

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTH SITTING OF THE FIRST MIZORAM STATE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON 23RD MARCH, 1987.

PRESENT

Pu J. Thanghuama, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 11 Ministers and 26 Members were Present.

QUESTION

1. Question entered in separate list to be asked and answers given.
Discussion and voting on Supplementary Demand.
2. Mr. Zoramthanga, Finance Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Supplementary Demands for grants of the Government of Mizoram for the year 1986-87.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

(Bills to be passed)

3. (a) Mr. Zoramthanga, Finance Minister to beg leave of the House.
(i) To introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 1987 also to introduce the Bill.
(ii) to move that the Bill be passed.
(b) Mr Zoramthanga, Finance Minister to beg leave of the House.
(i) to introduce the contingency Fund of the state of Mizoram (Determination of Amount) Bill, 1987.
also
To introduce the Bill.
(ii) to move that bill be passed.

General discussion on the Budget

4. General Discussion on the annual budget of the Government of Mizoram for the year 1987-88 to commence.

S P E A K E R : " A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than Silver or Gold.

The rich and the poor meet together. The Lord is the maker of them all.

-Proverbs 22:1-2.

We shall now call question no 6 standing in the name of
Pu Saikapthianga.

PU SAIKATHIANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, I ask my starred question no 6 - "How many MNF personnel have not been released from Jail Custody?"

PU LAIDENGA : Mr Speaker Sir, 8 MNF PERSONNEL CHIEF MINISTER CONVICTED were released on parole on Medical grounds.

PU SAIKATHIANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Chief Minister is perhaps not clear about my question. What I ask is how many MNF personnel were yet detained in Jails? And have the case of those already released been dismissed?

PU LAIDENGA : Mr Speaker Sir, no MNF personnel CHIEF MINISTER have now been detained in Jail. The cases of those released from Jail are being examined and are not yet dismissed. A committee has been constituted with D.C. Aizawl, Home Secretary and IGP as members to examine those cases. Reports of the Committee are expected to be received soon.

PU SAIKATHIANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary question please. How many cases are being examined by the Committee?

PU LAIDENGA : Mr Speaker Sir, the cases now being CHIEF MINISTER examined are those of eight convicts, some cases which remain in pending files and the cases of those who have been released on bail. The number of cases pending in file is 256 with total number of 409 accused. The number of those released on bail is 289 out of which 120 jumped bail. At present there is no one in Judicial custody.

PU VANLALINGHAKA : Mr Speaker Sir, Supplementary question please. Why is it that those 256 persons cannot be released?

PU LAIDENGA : Mr Speaker Sir, all these 256 people CHIEF MINISTER were released. At present there is no one detained in Jail the persons have been charged with cases in connection with the disturbances in Mizoram. The case of each individual is being examined by the committee.

S P E A K E R : Question No. 7 - Pu K.L.Lianchia

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, I ask my Question No. 7 -

- (a) Whether the Government of Mizoram will purchase all the ginger produced in Mizoram in 1987 through MIZOFED or other agencies.
- (b) If yes, What will be the rate per quintal ?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, MIZOFED has not yet received any instruction from Government to purchase ginger. Therefore, answer to question (b) does not arise.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary question please. During the discussion of Governor's speech, the Chief Minister told the House that MIZOFED and NAFED were already instructed to purchase ginger. At what rate were these agencies instructed to purchase ginger ?

PU LALDENGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the matter is being processed, when I spoke about that, it was decided that MIZOFED and NAFED purchase in Mizoram and it was also decided that NAFED would inform Government of Mizoram the rate at which it would make the purchase. But, no information has been received till date.

S P E A K E R : Next Question No. 8 Pu Liansuama.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, my starred Question No. 8 is -

"Whether Government of Mizoram will give subsidy of price support for ginger marketing from Mizoram as was done during the last two years".

PU H. LALRUATA :
MINISTER

Mr Speaker Sir, as the rate of ginger becomes higher than the previous years, giving of subsidy is considered not necessary.

PU LIANSUAMA :

Mr Speaker Sir, Supplementary question. The Hon'ble Chief Minister and Minister in-charge Cooperation told as that they were not as yet informed of the rates.

How could the Hon'ble Agriculture Minister state that the rate become higher than the previous years? What is the rate?

PU H. LALRUATA :
MINISTER

Mr Speaker Sir, last year the MIZOFED purchased ginger at the rate of Rs 150/- per quintal. This year ginger can be easily sold at the rate of Rs 180/- per Quintal. Therefore there is no

denying the fact that the rate this year becomes higher than those those of the previous years.

PU LIANSUAMA :

Mr Speaker Sir, during election campaign, there was much mention of the high price of ginger in Bangladesh.

Are we now sufficed with the present rate of Rs. 1.80 per kg or is there not any intention of securing better market?

PU VANLALINGENA :

Mr Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced all over Mizoram that a border trade with Bangladesh would be started soon when ginger

would be sold at the rate of Rs 700 or 800 per quintal. Why is it that Government has not yet taken any steps to make border trade agreement with Bangladesh for selling of ginger?

PU F. LALRAMLIANA :

The Hon. Chief Minister state that ginger was sold at the rate of Rs 600/- or 700/- per quintal in Bangladesh. Ginger is also very dear in India too. The

rate of ginger at Jamu and Kashmir is Rs 16/- per kg. While that is the condition, what is the necessity of exporting it to Bangladesh?

PU LALDENGA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, I never made a promise during election campaign that ginger would be sold at Rs 6 or 7 per kg. I simply said that ginger was sold at the rate of Rs 6 or 7. Whatever we

say is never a promise. As stated by the Hon'ble member, the price of ginger is always fluctuating. Now, I don't know the rate in international market. Rates at various parts of India may be obtained. While the Hon'ble member stated that the rate is quite high in Jammu & Kashmir, we all admit that the rate in Aizawl is very low.

S P E A K E R

: Question No 9. Pu Liansuama.

PU LIANSUAMA

: Mr Speaker sir, I ask my question No. 9 -

"Steps taken by Government of Mizoram to rehabilitate MNF Under-ground personnel who came overground after 30.6.86 by appointing them in different departments like police, Excise, Forest etc.

PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, vacant and newly created Group C and D posts are being collected for appointment of MNF returnees. At the same time, the qualifications, age

and experience of MNF returnees are being evaluated. Those MNF personnel who came overground will suitably be given jobs to suite their qualifications and experiences. This is under active consideration of Government.

PU LIANSUAMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, those who came overground after 30th June '86 who were charged with various cases. Will those people given employment too ?

PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, the question relates to only those who came overground after 30th June 1986 and the supplementary is not relevant to the main question.

PU LIANSUAMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, the question is regarding rehabilitation of MNF returnees and the supplementary question is quite relevant.

The Hon'ble Minister must get prepared to answer the question. Does the scheme of rehabilitation not include those who came overground before 30th June 1986?

PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, the question relates to the rehabilitation of MNF personnel who came overground after 30th June 1986. In the agreement made with Government of India the cases of only these persons were discussed. Government will take steps for the rehabilitation of all the rest as necessary.

S P E A K E R

: Question No 10, Pu Liansuama.

PU LIANSUAMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, I ask my starred question No.10 that -

"Will arms of different/ various categories of weapons seized during 1966 by the Indian Security Forces MNF personnel of returned to the rightful owners by the Government of Mizoram as pronounced by the Chief Minister Shri Laldenga on 5.7.88 at A.R. ground?"

PU LALDENGA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, all the arms captured by Government and which have been kept in custody here will be returned to the owners who have valid licenses.

PU LIANSUAMA

: Supplementary, Mr Speaker Sir, the local arms were seized both by the members of Security Forces and those of the MNF and most of the licenses were also seized. Will those guns be returned to the owners?

The list of owners of guns whose licenses have already purchased guns. But there is a rumour that Government intends to cancel all these licenses. Is this a truth?

PU LALDENGA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, Government is not aware that there is such a rumour. New arms licenses have been given to those whose licenses were seized if such people applied for the same. Aizawl D.C. was the only D.C. during the disturbances, and every record was kept in this office. Therefore, any applicant is informed to submit application to the D.C. Aizawl from whose office the number of his old license and other necessary confirmation can

obtained (Pu Vanlalngbaka - Mr Speaker Sir, are all the number of old licenses kept in the office of the D.C. ? Last year no record was to be seen and has the record been traced out now ?) no report has been received regarding loss of record from D.C. Aizawl. (Vanlalngbaka - Mr Speaker Sir, Point of clarification. The record in the office of the D.C. was lost. It is quite a shame that Government has not received a report of the loss)

Investigation is being made to trace out the confiscated guns from Aizawl deposited not only in Deragaon but also in many parts of India. According to a report received by Government there are 539 confiscated guns at Deragaon, the total number of guns deposited in various parts of India is 533 and there are 109 guns in Aizawl P.S. As many as 53 guns were returned to their owners.

