

PRESENT

Pu J.Thanghuama, Speaker at the Chair, the Chief Minister,
Ministers and 21 members were present.

QUESTION

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

VOTING ON DEMANDS

2. (a) Mr. Tawnluia, Minister in-charge Revenue, etc Departments to put to the vote of the House Various Demands under his charges.

(b) Mr. Saingura Sailo, Minister in-charge Law, Judicial and Parliamentary Affairs Department to put to the vote of the House various demands under his charges.

S P E A K E R : Blessed is he who considers to the poor;
The Lord delivers him in the day of trouble, The Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land, thou dost not give him up to the will of his enemies.

(Psalm 41 :1-2)

We shall now start with the questions. Question No.16.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Rehabilitation be pleased to state-
The steps taken by government to rehabilitate those families whose houses had been burnt down by the Security Forces since 1966, as well as by MNF.

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Speaker a sum of Rs.15,51,350/-
MINISTER (Rupees fifteen lakhs, fifty one thousand three hundred and fifty) only was distributed among the 344 families by way of compensation on account of their houses being burnt by the security forces since 1966.

A sum of Rs.62,57,900/- (Rupees sixty two lakhs fifty seven thousands and nine hundred) only was given as rehabilitation loan to 368 Business to Aizawl Town whose building/properties were destroyed in the wake of disturbance in 1966.

PU F.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I have a supplementary question and I am also not satisfied with the answer supplied by the Minister.

On the night of 17 and 19th Jan.1967, the Houses of the following persons were burnt down by Ch.Bttalion in my constituency. Name are the following :-

1. Pu K.Huapliana
2. Pu Bachula
3. Pu Rohmingthanga
4. Pu C.V.Lalawia
5. Pu Sikunga

6. Pu Paluaia
7. Pu Kapthanga
8. Pu Darkhumi
9. Pu Taibelanga
10. Pu Lailula
11. Pu Saichhunga
12. Pu Zakiamlove
13. Pu Sikata
14. Pu Siakthuama
15. Pu Mangkhuma
16. Pu Darhuna
17. Pu Rokunga
18. Pu Chalbuanga
19. Pu Sappuaia

Is there any intention on the part of the MNF Government to compensate the above families?

PU VANLALINGENA : Pu Speaker, out of the 51192 houses that were burnt down only 344 were given compensations.

When will the remaining 50000 be given?

PU VANLALINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, is the Government aware of the fact that the Houses were burnt down by the MNF in Lungvel constituency? And in pursuance of the question asked by the member from Shangpuilawn, is the government aware of the 50,000 houses burnt down? Is the Government satisfied with the meagre compensation given to 344 families?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is no report of burnt houses by the MNF. If there are more reports of such cases, the Government will take note of it.

PU P.C. ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, if the Government does not have the record, can this list be accepted as official record?

Why does the MNF Government refuse to know the number of villages they have burnt down? I want an answer. I am going to submit my list as House property.

S P E A K E R : Question No. 17. Pu Saikapthianga is absent and he has not authorised anybody. We move to the question No. 18.

Pu Rokamlova who has authorised Pu Liansuama.

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

(a) How many houses, Churches, and Schools were gutted during disturbances?

(b) What the Government of Mizoram intends to do about them?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, 2,022 houses, 5 Churches and 5 Schools, were gutted down during the disturbances. In accordance with the Memorandum of settlement, Government of India agreed to give compensation to houses, etc. destroyed during disturbances. The Government of Mizoram, therefore persuaded to the Government of India to expedite the matter.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, according to clause 13 of the memorandum of settlement, verification to be taken for payment of

compensation in respect of damage crops, and building destroyed during insurgency in Mizoram have not been carried out in full, out of the Government record of 2,022 houses gutted not even half of it had been verified for compensation. Is the Government satisfied the meagre provision of Rs.2,00,000/- is a shameful thing. What is the Government going to do about it?

PU VANLALINGENA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question. The Hon'ble Minister stated that the number of Houses gutted were 344. It does not tally with the number recorded which is 2,022. I request a clarification. I would also like to know who was responsible for this action, the MNF or security forces?

