore, only taken provisions are indicated for these schemes. Details of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Schemes under NEC are depicted in Annexure II and III of the explanatory Memorandum. The budgetary provision of funds in the sanctioned grant for the year 1986-87, Revised Estimates 1986-87 and Budget Estimates for 1987-88 are indicated below.

	<u>B.E. 1986-87</u>	<u>R.E. 1986-87</u>	<u>BE 1987-88</u>
Revenue Account (grass)	13695.99	17910.53	16422.79
Capital Account (Grass)	5534.69	5652.26	6513.10
T O T A L	19230.63	23562.79	22935.89

Mr. Speaker I shall now briefly review the achievements made by the Government during the current year and also some of the schemes and programmes proposed to be undertaken during the year 1987-88.



LAND REVENUE AND SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT

A sum of Rs.20.00 lakhs has been provided to the Department during 1986-87 for the works connected with up dating of land records, survey training and cadastral survey covering 240 hectares of land. During the next year, it is proposed to survey under 500 hectares under long term schemes. The scheme for giving in service training to the employees will also continue.

HOME DEPARTMENT

POLICE :- A sum of Rs.80 lakhs has been provided during 1986-87 for construction of 85 quarters which are nearing completion. With the provision of Rs.100.00 lakhs during 1987-88 it is proposed to construct 132 more quarters of various types. A number of new police stations were created as a result of reorganisation scheme introduced during the past few years. An ambitious scheme of 'modernisation of police' at a cost of Rs.3.00 crores, with emphasis on procurement of modern equipments, transport and communication net work, has been drawn up and the same is submitted and is under consideration of the Government of India.

JAILS :- Construction of central jail building at Bunglelang at a cost of Rs. 169.00 lakhs has been completed and the jail has been commissioned. Measures have been taken to introduce vocational courses and other reformatory measure in the Jail. The CRPF complex at Aizawl is earmarked for location of new District Jail for Aizawl.

HOME GUARDS : - The organisation split into Headquarters at State level, District Organisation consists of Regional Training Centre at Saiha Headquarters and 5 (five) companies spread into all over Mizoram according to local requirements.

The wages of Home Guards volunteers have been raised from Rs.10.00 to Rs.15.00 per day. Post of 114 volunteers have also been sanctioned these raising the strength of Home Guards to 760.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

A sum of Rs.100.00 lakhs has been provided during 1986-87 with which 10000 running metres of steps have been constructed. 10 shopping centres have already been constructed at various places and 400 families have been given septic tank and water loans. 200 families are given assistance for construction of dwelling houses under EGS loans. 245 households were supplied with GCI sheets and assistance in kind have also been given for construction of 155 villages Council Houses and 15 Community Halls/ MHIP Halls. A sum of Rs.116.00 lakhs has been provided for 1987-88 which would be utilised for construction of steps, shopping centres, septic/water tank loans under EGS schemes. Another sum of Rs. 136.43 lakhs has also been provided as housing loan under MIG and LIC Housing Schemes.

### FINANCE, EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

The Department is responsible for proper financial administration of the state. Apart from the work of preparation of budgets and sanctions of expenditure, the Department also looks after opening of more bank branches, works relating to lotteries etc. The work of local audit, pension, maintenance of General provident fund, supervision of treasuries etc. is the responsibility of the Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries during 1986-87, 242 pension cases have been disposed of and payment of 97 cases of insurance money finalised. Out of the 24622 General provident Fund Accounts maintained, 281 cases of financial payment have also been settled. The Local audit wing of the Department had audited accounts of 26 offices during the year.