S P E A K E R : There are not many questions today and there are a few minutes left. A calling attention motion regarding bomb a blasting at Congress office is received from Mr Andrew Lalherliana and an adjournment motion on the same subject is received from Pu Liansuama. After consulting the rules of procedure and conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, Practices in Lok Sabha and Speaker's Direction, the Speaker made the decision as follows. The adjournment Motion was rejects while the calling Attention Motion was admitted. The mover may now move his motion.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, why did you not admit the adjournment Motion while you admitted the calling attention motion ?

S P E A K E R : Let me explain, let no one disturb me please. Let me read out the extract of para 5 of page 434 of "practice and procedures of Parliament" by M.N.Kaul and S.L.Shakdhar. The Speaker gives his consent to the moving of an adjournment motion if he is satisfied that the matter sought to be raised is definite, urgent and of public importance, the Speaker is not, as a matter of course be bound to rule the motion in order. A matter may be urgent, it may be definite, it may be of public importance, and yet the Speaker may, in a proper case, disallow such a motion. The refusal to give consent is in the absolute discretion of the Speaker and he is not bound to give any reasons". It is a fact that some miscreants planted explosives in the NSUI office which exploded.

Last year, there was an incident of murder at Lunglei in which about three persons lost their lives. Pu Vanlalngbaka, Brig. T. Sailo and I moved a calling attention motion and not an adjournment in September 1973, Pu Zalawma submitted an adjournment motion regarding laxity of Security Forces at Vairengte check gate and it was rejected. On 25th May, 1979 Pu Sainghaka submitted an adjournment motion regarding police firing on the prisoners near Bara Bazar. The Speaker, again rejected the motion. After that on 1st March, 1980 Pu Lal Inanhwla submitted an adjournment motion regarding an incident of firing near Kawngui in which six persons lost their lives and that was also rejected. During the general discussion of budget, every member will be having a good chance to speak whatever is in his mind. For the same reasons, an adjournment motion is seldom admitted in Lok Sabha also. The motion now submitted by the Hon'ble member is also rejected. Rule 33 of the Rules of procedure and conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly provides that the ruling of the Speaker in the matter is final.

PU HIPHEI

Mr Speaker Sir, there might have been some adjournment motions rejected on certain grounds. There is a vast difference between adjournment motion and calling Attention Motion. A calling attention motion requires the Minister concerned to make a statement about the subject of the motion. Discussion is not allowed while a discussion can be held if an adjournment motion is admitted and moved.

The notice of this motion is not an attempt to criticise Government. For the incident referred to in the motion there are accusation and counter accusation between various political parties. We hope that if the matter is discussed and clarified in the House, all those misunderstandings would disappear.

Recently, the opposition leader received a letter of threat. Most probably in connection with this incident an NSUI office was bombed. The present case is most different from the motions rejected previously. (Speaker: The motion has been rejected as per provision of the Rules of procedure and conduct of Business in Mizoram and my decision is final. No one can challenge it.)

PU VANLALNGHAKA

Mr Speaker Sir, Rule 59(2) of the said Rule laid down that the adjournment motion should be regarding a subject of public importance. You emphasized and attached importance to the term "vital" only. You must prove that the matter is not of public importance in order to reject the motion. Are the rules with which you made the decision in use in Mizoram Assembly. They cannot be in force unless the House adopts them.)

During budget Session, each member will be given 10 or 15 minutes time to speak and there will be no time to discuss this subject. Under the circumstances, I request you to please admit the motion.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr Speaker Sir, your excuses that previously some adjournment motions are seldom admitted in the Lok Sabha are lame excuses. As you are aware, there was an outward incident at Saitual and the Hon'ble Chief Minister has not uttered any words of condemnation of that incident till today. Meanwhile, Home Ministry issued directive to this Government to trace out those who are responsible for the incident and as a results. Some innocent youths of Saitual Village were arrested.

The opposition Leader received a latter threatening to kill him but the Chief Minister dismissed it as a trivial matter, it is a clear that an anti social element is in operative now. Yet the Minister incharge Home did not like to look into the matter you must not do like this.

S P E A K E R : We shall call Leader of the House to clarify the matter,

PU LALDENGA : Mr Specker Sir, it is a matter of great pity that the office of NSUI has bombed on the night of 20th Feb. 1987. This House also feels sorry and condemns the incident. This is an act of criminals who are now at large and the case has been immediately handed over to police. Report of the incident has been made by one Pu Rohlupua S/o Lalvuang of Armed Veng to Aizawl Police Station verbally. He also told the police that he informed Mr Robert Lalchhuana, Editor Romei of the incident.

The O/C then rushed to the spot. The SDPO Aizawl was also immediately informed of the incident who also rushed to the spot of the incident. The Police saw that the explosion shattered. Window frames, walls and floor was a bout 2'x1' in area. Damage of furnitures and shuttering of window paves were also reported at once. The IGP, DIG (Range) and SP(CID) also rushed to the spot and a case was registered in Aizawl Police Station. And FIR report was also registered on the basis of an information given by Mr John Rotluanga, joint Secretary, NSUI.

The investigating officers informed top Police brass that large scale investigation would be made and that they got information that immediately after the explosion, one jeep sped from the spot towards the direction of Aizawl south. This explosion is believed to occur at about 10:45 P.M.

The investigating officer, who is specialised in explosives, made a conclusion that the explosive was a dynamite, a small piece of fuse found on the spot was also shown to BRTF authority to know if such a fuse was used by it. After careful examination, the BRTF authority told the police that the BRTF never uses such fuse.

Inspector of explosives at Gauhati was also requested to send a team of experts to investigate the matter. I also personally discussed the matter with the IGP has been instructed to trace out the culprits and to inform Government every development made in the course of investigation. This incident does not appear to be an isolated incident. It appears to have connection with the letters of threat sent to the opposition leader and the P.C. Party President. It is an act of some miscreant which is condemned by all the people.

Never before in the History of Mizoram, has a party office been sabotaged. We are extremely sad for this incident. We hope that the culprits would soon be traced out.

S P E A K E R :

The statement of the Leader of the House regarding the bombing of NSUI office and other seemingly connected incidents is quite enough. There is no need to discuss the matter here

in the House. Let us hope that Government would take steps to trace out the miscreants.

We shall proceed to the next item of business i.e. Supplementary Demand. The Finance Minister may now move the Demand. Recommendations of Government has already been obtained for this purpose.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
MINISTER :

Mr Speaker Sir, with your permission and with the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I move the Supplementary Demands for Rs 45,88,80,000/- only for regularisation of

deficit expenditure during the year 1985-87 in respect of the following Departments :-

Sl.No.	PURPOSES	AMOUNT
1.	Legislative Assembly	Rs 15,35,000.00
2.	Administrator	Rs 50,000.00
3.	Council of Minister	Rs 29,00,000.00
4.	Administration of Justice	Rs 9,00,000.00
5.	Election	Rs 63,18,000.00
6.	Revenue	Rs 20,00,000.00
	 92/-

7.	Excise & Taxation	-	Rs 2,50,000.00
8.	Treasury & Accounts Administration	-	Rs 12,65,000.00
9.	Secretariat	-	Rs 119,80,000.00
10.	Police	-	Rs 139,76,000.00
11.	Jail	-	Rs 8,72,000.00
12.	Supply & Disposals	-	Rs 89,95,000.00
13.	Fire Protection & Control	-	Rs 2,26,000.00
14.	Stationery & Printing	-	Rs 18,21,000.00
15.	Other Administrative Services	-	Rs 46,17,000.00
16.	Education	-	Rs 58,58,000.00
17.	Medical	-	Rs 264,31,000.00
18.	Housing	-	Rs 29,28,000.00
19.	Rural Development	-	Rs 9,83,000.00
20.	Information & Publicity	-	Rs 15,35,000.00
21.	Labour & Employment	-	Rs 8,24,000.00
22.	Social Security and Welfare	-	Rs 340,22,000.00
23.	District Councils	-	Rs 64,45,000.00
24.	Relief on Account of Natural calamities	-	Rs 9,50,000.00
25.	Co-operation	-	Rs 35,54,000.00
26.	Special & Backward Services	-	Rs 19,23,000.00
27.	Misc. Economic Services	-	Rs 10,17,000.00
28.	Agriculture	-	Rs 1,15,45,000.00
29.	Soil and Water conservation	-	Rs 30,26,000.00
30.	Animal Husbandry	-	Rs 50,12,000.00
31.	Forest	-	Rs 291,98,000.00
32.	Community Development	-	Rs 47,03,000.00
33.	Electricity	-	Rs 97,70,000.00
34.	Road & Water Transport	-	Rs 47,59,000.00
35.	Public Health, Sanitation and Water Supply	-	Rs 276,74,000.00
36.	P.W.D.	-	Rs 11,19,96,000.00
37.	Loans to Govt. Servant	-	Rs 26,00,000.00

TOTAL

Rs 45,88,8,000.00

The amount which I have now read and that in the Supplementary Demand do not tally because the amount which I read out is out of the voted amount and not out of changed amount. I omitted the charged amount. Therefore, the amounts do not tally. I ask the House to vote for these demands.