PU H. HRANGDAWLA : Pu Speaker, the Houses and damage to crops during the insurgency were innumerable. However, the P.C. and Congress Ministries must have intended to give compensations to them. If so, what was the amount intended?

S P E A K E R : The Minister i/c may now give answers to the supplementaries.

PU TAWNLOIA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Government will look into the matter as it deems necessary.

PU HIPHEI : The answer does not tally with the other answers given by the Minister.

S P E A K E R : Time is up.

PU HIPHEI : We still have time up to 11 AM.

S P E A K E R : Whether there is time or not is another thing. I say it is enough.

PU HIPHEI : It is wrong of you to act like that.

S P E A K E R : I can do it if I wish.

- PU HIPHEI : We have time upto 11
you can not close it as you wish.
- S P E A K E R : I have allowed too many
Supplementaries.
- PU HIPHEI : You should not misuse your authority.
- S P E A K E R : Alright you may ask for the last time.
- PU HIPHEI : Yes I am going to ask. I request a
clarification on the difference of
the figures regarding number of houses
guttet/dstroyed. One record is 344 and the other is 2,222.
- S P E A K E R : Usually two or three supplementaries
are asked. However it is up to the
Minister to give answer.
- PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the figure 344 is the
number of compensations given. The
whole figure (number of houses) is
2,022. That is the differences.
- PU HIPHEI : There are still more than half
who are not paid.
- S P E A K E R : We will now come to the next item
which is voting on Demand. Pu Tawnluia
Minister i/c Revenue Department may
now present to the house the Various Demands under his charge.
Each member will be allotted 10 minutes.
- PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of
the Governor of Mizoram and with
your permissions Sir, I move the
following Demands No. 6, 20, 28, 29, 34 amounting to Rs. 1629.03
lakhs for consideration and passing.
- S P E A K E R : If I say ten minutes, you take up
15 minutes.
- PU VANLALNGHAKA : Shall I start Pu Speaker.
- S P E A K E R : Yes, you may start.
- PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, I wish to lay stress
on Demand no. 6, Revenue. Our Revenue
system has require revision since a
long time back. The procedure of Administration check up takes
a very long time. This lengthy procedure can be shortened
to a great extent. The Revenue Department has failed to check
the buildings which have incroach the main roads.

Land settlement in the rural areas is also difficult task. This has hampered many works such as applications for loans etc, which can not be done without a Land Settlement Certificate. Coming to Public Health Department, I am not satisfied with the distribution of drinking water even in the town of Aizawl, not to mention the rural areas. Even the flowers in the Minister's Bungalow receive more water than us.

The next thing I wish to mention is Demand No.28 and 29 on Rehabilitation of the MNF. When we speak of compensations, your reply is, We are asking it in Delhi. Everything is being asked for in Delhi. If you can not do it, why do not you admit it. We will take our lead. The people have elected you to power in the hope that they will be compensated for their losses during the disturbances. However, there is no Budget today for the poor people. Why are we deceiving the public? All our hopes have crumbled. It is sad to know that people who have lost their homes and lives have nothing to receive for their losses.

PU F. LALRAMLIANA : Pu Speaker, I wish to say a few words on Demand no.20, Public Health Sanitation and water supply. This Department is one of the hard working department in Mizoram. The P.H.E. performance is loudable and I do not have anything to say.

Coming to Demand No.28 Social security and wel fare, I want to mention the welfare of the Ex-servicemen who have given. We have been wasting too much time for insurgents who were the stumbling blocks of the Nation. It is time we gave more attention patriots, ex-servicemen and their welfare, the state government has sadly neglected them. Only Rs.50,000/- is allotted for Ex-servicemen in this budget. It is very shameful. They have been the pillars of India's security. Their widows and their families are forgotten. The government should re-employed the elligible ones in various departments such as Protection squad in the forest Department.

Lastly, as we have already said we are about to face famine. The meagre sanction for my constituency is nothing. The Government should find out relief schemes to save the people from starmation.