The main functions of Excise & Taxation Department are collection of various taxes and duties and prevention and detection of excise crimes. For enforcement of the Mizoram Excise Act, 1973, 2 bonded warehouse Licence-cum-wholesale licences were issued along with 16 retail licences at Aizawl and 5 at Lunglei for Selling India made foreigne Liquor, 3 Bars and 2 club bar licences were issued at Aizawl while one bar licences was issued for Lunglei. Chhimituipui District could not be adequately covered due to shortage of staff. During the current year, considerable quantities of intoxicating and dangerous drugs, such as heroin, ganja and phensydl were seized by the excise personnel. The excise Department also discovered and destroyed 18 acres of opium plantatun and 1 acre of ganja cultivation in the southern belt bordering Burma. 264 illegal traders in liquor were arested. A sum of Rs.112.19 lakhs was realised towards excise duty as against BE Rs.86.04 lakhs during the year 1985-86. It is expected that the income from Excise would be Rs.200.00 lakhs at the end of the current financial year. The taxation wing of the Department has collected Rs.34.26 lakhs as taxes under various Act and Regulations upto 31.1.87.

### PRINTING & STATIONERY DEPARTMENT

A sum of Rs.172.00 lakhs has been provided during 1986-87 with which new machines were purchased and commissioned which considerable improve the efficiency and out put of the Government press. A sum of Rs.224.90 lakhs has been provided for 1987-88. It is proessed to set up a brach of the Government Press at Lunglei which will take up printing works of Lunglei and Chhimituipui Districts. A plot of land has already been acquired at Lunglei for construction of the building.

### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The approved plan outlay of the Department for 1986-87 is Rs. 360.00 lakhs out of which Rs. 250.00 lakhs was earmarked for Elementary Education, Rs 100.00 lakhs for secondary Education, Rs,35.00 lakhs for Higher Education and Rs 30.00 lakhs for Technical Education. 32 privates Meddle Schoole. 5 private High Schools and tow Colleges were given deficit grants in-Aid. A number of Schools were strengthened by providing more T Teachers. A seperate Directorate of Sport and Youth Welfare has been created. The approved plan outlay of Rs,495.00 lakhs for 1987-88 will be utilised mainly for continuation and expensj

of the one going schemes. Particular attention will be paid to introduction of 10+2 system of Higher Education which will involve vocationalisation of Education which is urgently required for Mizoram.

#### SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The target of rehabilitation of 120 destitute women under women and Child welfare Scheme has been achieved. As many as 80 Pre-School Centres are continued to be maintained in place where integrated Child Development Scheme Projects have not been implemented. In the Training cum production Centre's for Physically handicapped persons the intake capacity of 25 persons each for male and female has been increased to 45 each. 373 handicapped students reading in Class- I-VIII have been benefited by the Scheme of Assistance to the aged. 234 voluntary organisations have been given grants-in-aid, one new integrated Child Development Project has been started at Darlawn during the year.

#### LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT

During the year, The Industrial Training institute at Aizawl imparted training in 9 vocational trades. construction of a Hostel for woman is nearing completion. A number of apprentices have been trained under the apprenticeship Training Scheme under which each trainee is paid Rs.150.00 per month as exgratia allowances. The State employment Market unit has been set up during the year. The Labour Department had been strengthened for better enforcement of Labour Laws. Minimum wages have also been prescribed as a labour welfare measures.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

The Department comes to be headed by its own Chief Engineer during the year. The Department at present has one circle and 6 working Divisions, one Mechanical Division and a testing Laboratory. There is a provision of Rs. 715.00 lakhs during the year 1986-87 and it is expected that the target of 67 Villages for Rural Water Supply Scheme would be achieved. About 240 Villages constituting 32 % of problem villages in Mizoram have already been covered under rural water Supply Scheme phase I is expected to be commissioned in June, 1987.

#### HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Health for all by 2000 AD is the strategy and objective of the Department. A sum of Rs. 290.00 lakhs was provided for 1986-87 which is being utilised for strengthening Health Services. Establishment of new Primary Health Centres having 10 beds are proposed to be set up at Khawlaailung, Haulawng, Phuldungsei, and Lunglei and these are expected to be completed during this Financial year. The existing 10 bedded Primary Health Centre at Kawrthah is to be upgraded to 30 bedded during this year and 12 new Sub-Centres have also been established at various places. Master plan for expansion of Civil Hospital At Aizawl having 30 beds has been implemented and the first and second phase for accommodating 40 beds have been completed.