PU R. LALAWIA :

Mr Speaker Sir, at No 1 of the Supplementary Demands, there is an allotment of Rs. 6.90 lakhs for maintenance of Assembly vehicles.

In the original budget, a sum of Rs 4.20 lakhs is allocated for the same purpose, the total amount being Rs 11.10 lakhs. In the supplementary Demands of last year, Rs 7.40 lakhs was allotted for the purpose. When the Hon'ble Speaker clarified that the amount was large since outstanding bills of the previous years were cleared out of it and promised that no such increase in Supplementary Demands would be required in the coming years. At present, there are very few vehicles

belonging to Assembly Secretariat and it is quite a shame that the amount required for maintenance came to the time of Rs. 11 lakhs. It is a shame that corruption shed deep roots in the Assembly. If we are to pass demands like this, it would be very shameful to be a member of this Assembly.

Mr Speaker, you your self do not have a pool car for picking up members to attend the Session and you asked Ministers to provide vehicles for the same. Why is it that the expenditure for maintenance of only five or six vehicles becomes so high? Such a practice must be immediately stopped. I instead new vehicles must be purchased.

Only Rs 9 lakhs has been allotted for relief on account of Natural Calamities. Many Houses in Chalrang and Lungtan Villages within my constituency were destroyed by a storm. The victims asked relief, from Government but till date there is no response. More funds required to be allotted for this purpose. While victims of natural calamities were not given any relief, much funds have been shown to be utilised for maintenance of five or six vehicles only. There appears to be something wrong somewhere. (Speaker: 4 Jeeps and 1 Bus are proposed to be purchased out of the funds) Why has that been included in the funds for maintenance? why has it not shown as being meant for purchase of new vehicles? Mr Speaker Sir, let us nip the bud of corruption from now, Mr Speaker Sir, we shall pass these demands but let us guard against recurrence of any excessive expenditure like this.

Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA

Mr Speaker Sir, at demand No 3, there is a supplementary demand for Rs 29 lakhs in respect of Council of Ministers which is enormous.

Last year the total expenditure for purchase and maintenance of vehicles in respect of Secretariat Administration and Council of Ministers was Rs 2.40 lakhs. while the total amount of the budget was Rs 319 lakhs. Considering the statement of the Finance Minister that Government would take steps to avoid unnecessary expenditures, this expenditure is too high to Rs 113 lakhs at Demand No 9 in respect of Secretariat Administration at page 11 and 13, it transpires the expenditure incurred for purchase and maintenance of vehicles is too much. The same is in respect of other Department too. Are you convinced that such an amount is required as a result of the expansion of Cabinet?

In respect of Social Security and Welfare, a demand is made for Rs 340.22 lakhs, out of which Rs. 98 lakhs is required for rehabilitation of MNF returnees. It is again a wonder that as much as Rs 95 lakhs have been spent for the purpose of entertaining those MNF returnees when they arrived at Mizoram. This expenditure is too high. I think some people, other than MNF returnees go the benefit from it. In the explanatory notes in the speech of the Finance Minister it can be seen that 594 MNF returnees have been given Rs 20,000 each in cash, another 40 returnees have been given assistances for Agriculture and allied professions worth Rs 7200 each. I am afraid some people have shares in the funds allotted for MNF returnees. In future Government must take care not to incur such excessive expenditure. I would like to ask Ministers not to oversee demands No 9. and No 3 in which are reflected supplementary demands stated to have been required as a result of

expansion of Ministry. t - n

thank you.

PU VANLALNGENA : Now the mover may move the demands for passing.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass the supplementary Demands which I have moved.

S P E A K E R : Those who agree to pass may say "agree" and those who do not agree may say "not agree". The Supplementary Demands are unanimously passed. Now the mover may move the appropriation Bill, the Mizoram Appropriation Bill 1 of 1987 ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, in pursuance of of the recommendations of the Governor of the state of Mizoram this Bill is introduced to provide for the appropriation out of the consolidated fund of Mizoram which is required to meet expenditure charge from the consolidated fund of Mizoram and the grant voted by the Mizoram Legislative Assembly for the expenditure of the state for a period from 1.4.1986 to 31.3.1987.

thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, the Minister Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the bill, is it agreed ? The Minister may now beg leave of the House for consideration of the Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to take the bill into consideration.

S P E A K E R : Do members consider it necessary to discuss the bill ? anyone who agrees to pass it without discussion may say "agree". The Bill is unanimously passed.

Still we have another bill to consider, that is contingency bill. The Minister may now beg leave of the House to introduce the Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
MINISTER

Mr Speaker Sir, under sub-section 2 of Article 267 of the Constitution of India, the Legislature of a State may by law establish a contingency fund of the state into which shall be paid from time to time such sums as may be determined by such law. This bill therefore, seeks to establish the contingency fund of the State of Mizoram with the amount indicated in the Bill. Hence the bill.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

He may also beg leave of the House to take the Bill into consideration.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
MINISTER

Mr Speaker Sir, as Mizoram attains statehood, a new contingency fund is required. The Union Territory Government had also operated the same. This fund is meant to be utilised by Government. Whenever necessary and the amount so utilised from the fund is to be replaced whenever there is a fund it is purposed that a sum of Rs 1,00,000/- be allotted for the purpose. I request the House to take the Bill into consideration.

S P E A K E R

Do we consider it necessary to discuss? The Minister may now beg leave of the House to pass the Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
MINISTER

Mr Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass the contingency Bill amounting to Rs. 100,000/- to be allotted out of the consolidated fund of Mizoram.

S P E A K E R

Anyone who agrees to pass the contingency Fund of the State of Mizoram Determination of Amount bill 1987 may say "agree" Okey, the Bill stands passed. The next item of our business for today is discussion on budget.

Copies of the budget have been given to members and they were given two days chance to study them. Now we shall start the discussion.

Now is a time for general discussion which will be followed by an itemwise discussion. The minutes will be allotted to every member.

PU VANLALNGENA :

Mr Speaker Sir, it is very unfortunate that the amount of budget is less than expected in respect of all branches of Development depends upon the budget and the amount allotted in respect of various Departments is to meagre. Moreover, a very small fund has been allotted in respect of Departments which directly concern the poor people which is unfortunate. The rate of increase from the budget of last year is too small. In this connection, it may be stated that some of us always said that they did not depend upon the mercy of Delhi, and now the result appears. Can we do any development work without funds? The budget amount is too small for execution of Development works. For example, only Rs.137 lakhs has been allotted for Loan while most of the people are below poverty line badly in need of loans from Government in order to extricate themselves from object poverty. During disturbances, our houses were burnt and properties were damaged and no compensation has yet been received. Besides, this loan is meant for the people of urban areas only where there is proper land settlement.

A sum of Rs.20 lakhs have been allotted for water Tank Loan. The applicants are too many and it is very difficult for members of the Board to select recipients among them. This amount is too meagre. It is also a pity that no allotment has been made for purchase of gas stoves.

No allotment of fund has been made for purchase of ginger produced in Mizoram. Only speaking will never alleviate our burden. We want leaders who can help us solve our problems. Shall we start to develop our state with too small amount of funds like this? It is a shame.

Again, no fund has been allotted for Y.M.A. when the Y.M.A. convened a meeting with all MLAs, it asked Government to help construct a huge building which would serve as a Community Hall. The only Hall we are having "Vanapa Hall" is too small and we need more capacious Halls. Meanwhile a sum of Rs 6 lakhs have been allotted for purchase of Video. Acts, and Rs 16 lakhs for tourism. A sum of Rs 567 lakhs have been allotted for maintenance of vehicles. We are vehicle crazy. The common people have no share in our budget for maintenance of vehicles belonging to Soil Department a sum of Rs 23 lakhs have been allotted while LAD has been paralysed with lack of vehicles for collecting garbage in the street. The way the budget is made clearly reveals the way Government intend to follow.

For victim of the disturbance whose houses were burnt down, an allotment of Rs 2 lakhs have been made to be given in the form of loan instead of compensation. As many as 57,364 houses were burnt down during disturbances and for the owners of these houses a sum of Rs 2 lakhs have been forgotten while preparing the budget.