PU VANLALINGHAKA : Pu Speaker the Hon'ble member from Suangpuilawn had spoken about the performance of the P.H.E. It is stated that their performance is fairly good in Lunglei District what I would like to say is about the water supply through gravitation. This method had also been recommended by the Public Account Committee. However, we have to be very careful in choosing the source of the water. Coming to Demand no.26. If we look at the Budget book of 215 pages, there is only Rs. 10 lakhs provision for members who lost their families during disturbances. This is indeed a very meagre sum. Again we find a blank area for the rehabilitation grants to Government service who lost properties during the disturbances. This is a very grave mistake. There should be atleast a token provision for this. There is also a blank space in No.6 for MNF. returnees. I am not saying this from the opposition point of viwe. The Budget should have been made in accordance with the Party manifesto. The Prime Minister said that he has fulfilled his part of the accord. It is up to the State Gover-

ment to provide Rehabilitation and compensation to those afflicted by the disturbance. I am truly disappointed regarding rehabilitation and compensations, Mr. Speaker. It is a State subject. It depends on the state government to carry out as it deems necessary. As it is, there is no hope for the returnees.

I also wish to say a few things on demand no. 34 Co-operation Departments. Our system of Co-operative societies needs revision and better supervision. In some villages, the co-operative societies consist of one family. There are about 700 co-operative societies in Mizoram, out of which only 74 Societies are properly functioning. A provision plan of Rs. 6,00,000/- is made for co-operative Societies under the Apex-Bank. Whether it is meant for Housing Building grant on capital. I would be very grateful if the Hon'ble Minister clarifies this point.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU

: Pu Speaker, I shall start with the Revenue Department. This Department has boundless work to do. It depends on the co-ordination of the Directorate and the District offices. The best way to speed up the work would be to take direction from the Directorate. This will then be carried out by the District offices. Owing to the heavy work load more staff are also needed. There should also be vehicles available for the field staff who have to go out and demarcate lands/plot.

In Demand no. 20, Public Health, I have a few things to say. The water problem in Mizoram is a grave one. Survey has been done in many villages but there has been nothing worth mentioning in the rural areas. What the estimates Committee found in the rural areas was not very favourable. The reservoirs constructed were not good enough to hold water. The contractors have used up the money and their constructions are only in name. Poor workmanship and neglect is very prominent. In many parts of the rural areas, there are no trackable roads. The pipes are therefore deposited on the nearest truck road. This has to be carried by head load, from a distance of two days journey. This poses a great problem for them. In places such as this, the more primitive method of using bamboo pipes is advisable. This can be done by simply villages people. The gravitational pull is at our disposal. The Government can also repair the village water points with very little expenses.

Coming to Demand No. 28, Social Security and Welfare your main excuse is that the Ministry is only a few months old. Well if this excuse is heard again next time. I shall criticise you severely. The relief given on account of natural calamities, like fire is too meagre Rs. 700/- is nothing. This also not fairly given out.

Lastly, I would like to say a few words on Co-operation Department. The very name of Department suggests working together. This is sadly mistaken by the staff. In the rural areas, it appears that there is "non-co-operation" wherever co-operative societies are set up. These societies are the ones who do not have time to call the authorities concerned for any assistance which are available from the Government. The real functioning co-operative societies concerned for any assistance which are available from the Government. Therefore if you find successful co-operative societies in Ngopa constituency you may give them financial assistance. They deserve it.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, I shall start with Demand No.20 Public Health and Sanitation. There are many schemes both state and central sponsored which have not yet been fully implimented. However, careful study was not made when the plan scheme was chalked out. Substantial amounts of provisions were made for some villages which no longer inhabited. If there is provison to spare, there is great need for water supply at Pukzing village in my constituency. My compliant is against the scheme.

As the member from Suangpuilawn has already stated it is Aizawl town which is facing acute water shortage. The "greater water supply scheme" which was scheduled to be completed last June is yet to be re-scheduled for this coming June/July, as we heard it from the speech of the Finance Minister. I would like to know if this work can be speeded up.