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### REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

The Government of India sanctioned Rs 191.00 lakhs during 1986-87 for rehabilitation of MNF personnel who came overground as a result of the peace Accord. Rs 13.00 lakhs was sanctioned and initial grant for 650 MNF personnel at Rs 2000.00 each 40 (forty) persons were given Agricultural grants at the rate of Rs 9,720.00 each while 554 persons were given Rs 20,000.00 each for starting gracing shops for their rehabilitation. A provision of Rs 20.00 lakhs has also been made for housing assistance at the rate of Rs. 5000.00 each.

### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The plan outlay for 1986-87 for the Department is Rs 7.08 lakhs during the present year which has been utilised for strengthening the Department by creation of posts. A sum of Rs. 9.00 lakhs has been allotted during 1987-88 for further strengthening of the Department. It is proposed to create one post of Advisor and one post of Dy. Advisor with supporting staff to strengthen the state planning Board.

### RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The main function of this Department is collection of Vital statistics relating to Agriculture, Industry, Education, Roads, Rainfall Births and Deaths etc. The Department had taken up national sample survey and Agriculture census. The Department brings out periodic publication pertaining to statistical and other related information of Mizoram.

### INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

Construction of the main factory building of Ginger dehydration plant at Sairang has been completed. The ginger oil and oleoresin plant is expected to be commissioned shortly. Construction of building at Aizawl for Rural Industries Development Centre which will serve as training cum-workshop facilities for entrepreneurs, has been completed and installation of Machineries is in Progress. Construction of Buildings for information Centre at Serchhip and knitting and Tailoring Centres at Lunglei has been completed. With a view to encourage entrepreneurship, 3 entrepreneur Development programme course were held at Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha attended by 96 persons. 15 persons were sent for further training at Industrial Development institute Ahmedabad. As many as 547 artisans were assisted by Supply of sewing and knitting Machines, carpentry and blacksmith tools etc.

### SERICULTURE DEPARTMENT

A sum of Rs 80.00 lakhs was allotted during the current year. 18900 Kgs of cocoons and 4500 kgs of raw silk were produced. Silkworm rearing has benefited 4200 families. The approved outlay for 1987-88 is Rs 100.00 lakhs which will be utilised for strengthening the existing set-up construction of grainages, rearing houses and godowns as well as training in Sericulture and Marketing.

### CO-OPERATION DEPARTMENT

A sum of Rs 52.00 lakhs have been provided to the Department during 1986-87. 23815 quintals of ginger, some quantities of chillies and broom sticks have been procured through MIZOFED. The POL Depot of IOC at Vairengte has also been taken over and proposals are under way for opening POL retail outlets at Hnahthial and Vairengte. With a view to enable the MIZOFED to diversify its activities, The Government of India agreed to sanction Rs.1.00 crore as working capital for taking up public distribution system and sanction of Rs. 12.52 lakhs has been accorded for opening 7 new branches of the federation for the benefit of the rural poor. Government of India, through the national Co-operative Development corporation have also sanctioned for the first time a sum of Rs 10.40 lakhs for construction of 5 godowns, purchase of one truck and reimbursement of Rs.2.04 lakhs to strengthen the administrative set up of Mizofed and I move group 'A' posts have been created. Feasibility report for sitting an intergrated fruit and vegetable project at co-operative sector at an estimated cost of Rs 301.43 lakhs with an annual capacity of 13000MT has already been submitted to the Central Government. The plan outlay of Rs 84.00 lakhs during 1987-88 will be utilised for continuing and expending existing Schemes.

### AGRICULTURE

The Annual Plan outlay 1986-87 is Rs 281.00 lakhs. Three new Agriculture Sub-Divisions were opened at Tuipang, Tlabung and Hnahthial. Rs 32.00 lakhs was spent as price support subsidy for purchase of ginger. Under the Land Use Policy, 1,773 families were selected during the year and 2855 families selected during 1984-85 and 85-86 were continued to be maintained. Production of rice is expected to go up from 45,000 MT last year to 50,000 MT this year, 6,25MT high yeilding variety seeds are produced from the Department seed farms. The target of distribution of 7MT pesticides has also been achieved. The various schemes for training of farmers were continued and Agriculture implements including tractors and power tillers were supplied to selected cultivators. 3,15 lakhs of planting materials and 4MT of improved seeds were distributed to the cultivators. Additional areas of 615 hectares of land were covered under minor Irrigation. Larger areas have been brought under double cropping and cultivation of pulses and oil seeds have been made possible with increased irrigation facilities.