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When I look at the funds allocated for Agriculture Department and Industries Department, I don't see any scope for establishment or promotion of Industries. A sum of Rs 10,000 have been allocated for establishment of Ply-wood factory. How can a ply-wood factory be established with Rs 10,000? This is a shame? Mr Speaker, please teach those who are sitting in your right side how to run Government only talking is not enough.

Now insurgency has stopped and the amount of this budget is too small to extricate our state from algeet poverty. It is now crystal clear that this Ministry does not really intend to take steps towards progress. A muticulous perusal of the budget reveals that the people have no share in it. The amount allocated for the rehabilitation of MNF returnees is too small. The Hon Minister stated that the same amount would be given to the MAP. But in the budget book, it is clearly seen that Rs 5,000/- each is earmarked. Misleading the House with wrong information is a contempt of this House as well as the people. Let the House Leader also stop giving wrong information in the House.

No funds have been allocated for raising of additional battallion of MAP. Why is it that the Hon. Chief Minister told the House a few day back that an additional battallion of MAP would be raised? Why did the C.M. give wrong information to the House? How could he tell that would be seen in the budget while it was in a confidential stage? Why did he dwellge a confidential matter?

Thank you.

PU P. LALBIAKA

Mr Speaker Sir, today I would like to concentrate my speech on the Budget position of Lunglei District. from the PWD work schedule it transpires that an amount of fund allocated in respect of Lunglei District is very small. This has been the case in every Ministry including the Congress Ministry. Less attention appears to have been given to the area as a whole.

In all branches of Development, Lunglei District is lagging far behind the rest of the State. For instance, there was a suggestion of Lunglei - Thenzawl Road to the BRTF but it was rejected. This road is an old Road and a lot of money has been spent for its maintenance and improvement. Yet the condition of the road is very poor. It is learnt that the Hon. Chief Minister visited the area during election campaign and promised to the people that a national Highway would be constructed through the area. But the fund allocated for improvement of Lunglei - Thenzawl road is too meagre.

There is acute shortage of water in Lunglei and during dry season the people depend upon water drawn from Tlawng river with truck. While I am expecting that a certain amount of fund would be allocated for black topping of Lunglei - Tlawng road, absolutely no fund has been allocated for the purpose.

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Previously the JWD spent a lot of money for construction and improvement of this road. If a certain amount of fund is allotted for black - topping, the existing road can be made a very good road.

Considering the backwardness of Buarpui area, the Lunglei - Buarpui road has a great importance. Previously the PWD took up construction of the road in a small scale. Last year, a previous of Rs 5 lakhs was made in the budget for construction of the road but not a single coin was utilised for the purpose the fund has been diverted. This year, a sum of Rs 30 lakhs have again to it that the fund is utilised for the very purpose meant for. The road, besides being the only link Buarpui has with Lunglei, is also the main passage through which almost all Civil Supplies for the area are transported, hence it is imperative that the road be immediately made truckable. Moreover, it would be a blessing if Government takes steps to make it pliable by bus to facilitate the movement of the people. I am afraid the only fund allotted in this year's budget is once again diverted elsewhere.

I would like to reiterate that the problem of shortage of water is acute in Lunglei. About eight truck have been engaged for distribution of drinking water which can hardly meet the requirement of connection holders. For the common people, drinking water was distributed once a week. Under Emergency Water Supply Scheme, there has been a proposal for pumping of water of Tlawng river to Kawmzawl, and an approach road has also been constructed. Negligence of this scheme on the part of Government, poses a big problem to the people of Lunglei. Government should immediately look into the matter.

The existing hall is in a dilapidated condition. In this year's budget Rs 1 lakhs has been allocated as a token provision for construction of Saikuti Hall. We look forward to having a new and more capacious hall building.

In my opinion, an amount of fund provided for construction of buildings of Polytechnic institute at Lunglei is too small. The new buildings can be occupied now and it would be convenient if the institute is shifted to the new buildings in order to avoid Government expenditure for hiring of private buildings for Hostels. Besides it would also serve as an extension of Lunglei Town.

Last year a sum of Rs 5 lakh was allotted for construction of Lunglei-Buarpui road but not even a handful of soils was cleared. I would like to ask Government to revise the allotment of fund for Lunglei District and also to see that the small amount allotted for various branches of development are properly utilised.

PU S.HIATO

Mr Speaker Sir, the reason why licenses for sale of liquor were not issued for Chhimituipui District is stated to have been due to shortage of staff in Excise Department. This is not true. The reason is because the district Council prohibits sale of IMFL in respect of Chhimituipui District.

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The subjects of District Council have been listed out in the Government notification No. DAG 212/83/82 of 20.8.86 and the Hon'ble Finance Minister also reiterated the same in his Budget speech. The planning Commission made a recommendation that certain subjects like rural Development, Agriculture, Soil Conservation, Social welfare, Animal Husbandry, Industry, etc. should be included among the subjects of District Council. When we look at the budget demands at page 187, none of these is to be seen. I would like to know from which source these Departments would be provided with funds.

A large amount of sum is allocated for purchase of buses and I hope some of them ply in our area when they are purchased, which the amount of fund allocated in respect of Supply Department is fairly good, many carrying contractors cannot get their bills which greatly hampers the progress of transportation of essential commodities to interior places. I would like to request Government to look into the matter.

Regarding P.W.D. Department I would like to say that the problem of water shortage in Saiha is very acute. The local people and even the A.S. and GPR men spend the whole night in the fountain to draw water. There are big rivers near the town like Tuisumpui and Thak rivers. Our problem will be solved if Government take steps to have water pumped from these rivers.

In health Department a certain amount of fund is allocated for improvement of existing Hospitals and dispensaries in Aizawl and Lengla. But in respect of Chhintuipui District there is scarcely any fund for construction of New Hospital buildings and improvement of existing ones. As I always said before, owing to the absence of any specialist in our district, many patients who are suffering from certain diseases which can be cured where better facilities are available often die. In spite of that, there is no provision of fund for improvement of existing Hospitals there. The Saiha Hospital cannot accommodate patients who need Hospitalisation due to shortage of beds in the Hospital. I am very sad to learn that there is no provision of fund in the budget for extension of Saiha building or for opening of additional Sub-Health Centres.

To conclude Mr Speaker Sir, The amount of fund allocated in the budget for Chhintuipui Dist. is too meagre. The people of the area solely depend upon the Government which can make additional funds for our requirement.

Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA

Mr Speaker Sir, even though the amount of our budget is far from satisfactory. I hope that the few amount we have would be properly utilised.

It transpires from the Finance Ministers speech that due importance has not been attached to the rehabilitation of victims of insurgency whose Houses were burnt down or whose properties were damaged. He must know that from this point, many people who have faith in Government begin to turn their backs since there is a vast difference between what is promised to the people during election campaign and the reality.

Again, that MNF returnees are sharply divided into two groups is very sad. The budget mainly concentrates in urban areas. In health Departments, a certain amount has been allocated for construction of Kawrthah dispensary building. The building has already been constructed in the previous year and is now ready for occupation. However, I thank Government for this.

As we all know, there are many cases of Malaria in the Western Parts of Mizoram. The condition of road communication is also extremely poor. Under the circumstances, it is necessary to have good Medical facilities. The present proposal for construction of 30 bedded dispensary is not enough. As a whole, there seem to be not many new schemes in the budget. We expect the police to be efficient. In order to make the police efficient, Government has to improve their service condition. In police outposts in interior places, the police are paralysed since they have no proper building for the outpost. A provision is always made for construction of police buildings but the funds always remain unutilised as the PWD cannot take up the work. The O/Cs of police outposts have to stay with local families which always make them unable to perform their duties properly since they always have intimate relations with their hosts. It would be a great progress if houses for police are constructed as is shown in the budget.

The increase of this year's budget amount from that of last year's budget in respect of police Department is fairly good. It is also proposed to raise the strength of MRP and MAP. It is foreseeable that there would be a kind of financial constraints in the near future.

The wages of Home guard is too small considering the importance of the duties they perform. Now it is proudly written that a daily wage of Home guard is raised from Rs 10. to Rs 15/- yet this is too meagre. Their duties and responsibilities are not less than those of the police and they deserve a wage of at least Rs 20/- to Rs 25/- per day otherwise their condition of living is too low. It is only because of acute unemployment problems in Mizoram that Government can employ many youths as Home Guards with such a pittance.

In Agriculture Department new schemes like construction of certain link roads have no importance for attainment of self-sufficiency in food. Allotment of fund for minor irrigation or land reclamation will never yield good results. The most important thing now is to mechanise agriculture, to deploy bulldozers in the only plains we have to flatten the soil for agriculture purposes. Therefore, the statements of the finance Minister in respect of Agriculture have nothing to do with the present condition.

Every year a lot of money is allotted for maintenance of fish ponds at Thenzawl and Champhai but no progress is to be seen. I myself, have a much better one than these at Darlak. If Government is really interested in developing pisciculture, unnecessary expenditure like this should be immediately curbed. What profit has Government earned from Thenzawl Fish Farm? What is the amount of expenditure incurred for its development?