In the supplementary demand pages 2 an additional fund of Rs.16,2,0220 is requires for meeting the increased requirements of fund for purchase and maintenance of vehicles due to expansion of Ministry. It is amazing to find that while such a huge sum is provided for the maintenance of one or two Ministers' vehicles there is none for the MNF returnees we are very magnanimous for the maintenance of Minister. There should atleast be a token grant, for the provision even if there is no provision now. I am not saying this to instigate the returnees, it is disgraceful to know that you have not thought about them while you have pampared yourselves. I do not think it is worth passing.

If the Hon'ble Ministers really think if fit to pass this budget. I will be exteremely disappointed. We have raised the member salaries from Rs.650 to Rs.3000/-. If we can do that, why can't we make at least a token grant of Rs.1000/- so that the provision can be made later? This is my suggestion. I am sure you will not object it Mr. Speaker.

S P E A K E R : We will alter it as necessary.

PU LIANSUAMA : I request to have it altered during this session. The Minister i/c Finance may give assurance on this matter.

S P E A K E R : Provision will be made wherever it is necessary.

PU LIANSUAMA : We need a token grant of at least Re.1/- if we are to make a provision.

S P E A K E R : We will surely do it.

PU P. LALBIAKA : Pu Speaker, I would like to say a few things on Demand no.6 and 20. I am glad that sufficient provision is made in the work schedule of PHE for Lunglei and Chhimituipui District.

There is an immense water problem in Lunglei eight trucks are used for water distribution and the public share is very little. Most of the water goes to Officers and those with private connections. We need more trucks to distribute water. From what I have heard, the Diesel Engine and pipes are available, I request the government to speed up the work.

Coming to demand no. 6, Revenue there are many problems faced by this Department as we have heard from the members who speak before me. What I would like to request the government is not to blindly cancell what the previous Ministries had done. This is going to affect many people who have laid their hands on the plots. Some have constructed buildings and some have started the earth works with huge expenditures.

Lastly, I want to repeat what the member from Phuldungsei suggested regarding making token provision for the rehabilitation of returnees. I give full support to the suggestion. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Zoramsangliana-

PU P. C. ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, if we to speak on the Demands prominent in my mind time would not be enough. I shall start with demand no. 28, PHE I am glad that a provision of Rs. 3 - lakhs has been made for my constituency. Thingsalthliak is one of the dry place. One government truck is used for distribution of water. We would gady appreciate it if there can be two trucks. One family can receive one or two tins of water a day. No provision is made for sailing village this year.

Regarding compensations, the Ministers concerned said that there is no official report of the Houses burnt and property damaged in Tringvel. I have brought here a list of the burnt houses during disturbances. Can the government accept this as official report? I request it to be accepted as House property. Mr. Speaker.

Next, I would like to repeat the absence of provision for MNF returnees. There should be at least a small amount of as token provision. The promises you made to the returnees were very bright and hopeful. However, it has turned out to be a bad dream for them. Nothing is provided for their rehabilitation. We have passed huge amount of maney for maintenance of Ministers cars. It is our obligation to provide at least a token provision for the returnees. I request the Finance Minister to do it immediately.

PU VANLALHRUAIA : Pu Speaker, I have a few words to say on Demand no. 20, My constituency is partly plain area lying between hills. The water scarcity there has become a great problem. The pipes laid in Bilkhawthlir is also almost deteriorated. At Vairongte two pump houses have been constructed but there has been no water for a very long time. The maintenance is poor and there are no regular staff. The population is big and they need more water. In some places there are work schedules in deserted villages.

I want these to be shifted to other areas in my constituency.

PU HIPHEI

: Pu Speaker, I may take up a longer time which I hope you will permit me. I am deeply concerned with the

Revenue Department. House sites have been allotted without any plans for the town development. This has encroached public roads which have now become the headache of the PWD. As a result, the PHE is facing difficulties in laying pipes. Therefore, unless there is a substantial provision of more than a hundred crores, the town water supply plan will not be meaningful. We will soon have a town with no drinking water.