### FISHERIES

The Department was allotted a sum of Rs 29.75 lakhs during 1986-87. The 2 fish seed farms at Thenzawl and Champhai have produced 2.43 lakhs fish seeds, 13,81 lakhs fish seeds have been procured and supplied to pisciculturists at 50 % subsidy rate. The Department has a programme to bring about 400 acres of additional water areas under pisciculture during this year and also various programme for training of fish farmers and demonstrations. The approved outlay for 1987-88 is Rs 30.00 lakhs. The Department proposes to bring more than 160 hectares of additional water area under pisciculture during the next year. It is also proposed to set up an indoor Hatchery Unit at Bilkhawthlir and 2 Fry Distribution Centres at Thingdawl and Lokichera. It is expected to produce 2500 MT fish during the year 1987-88.

### SOIL CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

The Department has attached great importance to the settlement of Jhumming families to permanent way of cultivation during the seventh Plan period. To achieve this objective, Schemes such as terracing, cash crop cultivation and construction of lakhs of link Roads were taken up. During 1986-87 a sum of Rs 172.32 lakhs were allocated out of which Rs.110.74 lakhs was spent for implementation of family oriented schemes. A number of Schemes were under taken to check soil erosion and for reducing surface-run off. 346 hectares under the scheme to control stream bank erosion, 540 hectares under the scheme to control stream bank erosion, 552 hectares under contour bunding and 280 hectares under water harvesting scheme.

The approved plan outlay of the Department during 1987-88 in Rs 180.00 lakhs out of which a sum of Rs 75.50 lakhs has been earmarked for settlement of JHUMIA families. It is proposed to settle 600 families under cash crop plantation and 1350 families under terracing and irrigation programmes, 445 hectares of land area also proposed to be covered under soil conservation plantation, cash crop nursery etc. during 1987-88.

### ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND VETERINARY DEPARTMENT

A sum of Rs 185.00 lakhs has been earmarked for family oriented schemes particularly for settlement of 2180 Jhumia families in doing farming, hill cattle farming, pigery and other livestock farming. The rural Animal Health Centres at Kawmpui, Lungsen and Sangan have been upgraded to dispensary status. Ten (10) more such Centres have also been opened at Saiphal, Lallen, Sukpui, Lungpho, Lungrang, New Saina, Zawngling, Bungtlang (S) Chapui and Borpansuri. About 500 families have been making doing farming their sole occupation. The Department has acquired liquid nitrogen plant for introduction of frozen semen technique which is expected to considerably improved the genetic quality of cattle in Mizoram. The NEC has also sanctioned schemes for Broiler Chicken production costing Rs.50.00 lakhs and tiger seed farm costing Rs.25.00 lakhs. A sum of Rs 197.00 lakhs have been allotted to the Department for the year 1987-88. The fund is proposed to be utilised for expansion of veterinary services, expansion of existing farms at Lunglai and Dampui, research and education as well as continuation of the existing Schemes.

### FOREST DEPARTMENT

During the year 13987 hectares of plantation area have been created. During 1987-88 it is proposed to create 3000 hectares of plantation under plan schemes and 2500 hectares under New Land Use Policy. Construction of 74 building and 61.88 Kms road was completed. A sum of Rs 50.00 lakhs has been allotted for 1987-88 for construction of 50 buildings and 40 Kilometres of roads. There is also a proposal to open research and Development Circle which will look after the existing 6 functional Divisions and 3 more functional divisions.