We must also be careful in making selection of sites for taking up any project. While making selection, the scope of success should be borne in mind. Installation of Government projects in places liked with good roads where there is absolutely no scope for success hampers the progress of Development in Mizoram. Therefore, I would like to suggest overhauling of the budget.

Every year, a provision is made for construction maintenance of Aizawl - Thenzawl Road but there is hardly any progress to be seen. If the grade of the existing road is found not good enough, a new road may be constructed instead. Mr. Speaker Sir, can the progress of work of construction of K.D. Road within your constituency be sped up? Kawrtethawng-Tuilut road also requires immediate attention lest the people of the western tip of Mizoram should remain isolate and be unable to come to Aizawl whenever there obtained unfavourable atmosphere at Silchar, Government should immediately take steps to construct a road to link Aizawl with the western part of Mizoram so that the people of the area can come to Aizawl directly without passing through Silchar.

The people appear to be frustrated about the construction of K.V. road. Construction of this road has been started during the P.C. Ministry and till today it remain one of the topics of discussion. The road, even if completed, will not be fit for bus service. I would like to ask Government to divert funds from elsewhere for construction of this road.

To conclude, I would like to express my hope that the small amount of fund we have would be properly utilised so that the people can derive benefit out of it.

Thank you,

PU LIANSUAMA

Mr Speaker Sir, the rate of increase in the budget amount this year is not so high in comparison with those of U.T. Government. For the year 1986-87, there was a provision of Rs. 59.50 crores in a state plan, and this year the amount climbs up to Rs 70/- crores and the rate of increase is 20% which is the usual rate. Our cherished dream of being in a status much higher than that of Kashmir does not come true. From the statements of the Finance Minister it is clear that the increase in the budget amount follows the usual rate of increase in union Territory.

The Finance Minister's speech usually reflects achievements made by Government and plans and schemes to be taken up by Government. At page 2 of the speech, there is provision of Rs 229 crores 35 lakhs 89 thousand in the B.E. Under Revenue and Capital budget while in plan budget there is a provision of Rs 7000 lakhs, the amount of non-plan budget being much more. The purposes of the Non-plan budget is not clear enough. I would therefore, request Government to make the purposes more detail so that members of this House can have a better knowledge of the utilisation. Usually we are provided with the details of the plan budget only in the present budget. In the present procedure, members including the Ministers concerned, are not clear about the purposes of the non-plan budget. In this new Government I insist that a detailed information regarding the purposes of the non plan budget be given in the budget book.

In this budget, no fund has been provided for the fulfilment of the manifestos of MNF party. For example the Hon'ble Chief Minister in a press conference stated that Agriculture would be given priority. But no provision has been made for the purpose except the usual provision. Besides, the amount of funds allocated for compensation to the victims of insurgency whose houses or properties were damaged is too small. It is also a shame that no provision has been made for rehabilitation of MNF returnees. Unless even a token provision is made in the budget Government of India cannot release any fund. In the previous budget, a token provision of Rs. 3.92 lakhs was made and the total amount came to more than Rs. 200 lakhs. Why is it that a token provision of at least Rs. 10000 is not made in the budget for rehabilitation of MNF returnees? I insist that arrangements be made for making a token provision. The amount of fund for loans to rehabilitate victims of insurgency whose house or properties were damaged is too small. When we look at the speech of the Finance Minister, there is no hope for rehabilitation at all. If we make the first budget for making a model state like this, there is no hope. We must therefore revise it.

In respect of various development Departments, the amount of expenditure incurred during the previous year is indicated but no indication is made regarding the amount of fund allotted in the new budget Department-wise. The share of each of the Departments out of the total of Rs. 70 crores is not indicated. It would be better if this is indicated in the coming years.

The Hon'ble Minister in-charge Rural Development Department announced that steps would be taken to pursue schemes under NLUP more effectively and that a High Power Committee would be set up for the purpose. But it is unfortunate that no provision has been made for taking new steps in this direction. I would like to request the Minister to tell us the Department-wise break up of the funds among various development Departments.

In respect of A.H. & Vety, Rural Animal Health Centre is stated to have been opened at Lallen within my constituency. I would like to say that even selection of site for the building has not been made.

There is one good new scheme in Forest Department i.e. wasteland Development. At present there is a vast area of land unfit for agricultural purposes. I am very happy to note that a provision of Rs 150/- lakhs have been made for plantation in barren lands following the manifestoes of Congress Party.

Regarding mobilisation of resources, I would like to point out that raising the rate of bus fare would directly effect poor people who cannot afford to travel in private cars or other vehicles. We know that every state levies a tax of a bout Rs.4/- to a vehicle crossing the boundary. Instead of levying taxes at the coast of poor people. We must collect taxes from the rich who can afford to buy items like cars, TVs etc.

I am also happy to note that a new Department of Trade & commerce is coming up which will function to find ways of selling our ginger through border trade and at the same time to import some necessities from neighbouring countries. A proposal for setting up a resource mobilisation Committee to find means of mobilising our revenue resources is a good proposal.

There is one important thing omitted in the budget. Previously when Mizoram was a district in Assam we share the APSC. Now Mizoram has attained a status of a state and it is time to have a separate public Service Commission of our own. I would like to ask Government to take note of this and to take steps to set up Mizoram Public Service Commission early.

Thank you.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA :

Mr Speaker Sir, I prefer not to speak a bout the budget since Lungpho Constituency has no share in it.

I am not interested in this budget since it mainly concentrates on urban areas the only rural area having shares being Serohhip, Champhai, Thenzawl and Khawzawl. A comparatively large area is w-ithout any share in the budget.

The amount of funds allocated in respect of PWD is enormous but not even a single coin is earmarked to be utilised within my constituency. Under the circumstances, there is hardly anything to say about this budget for members of constituencies in interior places. I therefore, prefer to speak about something beyond budget.

As we all know, there was an incident of murder and clashes between tow groups of people of Saitual. The Hon'ble Chief Minister said it was not a communal riot, and I think it is true. A bout nine Dumkas were killed and 48 people of Saitual were arrested out of which 11 were r released. All the rest were understood to have been charged with serious cases. While it is maintained that the incident was not a communal incident, the way it is being handled confirms its communality. Some Mizos also sustained injuries. How many Dumkas were arrested in connection with this incident ?

Last year, Nl. Rohmingthangi and a Tuikuk boy were brutally killed by Chakmas. It was learnt that after raping the girl, she was killed. How much compensation did Government give to her relatives? In the same year a non-Mizo was killed at Lunglei as a result of which two members of YMA got killed by the police. Did Government give compensation to the families of the victims and if so what is the amount? Again in the same year Lalrinliana was killed by Dunkas at Kolasib. How much compensation did Government give to the relatives of Lalrinliana?

A few years earlier, Pu Chaudhury of Silchar was killed at Saitual. When the news reached Silchar, Mizos staying at Silchar were hunted and manhandled by the local people killing about three persons. Had the authority of Silchar arrested anyone in connection with this incident? What punishment was awarded to those arrested? How much compensation did Government of Assam give to the families of the Mizos killed? Why is it that non-Mizos killed outside Mizoram are never given any compensation? If we remain strangers in our own state, it would be most shameful to be a Mizo.

Some people of Saitual have been detained in Jail till today. Let them all be unconditionally released immediately. Government need not intervene in such a clash so long as it is not a communal strife. Why are we strangers in our own state? I cannot understand it.

Stress has been laid on cultural exchange with other people of India. We must take care lest our culture should be diluted with those of other people. Recently, a Chapchar Festival was celebrated. It is purely a Mizo festival and all of us know the origin of this festival. In a true Chapchar Kut celebration, Non-Mizos never participated. Last year, non-Mizo dacers were invited to show their dances but there was an opposition against it.

The constitution of India provided a safeguard of the culture and identity of each and every tribe in India. It is a good idea to have cultural exchanges with other bigger tribes. But there is a danger of our culture being dominated by or diluted with those of other tribes. As we are Christians and we must uphold our identity in consonance with the Christians ideals and teachings which is provided in the Constitution.

Thank-You.

SPEAKER :

The time for the forenoon is over. Since it is a general discussion, every member touches every subject he likes. The Ministers concerned may make note of them and explain at the end. We will resume the sitting at 2 P.M. It may take a long time and members are requested to get themselves prepared to sit upto 10 P.M. if necessary.

We shall have recess now.

Recess till 2:00 P.M. ...105/-

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA:

Mr Speaker Sir, the preparation of this budget does not seem satisfactory. I think the new Ministry does not have much say.