The work plan for rural areas is not satisfactory. Especially in PHE, Department man Power is lacking and Engineer are needed. In spite of this, they have done their best and their work performance is quite good. Gravitaional system of water supply is a difficult task as most villages are situated on the top of the hills. Pumping also needs skill and technical know-how.

The Hon'ble Minister may please find means of speeding up the greater Aizawl water Supply Scheme. I would also like to add that Tuipang is not included in the work schedule of PHE. Will it be possible to include it again? Coming to demand no. 28, social security and welfare, I do not understand page 215 where it says Ex-gracia grants to members who lost families during disturbance and thereafter. This is very wide in its nature. Who are the eligible members for the grant? The word 'families' is not specific enough, and therefore, could be interpreted very widely. It could mean any persons who died after and during the disturbances. If so, it would be impossible for government to give Ex-gracia grants to each and every persons who died during and after insurgency. I request the Minister i/c to please clarify the said words.

We have been trying to blame each other regarding the absence of rehabilitation provision for MNF returnees. Accusation like why didn't the previous Ministry do it, and so on and so forth.

In this matter, we should keep in mind that during those years administration was not free like it now. On one side there were the MNF and on the other side the Army. It was therefore extremely difficult for any Ministry to work. The situation was entirely different and we should try to understand it. During the time of late Prime-Minister, Mrs. Gandhi, we has appealed for the re-settlement of the affected families during insurgency. She agreed to the idea and told us to prepare a scheme. We then worked on the scheme, but unfortunately our ministries was cut short before we completed the scheme.

The P.C. party also took up the re-settlement scheme as far as they could and grants were given to the returnees as best as it could be done. Again when the Congress came into power for a nly a couple of years, our main concerned and aim was to negotiate for peace. All our time and energy was spent for peace talks. However, now that we have achieved our goal, it is time to express our views and answers all the accusations hurled against us. We have been criticised for everything, even our sacrifices for peace has been criticised.

The re-settlement scheme made for Punjab is so different from what you have made in Mizoram. In Punjab the innocent people killed during the disturbance have been given first priority. Here, you have given only half to such people. You have also made it clear that only those who came overground in groups will be given the ex-gratia grants. This is one blunder. Again, only those who have been verified by officers in 1978 are to be given compensations. Why is this classification made? As the member from Tlungval had already stated, there are many witnesses who can identify those who lost lives and property during the disturbances. Our hope is that everyone who has suffered and lost properties during the disturbances should get some compensations for their loss, whether or not they are MNF.

But sadly, not even a rupee has been provided for them. Some of the MNF returnees are not voluntary returnees. They were apprehended and had to be compelled overground.

Therefore, we can say that there is no security in this Demand no. 28. Unless and until we make a token provision of at least a small sum, there is no way we can make a provision for rehabilitation.

Thank you.

PU K. VANLALAUVA

: Pu Speaker, I would like to start with Demand no. 28. It is very easy to throw dirt at each other.

However, from what the Hon'ble Members have already said before me, there certainly is very heavy work before us. What we have achieved so far is quite satisfactory even though it may not be what we expected.

The previous ministry had taken great efforts in providing water in my constituency. We had drinking water available for the public in the water point. However, these pipes have not been properly maintained and now there is no water even though the pump and pipes are still there. The water scarcity in towns and villages differ greatly. In villages scarcity of water means absolutely no drinking water supply. Whereas, in town it could be having sufficient water. This is why we keep repeating our problems even though much has been done by the Ministry.

Coming to Demand no. 29, I am glad to hear re-assuming plans and scheme for the re-settling the MNF returnees. The Central government is very faithful in keeping its promise and the accord has been mutually a matter of trusting each other. Thus we have reached where we are today because of this mutual trust.