## POWER AND ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT

A sum of Rs 769.35 lakhs has been provided for 1986-87 and Rs 1071.00 lakhs for 1987-88. Work on the 132 KV Aizawl-Lunglei line was intensified and Aizawl-Serchhip section was completed by May 1986. The entire work is expected to be partly completed during the current year and it will be possible to receive power from NEEPCO's Sub-Station at Luangmual. The programme during the next year, sitting up of wind Electric Generators, one each at Hmuifang and Sangau will be taken up soon. 5 Villages are expected to be electrified through Solar Photo Voltaic System by March, 1987 intergrated Rural Energy Programme undertaken in Reiek Community Development Block is proposed to be covered under integrated Rural Energy Programme during 1987-88.

## SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

SUPPLY WING : Procurement of essential commodities such as rice, sugar, iodised salt, POL, controlled cloth and cement and their distribution is the main function of the Department. The supply position during the year has been very comfortable. With the provision of Rs 27.10 lakhs during the year, 10 godowns and 13 staff quarters were constructed, 23 Fair Price Shops were opened against the target of 20, thus making a total of 790 Fair Price Shops in the State.

TRANSPORT WING : The Strength of the fleet has been increased from 69 last year to 89 during the current year. 6 more buses are expected to join the fleet by the end of the current year. Construction of building for Central Workshop at South Hlimen has commenced. 13 private buses and 33 taxies have been pressed into service during the year. With the plan outlay of Rs 160.00 lakhs during 1987-88, the main trust will be replacement of 23 old busses and luggage vans, construction of Central Workshop, additional bus terminal buildings at Aizawl and bus station at Vairengte and Thenzawl.

WEIGHT AND MEASURES WING : The wing filed 52 cases in the court for violation of weights and measures Acts and Rules. During the year, 65, 121 weights and measures instruments were verified and stamped.

## INFORMATION PUBLIC RELATION AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT.

The Department has completed opening of Officers in all Districts and Sub-Divisional Headquarters during the year. To promote national integration, the Scheme of Inter state Cultural Exchange was intensified and as many as 250 youths had been sent to various places of India on 6 occasions. In turn, Mizoram received cultural groups from Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Manipur and Madhya Pradesh. Press and Photo coverage are regularly carried out for VIPs visiting Mizoram as well as tours of Local VIPs. 9 Community TV Sets and 10 community receiving sets have been installed at various place of Mizoram. To facilitate wider coverage, a law peer transmitter-cum-production centre is under construction at Durlang. With a view to encourage tourism, Tourist Lodge at Aizawl was constructed having 14 rooms, conference Hall and dining Hall. Another Tourist Lodge having 5 rooms, dormitory and common room had also been constructed at Kolasib. Sanction has also been received for construction of yatri Niwas at Aizawl at a cost of Rs 34.00 lakhs.

and a Tourist Lodges with 15 rooms at Champhai at a cost of Rs 18.00 lakhs.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A sum of Rs 1000.00 lakhs has been provided for road communication during 1986-87. It is expected to complete 90 Kms formation cutting, 33 Kms widening and improvement works, 180 culverts and minor bridges, 93 kms soling and metalling, 49 Kms black topping and construction of 3 bridges. A 24 metres span bridge over Tlawng and Aizawl Thenzawl-Lunglei road were completed during the year and one foot suspension bridge over river Kolodyne is also expected to be completed during this year. A sum of Rs. 1127.00 lakhs has been approved for 1987-88. In addition, Rs 160.00 lakhs has also been provided for upgrading Kolasib Bairabi road. It is proposed to complete 84 Kms and formation cutting 84 kms widening and improvement, construction 1350 culverts and minor bridges, soling and metalling of 105 Kms black topping of 70 Kms of Roads, construction of 3 bridges and 3 truck terminals.