Most of the preparation obviously done from the official level. Since there is a provision of Rs 5000 each only for construction of Houses of MNF returnees to which this Government attaches great importance. We all know that no house can be constructed with such a small amount of money. It is also learn that Government of Mizoram is asking funds from the centre for this purpose. I hope Government of India makes an allotment soon.

More Mizo people are habitants of rural areas and the budget amount in respect of rural Development Department is too small. A sum of Rs 88 lakhs have been allocated in respect of the Department for the year 1987-89 and there are many works to be taken up like construction of RCC Water tank, Jeep roads etc. I doubt if the amount is sufficient to meet the requirement. I don't think this is to the expectation of our honourable Ministers.

I would like to say that no funds has been allocated for Saitual constituency. This constituency is one of the most neglected areas in Mizoram. The constituency is only 70 K.M. from Aizawl but there are still many places not liked with jeepable roads. For construction of Jeep road in the constituency, a provision is made for construction of 10 K.M.s of Jeep Road which is nothing considering our requirement. But I hope more funds would be diverted from elsewhere.

The Villages in my constituency were hardest hit by insurgency. For example, Maite Village was completely burnt down as many as three times. All the properties of the villagers were damaged including the cloths they were putting on. But no compensation has been given to them. I would like to ask this MNF Government to take steps to expedite sanctioning of compensation of money for these people.

This are also lacks in other branches of development. Every village is badly in need of community hall over and above road Communication.

It is very unfortunate that there was an incident of clashes between the local people and Dunks at Saitual. Much has been said about it in this House. As many as ten persons lost their lives in the incident, and 59 persons were arrested out of which 11 persons were released. I have been trying my best for the released this week.

I would like to say something regarding the way the incident has been handled by the authority. The Incident, yet many persons who were arrested in connection with the incident remain in jail till today. The responsibility rests upon the officers concerned. The way the incident has been handled is having a communal aspect. The officers Police investigating the incident took it very serious but no one was found guilty of starting the trouble. Under the circumstances I am of the impression that there is a communal motive behind the investigation. I would like to ask Government to take immediate steps for the release of those who are in jail.

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There is a rumor, or rather an allegation that the MLA of the constituency advised the police to detain these people. This is absolutely baseless. As soon as learnt the news of this incident, I rushed to the spot. Out of a feeling of innocence, the people who gathered there decided to Gherao the police Station if any one was arrested. I told them not to resort to any violent action against the police. I told them that the incident did not appear to be communal incident and that Government might not have a serious view of it. I don't personally instigate anyone to take any action.

Thank you.

PU VANLALNGHAKA :

Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to Thank you first of all for your good understanding of the position of opposition members.

There is a provision of Rs. 2000 lakhs for supply and disposal in the budget. At present there is an acute shortage of rice in Mizoram as I have informally informed you. When I visited Thingsai village a few days back, I saw for myself that at Thingsai godown there was a stock of rice of rice less than 20 qtls. and Cherhlun godown would have been empty if a week quota was drawn. There was no stock of rice at Serchhip for despatch to these places. It is unfortunate that the people of rural areas are starving while there is a large amount of fund in the budget for procurement of rice.

Regarding transportation of rice, I would like to point out that the rate of carrying rice from Serchhip to Cherhlun is less this year than that of the previous year. The contractors cannot be expected to carry the rice without any profit. Under the circumstances they are constrained to sell a certain quantity of rice to make good their losses. In such a condition there is very likely hood of occurrence of shortage in the quantity of rice.

At page 15 of the speech of the Finance Minister it is seen that there is a proposal to increase the land revenue from Rs 13 per bigha to Rs. 20 per bigha. The rate of increase is almost 50% which is too high. I would like to suggest that this proposal should be revised.

Another new proposal appears in the budget i.e. levying of a sales taxes. Sale taxes will directly affect the poor people. Against the amount of Rs 12 lakhs received as taxes last year, a sum of Rs. 19 lakhs is expected. Instead it would be better to ask for a consolidated fund from Government of India.

There is a provision of fund in respect of Trade and Commerce. But I think the amount is too meagre for starting border trade with neighbouring countries. A separate department of Trade and Commerce is stated to have been opened.

In my opinion, with border trade with neighbouring countries, there is a danger of Assimilation. Suppose we have a border trade with Bangladesh, many rich Bengalees will come to Mizoram as they will be having free access.

A policy of Government to carry use policy makes me very happy. Moreover, I am happy to note that as many as 1700 would get the benefit from the scheme.

I would also like to say something about Sericulture. It is a fast growing Department. But the Department is facing a problem in purchasing the cocoons produced by the local rearers. Over and above its inability to make the purchase in time. I wish that the members of staff of the Department no longer embezzle the funds earmarked for purchase of cocoons.

At Thingsai village about 300 families take up silkworm rearing as profession but these people are not given the money as yet. I would like to know the reason why there is such a delay. Regarding Agriculture, it may be stated that seeds and seedlings are not provided to farmers in time, as a result agriculture fails in Mizoram. It would be highly appreciated if Government stops providing dry orange seedlings to farmer.

Thank you.

PUZOSIAMA PACHUAU

Mr speaker Sir, first of all I would request Hon'ble Ministers to take note of what I have to say as I am going to touch various subjects. I wonder if Home Department is following a slightly different policy. Recently there were incident of killing in Mizoram. One person was killed by Dumas, after that at Lunglei some Mizo young men were shot to death by police following a clash between Mizo and non-Mizos. Recently, at Saitual there was an incident of killing again, The Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that the incident was not a communal incident yet many persons who are arrested in connection with this incident remain in police custody. Let us hope that Government would take steps for the release of these persons.

I would like to add that whenever there is a mass arrest, MLA of that constituency is never reelected. If the Ministry wants the member of Saitual constituency to be returned by the next election, it must immediately release these persons.

Regarding Excise and Taxation Department. I would like to say that the performances of the Department, the courtesy shown by members to customers and their manner and behaviour deserved to be lauded. Government should suitably recognise them.

This Government appears to be very prompt in taking up new Policies. For example, while the Governor in his speech indicated that a 10+2 system was under examination, the Hon'ble Minister of Education stated that particular attention would be given to the system. I hope that by the next week information regarding introduction of the system would be announced.

There are a number of PHCs in rural areas. There are no doctors in these health centres, the Pharmacists being head of the Centres. Supply of medicines to these centres is far from satisfactory since the Department engages only one vehicles for carrying of medicines and equipments to all the PHCs in rural areas. Many a times Nurses and Pharmacists have absolutely nothing to do owing to the absence of medicines and equipments. And the living quarters provided to Doctors are poorly furnished, the conditions of vehicles provided to some of them are also very poor. This make them unable to visit neighbouring villages when necessary. The Ministers should note this and take steps to improve the service condition as well as the living condition of our Doctors.

Out of the 24 posts of specialists, only 12 have been filled up. Three Mizo Doctors who are qualified for appointment to these posts remain in the post of Ordinary Doctors. Recently, the Doctors working under Government of Mizoram intended to have a strike to presurise Government to accede to their demand for better salaries and better service conditions. These Doctors demand facilities which are being enjoyed by their counterparts in other states. If the Demands of Doctors were acceded to the increase in the annual expenditure of the Department would be only by Rs 1.8. lakhs. Our Doctors can be satisfied with a small increase in the annual expenditure which will give incentives to them in the performing of their duties. Why is it that Government has not yet taken any action ?

Regarding rehabilitation of MNF returnees, the Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that a Housing assistance of Rs 5000/- for each is too meagre while the Finance Minister in his budget speech indicated that Rs 5000/- each would be given as a housing assistance. Now that an MNF party is in power, the MNF returnees will expect better treatment than before. There are many returnees who came overground before signing of the accord whose conditions of living are very poor. Those who came overground following the signing of an accord are far better off than these people. In particular those who came out earlier should be paid attention.

In Agriculture Department no mention has been made of price support for purchase of ginger. Last year a certain amount of fund was provided for price support. Even then the rate of ginger was very low. During election campaign the people were promised that ginger would be sold at a higher rate. Is it is because election is not near at hand that no mention is made in the Finance Ministers speech of any prospect of securing better market for ginger ?

At page 14 of the speech of the Finance Minister, it is stated that Government vigorously pursued the matter regarding establishment of permanent bench of High Court in Mizoram. Mr Speaker Sir, there was a procession in Aizawl to pressurise Government of India to accede to the Demands of our Delegates for establishment of a separate High Court for Mizoram and not for a permanent bench. This is extremely sad.

While importance was attached to a programme of upliftment peasant during election campaign bus fare and L.S.C. tax are being raised which are to affect poor people much more than the rich. While the state receives large amount of taxes for utilisation in the developmental works the common people's burden would be added on the other hand. The Minister in-charge Finance stated in his budget speech that the people of Mizoram might be called upon in the near future to shoulder the heavier by way of contributing to meet a small portion of the expenditure required to meet a small portion of the expenditure to run the administration and to meet the growing developmental expenditure. The terms "in the near future" make me sad since the people can hardly shoulder the burden now being carried by them.

Thank you.

PU F. LALRAMLIANA

Mr Speaker Sir, First of all I would like to thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister for appointing a lawyer Minister to look after Pawi District Council.

Under his Ministership, many problems of PDC are being solved including hiring of Building for PDC Rest House. While I am very happy to note that the Governor has mentioned in his speech that the Government is specially concerned with the development of District Council area of Chhimituipui District. It is very disappointing to see that no provision of fund has been made in respect of water supply, Forest, Arts and culture Rural Communication, which are the key Departments for development of Chhimituipui District, again, while I am very happy to note that three District Councils, it is surprising to note that in the budget in which an allotment of Rs 36 lakhs was made, no allotment has been made this year. It appears to me that Government of Mizoram fails to implement the provisions of the accord with particular reference to District Council,

The amount of fund allocated for relief measures like FRS, GR, relief on account of natural calamities etc. is too small. In respect of FRS in particular, a sum of Rs 6 lakhs allotted in too meagre. In my constituency, the people were busy entertaining the MNF returnees who came overground following the signing of the accord. As a result they have no time to attend to their Jhumming which in turn resulted famine. Government should make a scheme for generation of temporary employment or wage earning to enable the people make both ends meet. It is therefore, necessary to allocate more funds for FRS.

Government issued a notification on 2nd Sept. 1986 to the effect that disbursing of FRS money would be entrusted to the District Councils. Funds for the purposes should be immediately released and handed over to the District Council authorities accordingly lest the people should starve to death. Last year, just before harvesting time, a cyclone damaged all crops and paddies in my constituency and relief grants were given to the victims. This year also, Government must not forget that similar relief measures are required to be taken immediately.

Regarding Excise Department the Finance Minister stated that owing to shortage of staff in the Department no licences for retail sale of IMFL were not issued in respect of Chhimituipui District. In any case, the District Council authorities prohibit sale of IMFL within their jurisdictions. It will be highly appreciated if Excise Department takes action to seize them. It may also entrust the D.C. with powers to seize illicit Liquor and Drugs.

In respect of Inland Water Transport under P.W.D. no allotment of fund has been made. Tuichawng river can be sailed by boats except at one place where there are rugged rocks. Those obstacles can be easily removed by blasting them with explosives clearing the whole length of the river for water transport.

A careful perusal of this budget reveals that there is not much difference in the patterns in compared with the U.T. budgets. The budget mainly concentrates in urban areas and a large number of the population which is in rural areas has very little share in it.

To conclude, I would like to say that as Mizoram attains a status of full fledged state, a state public service Commission would soon be set up. I would like to ask a Government to make reservation of seats of inhabitants of backward areas as they are not in a position to compete with the inhabitants of Aizawl and Lunglei Towns.

Thank you.

PU K. THANFIANGA
DY. SPEAKER

: Mr Speaker Sir, my constituency is a newly formed constituency and it does not receive due attention of Government. I wonder why the previous Government could neglect such an area located at the centre of Mizoram. There are many villages having no inter-village footpaths. It would be highly appreciated if Government pays more attention to the needs of the constituency.

Some of our friends staged a walk out this morning following a rejection of adjournment motion submitted by them regarding threats on the life of Mr. Lal Thanhawla. The walk out is not justifiable since the matter is under investigation of Government.

One member expressed his fear of the Mizos being assimilated by non-Mizos as a result of border trade with neighbouring countries. It must be noted that in the Accord, it is clearly stated that Inner Line Regulation would remain in force which can effectively serve as a check against entry of Non-Mizos into Mizoram.

Some members expressed fear of this Government mere following in the footsteps of Government before in Rural Development is trying to set an example in this respect.

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Doctors working in the PHC perform very important duties in giving Medical treatment to patients who cannot afford to seek treatment elsewhere. As such they deserve better facilities than those being presently enjoyed by them. Better living quarters should be provided to them and vehicles along with better facilities for their maintenances should be provided so as to enable them to perform their duties to our expectation.

There is no playground at Lunglei worth mentioning. It is learnt that Dubi Mual was once investigated for the site of playground. I would like to ask Government to persue this vigorously.

Regarding prohibition of liquor. I am going to consult all the people of my constituency. A mere discussion in this House will take us to nowhere. It would be a good idea if all other members too take the opinion of the people in their respective constituencies. So that sale of liquor can be prohibited with the support and willingness of the people.

Thank you.

PU R. LALAWIA

: Me Speaker Sir, the budget amount is far from sufficient. Similar was the case in the previous Government too. The best thing we can do is to make good use of the only fund we have. To achieve this, the MNF Government dedicates itself to fight against corruption in any possible way. I would like to extent full co-operation to Government in its endeavour to cradicate corruption.

The condition of road communication in the Eastern Part of Mizoram is very poor and this poses a big problem to transportation of civil supplies. I would ask the Hon'ble Minister in-charge supply to note that steps are required to be taken to stock sufficient quantities of rice during dry season, and that no transportation of rice in this region in rainy season is next to impossible.

The only means of conveyance for travellers within and around my constituency is truck. There is a bus service on alternate days which far from enough to meet the requirement of the people. The area is one of the most densely populated areas and the people are working very hard. But poor road communication and poor transport facilities strand them in an backward position unable to follow any path of progress. I like this House to know that the people of this areas are badly in need of more bus services.

Some Agriculturally productive places like Rianglei, Tlangui and Tualte are not linked with even Jeepable roads. The villagers have to carry their crops by headload to the main road for transportation to a better market. Khawzawl, Lungdar road is the best road constructed by the PWD but no estimate has ever been made for black topping of the road. If this road is improved, the credit will go to the PWD and the people of this area will also be greatly benefited.

The previous Ministry always made known to the people its intention of opening PHC at Khawhai but no action has yet been taken till today. Last year, a provision of Rs.306 lakhs was made in the budget for opening of new PHCs but this year the amount goes down to Rs 257 only. The same is the case in SHC also. I am afraid there is no fund left for setting up of PHC in my constituency.

In this budget a provision is made for medical Store in respect of which no provision was made last year. In the previous years, there was corruption in supply of medicines. The new Ministers may not be aware of this. This year as much as Rs.189 lakhs have been allocated for Medical Store as against Rs.4 lakhs in the current budget. I would like to know the reason why there is a substantial increase.

Much has been said about the rehabilitation of MNF returnees and their Housing assistances. Everyone of us expects that a fairly large amount of money would be given to every MNF returnees for their rehabilitation and Housing assistances. Nowadays, Rs.5000 is nothing and a House worth the name can be constructed with it. As is enshrined in the accord, this Government has to inform Central Government of the Amount required for the purpose. I, therefore, consider it necessary to revise it. At the same time, house sites should be allotted to the MNF returnees immediately in which to construct their houses. There is a provision of Rs.20 lakhs for the Housing assistances of MNF returnees, If each of them receives Rs.500/- only 400 persons can get it leaving behind many others.

Not many new proposals and schemes are to be seen in the budget. However, if properly utilised the small amount we have can go a long way in bringing about development.

The performances of Rural Development is praiseworthy considering the small expenditure incurred. I wish that more funds be allotted in respect of the Department. I wish the Department to go on like this.

Thank you.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, I don't find anything worth mentioning in the budget particularly in the rehabilitation of MNF returnees. It is extremely sad that an MNF Government which lured them to come overground sanctioned only Rs.5000 each for the housing assistances of those who spent more than tow decades in the jungle fighting for the cause of the Mizo and Mizoram. I would like to ask Government to revise the amount and make arrangement for raising it. As stated by the House Leader, it is necessary to allot house sites to the MNF returnees as well as to those who surrendered before signing the accord.

The Leader of the House also states that budget provision would be made to meet the expenditure for raising of additional batallions of MAP but no such fund is to be seen in the budget. We are eagerly waiting for the time

when new battalions of MAP are raised to absorb almost all MNF returnees in them. It is disappointing that no provision of fund is related for the purpose.

Increase in bus fare will directly affect poor people who live in rural areas, why is it that while the previous Government reduced bus fare this Government raises it? Recently, as many as nine houses at Vairengte were burnt down by Assam, Government has not yet taken any action to protect these people.

In this Ministry, MLAs do not feel safe let alone the public. Government does not take even a threat to the life of the opposition leaders seriously. Congress party Office was blasted with explosive and I insist upon the visit on the spot by the Chief Minister.

Thank you.