#### DISTRICT COUNCIL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

The three District Councils are allotted Rs 114.37 lakhs during 1986-87 under Non-plan and Rs 36.00 lakhs under plan. The plan funds are utilised for execution of Schemes under rural Communication, Sanitation Water Supply, Forest, Arts and Culture etc. The planning Commission has allotted Rs 400.00 lakhs during 1987-88 for execution of schemes under Rural Development, Agriculture, Soil Conservation, Community Projects, Social Welfare, Animal Husbandry, Industries and Forestry. I have briefly reviewed the activities and achievements of the Departments of the Government and their programmes. I also wish to mention that the Government has opened a separate Department to deal with trade and commerce. This Department is expected to act as a catalyst to improve the economic conditions of the people of Mizoram by discovering better avenues of trade and Commerce. Tourism used to be death with by the Department of Information and Public Relations. The Government has now established a separate Directorate to promote Tourism in the state. The Government has also vigorously pursues a permanent bench of the High Court in Mizoram. The Government is also concerned with the unsatisfactory environment of the Ministers and Government servants due to lack of proper accommodation while at the same time huge expenditure has to be incurred for renting private buildings. The Government would pay close attention to this problem and would try to solve the acute accommodation problem by constructing more administrative and residential buildings as Plan Programme.

You would have noticed from the Annual Financial Statement that the estimated Revenue receipts for 1986-87 is considerably less than the revised Estimate of 1986-87. This should be no cause for alarm. The short fall is only due to the fact that the Government has not so far received the approved allocation under certain schemes, such as grants for border roads, Grant in-aid for financing centrally sponsored schemes/Central Plan etc. and only taken provisions have been indicated in the budget Estimates for 1987-88.



It may also be noticed that the estimated internal Revenue receipt of the state for 1987-88 is Rs 788.30 lakhs only. From this, it is evident that major portion of our revenue expenditure is being met by grants-in-aid from the Central Government. I may also point out at this stage that our target for mobilisation of additional resources is Rs 476.00 lakhs. Though there is no proposal in the budget for introduction of new taxes the additional resources have to be mobilised by increasing certain taxes and duties. The Revenue Department has proposed increase of land Revenue from Rs 13.00 per bigha to Rs 20.00 per bigha. It is also proposed to increase, to some extent, the fees for land recording. It will also be necessary to revise the tariff rates for electricity and also taxes on vehicles and bus fares. The Excise duty exemption granted earlier to military and para military forces had recently been withdrawn which settled considerable income for the state Government. Efforts are also being made to mobilise additional resources through state Lotteries and it is expected that more than Rs 263.00 lakhs towards royalty from the state Lottery would be secured by the Government.

We have now attained statehood. While we rejoice over this fact, we should also realise that greater responsibility has now devolved on everyone of us. We are now fully responsible for our welfare and development and we can no longer shift the responsibility upon the central Government. While the Central Government has given us assurance of full co-operation and support, we have to learn to stand on our own feet. The people of Mizoram may be called upon in the near future to shoulder heavier burden by way of contributing to meet at least a small portion of the expenditure required to run the administration and to meet the growing developmental expenditure. I am happy to inform you that the Government has formed a resources mobilisation Committee which will study ways and means to increase the resources of the New State. We should all co-operate with this Committee by supporting the recommendations and also by giving constructive ideas and suggestions.

While locating additional sources of income is very essential, it is equally important that we should avoid excessive and unproductive Government spending.

I would be failing in my duty if I do not express my appreciation to all the Departments and in particular to the officials of the Finance Department and the Government Frees, whose dedication and hard work has enabled me to present this budget within a very short time.

Mr Speaker Sir, I thank you and all the members of the House for giving me your attention. I now place the Supplementary Demand for 1986-87 and Budget Estimate for 1987-88 for consideration and approval of this August House.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The copies of the budget presentation may be circulated among the members. All though we have finished the budget presentation our business today is not yet finished. There is a revolution standing in the name of Pu F. Lalramliana in the private member's business. Each member will be given 15 minutes to discuss the resolution and let us try to be brief.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, the time allotted is very brief and we can see that some members may have a lot to say.

PU F. LALZAMHIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me this time to move my resolution. My resolution reads :- " This Assembly is of the opinion that construction of the Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road be handed over to BRTF immediately for better improvement ". This resolution of mine is truly very important for Mizoram. The resolution was moved during both the P.C. and Congress Ministries but somehow it was not passed.

The Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road is one of the oldest roads in Mizoram. The British had set up Tangalows at distances of every 10 miles on this road and it used to be the link road between North and South Mizoram. Later it was extended by 5 metres by the Major District road Congress. Sometime later the Indian Road Congress decided that the Major District Roads should be 9.95 metres wide, thus it was extended again. If the BRTF takes up the Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road it would be possible to reach Saiha from Aizawl in one day. The communication between the 3 Districts would be improved to a great extent. It is a sad thing to say that the PWD is not reliable. They cannot be entrusted to build roads of superior quality. However, all the important roads in Mizoram are built by the BRTF. They have at present 2 Projects in Chhimtuipui District. Their work is commendable and reliable. It is therefore, necessary to entrust our important roads to the BRTF for a better roads. I am therefore of the opinion that we should hand over the construction of all important roads to the BRTF. I beg the House to consider my resolution carefully and pass it without delay.

Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, I am sure the mover of the resolution remembers his student days when he had to go to and for on the said road. We all know how important this road is. There was similar proposals during the P.C. Ministry but somehow the proposals were not taken up. Apart from the poor performance of the PWD, there is very little provision in the budget for road construction. If we if we look at the budget book, the amount of provision kept for maintenance of roads under Aizawl Road Division, Serchhip road Division and Lunglei Road Division are not worth mentioning. It is also the MNF Party manifesto that roads would be given top priority in their Ministry. I am therefore confident that this road will be included in their list. During the election campaigns it was propagated that if Pu Laldenga is elected, he would give top priority to road construction and its maintenance. Now that the national Highway is to pass through Serchhip it would be the best thing if the BRTF takes up the construction. I therefore, request this august house to unanimously pass this resolution.

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PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Speaker, I am glad that Pu F.Lalramliana has moved this resolution. Frankly speaking, Lunglei and Chhimtuipui areas have been grossly neglected by the Government. ( SPEAKER : Excuse me Pu Biak, I am disappointed that there are no officials from the PWD as we are discussing this subject. The official gallery should not be left empty again )

The Aizawl-Lunglei road is no doubt very long and tedious for travellers. It is also one of the most important roads in Mizoram. Its maintenance has also been very substantial throughout these years. However, the results have never been satisfactory at all. This road has also been greatly politicised. I am therefore deeply grateful that this resolution has been moved in this House today. I believe that the reason for electing the present industries Minister is due to the hope we have for this road is handed over to the BRTF the entire length of the road will be shortened by about 71 miles. This will make travelling much safer and shorter. It would also be easier for the people of Chhimtuipui and Lunglei to contact Aizawl.

I therefore, hope that this House should pass it without much discussion.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, I'll say only a few words. This road has been the topic of much discussion. In my opinion the BRTF set up definite goals and aims. To give them whatever we like may not be practical. If we hand over this road to the BRTF would the expenditure be born by the state Government or the Central Government ? I would like to know this.

To hand it over to the BRTF is a good idea it depends on how or what condition we are to hand it over. The other point I would like to know is whether we like to know is whether the BRTF will readily take up the work if we hand it over to them. It would not be entirely right to blame the PWD for everything, and as the Governor said in his speech, new machineries are to be used in the coming year. If this is so, can we hope for a better performance in road construction from the PWD ?

PU S.HIATO : Pu Speaker, this resolution has given me great pleasure and the route to Aizawl from Saiha shortened. There is no question regarding the need to hand it over to the BRTF. The expenditure would also be a big difference. Therefore, I am sure the public opinion would also be in favour of handing it over to the BRTF.

PU VANLALNGENA : Pu Speaker, this road is one of the most important roads in Mizoram, however, it has been surely neglected the only way we can maintain this

road is to hand it over to the BRTF for its information cutting, black topping and extension, the achievements of the PWD are usually not satisfactory. The only way to have good results is to hand it to the BRTF. It is not necessary to have a long discussion, let us pass it unanimously. For those who want development it is a must to hand it over to the BRTF. The PWD find it difficult to black top even the town roads. Therefore, let us give this job to the BRTF.