PU ROKAMLOVA

Mr Speaker Sir, the atmosphere of this budget session is very gloomy as if there is a very heavy burden to shoulder shortly. However,

b. the rate of increase in the budget amount is fairly good. A separate budget for Mizoram started from the 3rd Five year plan, with a total amount of Rs 2 crores. In the 4th plan the budget amount climbs to about Rs 9 crores, in the 5th to 45 crores, and in the 6th plan the budget amount came to the tune of Rs. 130 crores, and in the 6th plan Rs. 260 crores, at the present trend, at least Rs 360 crores is expected in the 7th plan.

The pace of progress of development in Mizoram has been greatly hampered by two decades of insurgency. In order to keep pace with other states, we require a large amount of money. Meanwhile, we cannot get the expected amount of fund. If this is because of excuses, on our part, it may be selfishness our leaders, it is quite a shame. If there is any such thing, we must have courage to sacrifice anything for the progress and development of our state, now killings, intimidations and threats are all gone. I wish that all of us are henceforth pre-occupied with the possible contributions each of us can make towards the development of Mizoram. The budget amount, whatever large it may be is nothing unless we are not really interested in working for the development of our state. A budget reflects the future performances of Government with the present budget also, we can see clearly how this Government intends to work in the coming year.

Last year the total amount of expenditure under plan money was Rs. 95.50 lakhs, and during the last three years a sum of Rs 1320 lakhs had been received from the central sector could be shown since the same had not yet been sanctioned by the centre makes me uneasy.

My constituency can be roughly divided into two sections. One part is constituted by policemen. They hope that their requirements would be met by this Government. The amount of fund allocated for police goes up this year by 20 lakhs and the number houses proposed to be

constructed is shown to be 50. At the same time, no new posts appear to have been proposed for creation. I would like to ask Government to find means of meeting their requirements.

Another section of any constituency needs compensation for buildings burnt down during disturbances. Had at least 1 crore rupees been provided for the purpose, it would have gone a long way in implementing the provisions of the Accord.

Regarding education, I would like to say that Elementary Education requires to be beforated in a separates directorate. When I look at the budget, there seems to be no plan for setting up a separate directorate of Elementary School. It would be highly appreciated if it is included in the Annual approved plan. The Department must be restructured and it must be suffered by persons having specialisation in the working of the Department without any nepotism in the selection.

In the budget, no mention is made of any plan for setting up a Commissionerate of Rural Development. Which had been planned reflected here, we shall be convinced that this Government really intends to work for the uplift of poor people.

In the nera future, a Mizo team is participating in a Santosh Trophy. It is our duty as a nation to show our talents to other people in other states. It is, therefore, imperative on the part of Government to strengthen the Directorate of Sports.

Thank you.

PU HIPHEI

Mr Speaker Sir, I am very glade to note the speech of the Hon. Finance Minister regarding enhancement of planning Department Planning itself requires to be improved a lot. During a five year tenure. It is impossible to make a proper plan.

I would like to suggest working out of village level planning in respect of some Departments like Medical and Animal Husbandry. Instead of working on the basis of information received in the office, it would be much more effective to take up development works on the basis of the reports and recommendations of village leveel planning boards.

The difference between the budget amount of 1985-86 and that of 1986-87 is Rs.11.50 crores. The difference between that of this year and the amount of last year is Rs.10.50 crores. why is it that the difference this year is less while naturally there should be a trend to increase ?.

One member spoke as if this budget was the handiwork of the Congress Ministry. This budget has been finalised in Delhi under the leadership of the present Chief Minister. Members of the opposition as well as the ruling Party are not satisfied with the amount of funds allotted

for rehabilitation of MNF returnees. The Deputy Speaker condemned us for staging a walk out in the forenoon. The walk out was staged as a mark of our displeasure over the rejection of an adjournment motion submitted by us regarding a threat in the life of the opposition leader and President of Congress party. At the same time, an NSUI office attached to the Congress Party office was blasted with explosives. We are extremely sad that none of the members of the ruling Party visited on the spot to convey his condolences to us.

No one entertains corruption. We dedicated ourselves to fight against corruption. I have a presentiment that this Government would not be interested in fighting against corruption since curing on MLA of another political party to the MNF with a bait of a position in the cabinet is a kind of corruption. Well beginning is half. Done but this Government first deed is corruption. In order to nib the lend of corruption, we must do it from the very beginning.

As I pointed out during the discussion of Governor's speech, that this Government did not thank the people for voting it to power is a contempt of the people. The memory of the sufferings of the people during the disturbances remain fresh. The MNF Party was voted to power of the people wanted to see what it could do for them. But Government does not utter even a single word of thanks to the people.

Neither the Governor nor the Finance Minister expressed sorrow over Saitaul incident. Many people have been arrested and detained in Jail. It is of the direct concern of the people of Saitaul village and those who are more unfortunate died in the incident, not because they were guilty. It is wrong to arrest some people and not all the people. As it is impossible to arrest all the people, those who have been arrested should be immediately released.

Regarding rehabilitation of MNF returnees at page 7 of the speech of the Finance Minister, we see that Rs 9,720.00 each is allotted to 40 returnees as Agricultural grants while 554 returnees receive Rs 20,000.00 each for starting grocery shope. The amount should be made uniformed.

Since the inception of this Government MNF returnees were divided into two groups. There are many MNF personnel who surrendered because circumstances compelled them while many of them was arrested by security Forces. These people were not included in the rehabilitation schemes and also in the provisions of the accord. These returnees deserve special attention from Government since they suffered a lot for the cause of Mizos. The fact that only 600 MNF personnel who came overground following the signing of the accord are treated as MNF returnees leaving behind all others who surrendered or got arrested is unfair.

S P E A K E R :

The time is over but it can be concluded today if members agree. Those who agree to go on may say 'agree'. It is agreed. Now we shall call Ministers.

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PU ZORAMTHANGA
MINISTER

Mr Speaker Sir, I would first of all like to thank members for having passed the supplementary Demands, Appropriation Bill and the contingency funds. As today is a time for general discussion, I would like to explain the budget in a summary instead of going into details.

The budget amount substantially increases this year but the rate of increase is not satisfactory at all. The contention of some members that no new plans are to be seen in the budget is true to a certain extent. The reason for this can be attributed to the fact in formulating new plans and new scheme while the implementation was very poor. Under the circumstances, this Government is constrained to take steps for proper implementation of plans and schemes already formulated by the previous Governments. In construction of work and in any other works, it is better to complete works already started. We shall be "Jack of all trades but master of none". The budget has also been prepared with this object in view. At the same time, new plans and scheme are also proposed to be taken up.

I would like to say something about trade and commerce. Since border trade is of the concern of three parties, Mizoram Government, Government of India and Bangladesh, the subject cannot be finalised easily. This Government has been taking every possible action in this regards and progress also has been achieved to a certain extent.

All of us are very eager to export our ginger to Bangladesh where better market is expected. Government of Mizoram has been hard pressing Government of India to take up the border trade issue with Bangladesh and Government of India also has taken up the matter with Bangladesh. But the progress cannot speedy as expected. Some member expressed fear of possible assimilation by Bangalees from Bangladesh following border trade with Mizoram. Free access alone does not lead to their expressed fear. Bangladesh will have to require passport to enter Mizoram and there is no point in fearing assimilation.

Regarding rehabilitation of MNF returnees, it may be started that no provision of fund is made in the budget since the Mizoram accord provides that the rehabilitation of MNF returnees who came overground following the signing of the Accord it to be given by Government of India.

Before signing of the Accord, the then Government of Mizoram suggested that a sum of Rs 5000 each should be given to MNF returnees as housing assistances. Since Government of India firmly stands in this suggestion, we were not in a position to demand more. Had a larger amount been suggested at the time, there would have been no need to ask for more now members did a great favour to the MNF returnees by expressing their wishes to get proper rehabilitation. This Government also will move Government of India to give rehabilitation to MNF returnees as already committed.

I would also like to explain that MNE returnees are not divided into two or three groups in terms of rehabilitation. Those who surrendered or got arrested before signing of the accord have already been given rehabilitation by the previous Governments. I do not know the details of the rehabilitation. What is enshrined in the accord is the rehabilitation of the MNE personnel who came overground following the signing of the Accord. It is this subject which we are discussing now.

It is very difficult to make proper Department-wise allotment of funds in the budget. However, if there is any Department or branch which runs short of fund, diversion of fund can also be made from other departments. The most important thing is to utilise the funds we have and so utilised, they can be made go a long way in bringing about Development.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : As per our time table, the discussion of budget is to be concluded tomorrow. But the participation of members is quite satisfactory. Owing to the good conduct and behaviour of members, the sanctity and dignity of this House is best kept up in the whole world. If the House agrees, the discussion will be concluded today, and tomorrow we shall take up voting on Demands. Anyone who agrees may say "Agree" Okey, we shall resume sitting at 10:30 A.M. tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 4 : 18 PM.

L.C. THANGA,
Secretary.