S P E A K E R : Pu Hiphei.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Speaker, there could be many reasons for the slow work progress of the PWD. As we know, there are numerous roads to be constructed in Mizoram. Every constituency want to speed up their work and hence the urge to see the completion of all roads is giving us anxiety. In addition to the heavy work load, there is no enough provision and the poor equipment is a big hindrance to their work. It is therefore, not exactly fair to compare our PWD with the BRTF who have lesser projects and better facilities.

Now that we have attained statehood we will have more power, but if our power is not enhanced with sufficient fund allotment it will be of no meaning. We could hand over the Aizawl-Thenzawl-Dunglei road to the BRTF either through NEC or through Defence Ministry. The Hon'ble members have already expressed the need to hand over the said road to the BRTF so I do not think it necessary for me to add anything more. Let us therefore, unanimously pass this resolution for better development of our state.

Thank you.

PU ROKAMLOVA : Pu Speaker, this important resolution is a stepping stone to the Development of Mizoram. The Central Government has generously provided other centrally sponsored schemes such as IRDP and RLEGP where our state projects are not enough. It is therefore, upto the state Government to be able to get the most out of the Centre fund. There can be enough provision almost amounting to that of the state budget if we know how to obtain it. It is with great confidence that we have elected the present Ministry will solve all these problems regarding road construction and fund allocations from the Centre. Therefore, the first step we should take is to pass this resolution in this House.

S P E A K E R : We shall now call upon the Hon'ble Chief Minister who is in charge Public Works Department.

PU LALDENGA :

Pu Speaker, as we read this resolution it is clear that we have no confidence in the PWD. If that is so, it means that we do not have faith in the state Government as the PWD is a Department under the state Government. The previous three Ministries had failed to uplift the Public Work Department. As such there is a tendency to think that this results. Before we really take up this resolution we should know from what source of income we are to construct this road if we hand it over to the BRTF. This resolution means well, however, as we discuss the pros and cons of it, we are only degrading ourselves. We all want to have good roads, that is very understandable. But in expressing our desire to have good roads we forget our capacity and financial position to construct such a good road. Firstly the mover of the resolution thinks that we Mizos cannot construct any road of good quality. If he has faith in the Mizo Ministry, he would not have suggested to hand it over to the BRTF. Secondly, it is sameful to suggest handing over this road to the BRTF without knowing whether it is possible or not, I therefore, do not think it wise to go through with this proposal. Pu Speaker I request the mover of this resolution to kindly withdraw it.

S P E A K E R :

It is now 1 PM shall we continue our discussion? ( Members agree to continue ) If so, we will give 5 minutes to the mover of the resolution.

PU F. LALRAMLIANA :

Pu Speaker, most of the members have said their opinion and the Minister in-charge PWD has also aimed his view not very clearly.

I am surprised that the Hon'ble Minister is so much against handing it over to the BRTF. I am disappointed to know that he is worrying over the financial aspect. Is this too big a task for one who claims to be able to get assistance from the UNO ?

What is the reason for the poor performance of PWD ? It is because they do not have enough fund to work with. What can they achieve with Rs 140 lakhs for the Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road ?

I am sure you yourself would in protest. And why should we worry about the fund ? If the State is not able to provide it, we can get it from the NEC or even from the Defence Ministry. Such an excuse is too lame, it does not hold water.

Looking at our Budget provision, it will be impossible to achieve anything no matter who holds the Ministry. I cannot understand why the Hon'ble Chief Minister opposes my resolution. I therefore request this august House to pass my resolution.

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S P E A K E R :

The mover of the resolution has requested the vote of the House. We will now put the resolution to the vote of the House. Those who are willing to pass it may raise their hands (Minority raise hands) The resolution moved by Pu F. Lalramliana is declared lost.

Our business for today is now over, we shall resume our sitting on Monday at 10:30 AM. I am sure the official galleries will not be empty again. The House is now adjourned till 10:30AM on Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 P.M.

L. C. THANGA  
Secretary.