The Centre is taking the responsibility in rehabilitating the MNF. This MNF Ministry is still too young to cater to all the needs of the people. The future however, is bright. We should be aware of the fact that things can not be easily done in a matter of one or two days. The state has to get the approval and consent of the central government on any issue. Therefore, premature accusation and fault finding should not be made hastily against the Ministry. There is no discrimination what so ever, among the MNF returnees whether they be from Arakan or else where.

Our thoughts and actions should be for all Mizo people. Let us confidence in our Ministry and also trust the centre Government at its commitment. We trust the Central government for Rehabilitation programmes and it is up to us in carrying out the schemes. I am glad that this budget is going to enable us to do constructive work in every department. Let us therefore, pass it unanimously. Thank you.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, I shall start with Demand no.20, Public Health. The performance of this Department is quite satisfactory in my constituency. On studying the Budget this year, I do not find any provisions for Thinglian which is a very old and prominent village. On the whole this demand is quite satisfactory for my constituency.

The most important part is the intake where the water source is delicate. This needs skilled handling by the workers under the careful supervision of the Engineers. The next important thing is the finishing of the reservoir.

The polythene pipes used in Khawzawl have been taken out again as they can not withstands pressure, if these pipes can be replaced by G.I. pipe it would be much better.

Unless and until we have power and electricity of our own, we will not be able to succeed in the field of Agriculture. The water supply for Mizawl town also depends on power generation in order to pump water to higher levels. However, the Ministries after the P.C. period could not even complete the Bairabi Hydel Project which was started by the P.C. party braving all odds and handship.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister himself has said in public that the reason for not completing the Hydel Project is due to the huge amount of compensation's claimed. Another excuse is that it lies in the earthquake zone. It is also said that the generation is too expensive. All these are meaningless excuses. Therefore, unless and until we can have power generation of our own, development is still very far away. That is all, Pu Speaker. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Our morning session is over, we will now have recess till 2 p.m. Pu K.L. Lianchia will continue his speech in the after-noon.

Recess till 2 P.M.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, there is so little time for thorough discussion of all the Departments. Coming first to Revenue Department, I am concerned about the slow process in tax collection. There are huge amount of taxes due. The government should find a speedier way of collecting revenue as we are now a full fledged State.

Demand No.29 social security and welfare is much discussed demand. It now appears that we are trying to show our love for the MNF returnees and in doing so, we are showing our immaturity. It is clear that we have two or three faces.

The Hon'ble member from Khawbung declared his complete trust in the Central Government regarding Rehabilitation programmed. However, if we carefully study the accord, we find that arrangements should be made for payment of pending claims of rental charges for land/building and damaged crops during the disturbances. There is no indicating of any new programmes for rehabilitation to be seen.

The provision for natural calamity is rather meagre, Therefore, the system of distribution should also be properly screened and verified before giving money. Time is rather short so I will stop here. Thank you.

PU R. LALAWIA

: Pu Speaker, today as we discussed the budget it is evident that things do not always remained as they used to be. The Opposition members of the Previous ministries are now member of the ruling bench. During the Congress Ministry, there was a provision of Rs. 4 lakhs in PHE for Sialhawk in my constituency. However, I do not know what happened to the best of my knowledge. This year a provision of Rs. 1 lakhs is made again for Sialhawk. I wish to point out that this amount is too insignificant unless more provision is made. I want this to be noted by the Hon'ble Ministers concerned. There is also almost no provision for Riangtloi where water scarcity is very severe. Unless the government will give more effort in the PHE departments, the achievement will be almost nil. Every year, the rural areas where scarcity of water is greater have always been neglected. More fund is provided for towns. This year some provision is found for rural areas. I hope at least some work will be achieved with this small provision. It shows that more effort and provision is needed in this particular department.

Another department I want to mention is Revenue department. As we can see for ourselves the town of Aizawl is now almost encroached by houses and all kinds of construction having no space for widening of roads. Each new building comes closer to the main road, the Ministry should give more effort in this matter.

Regarding rehabilitation, it would not be correct to compare the MNF returnees with the ex-serviceman from the Indian Army. The ex-serviceman have a substantial pension and are in a position to establish homes for themselves. Other facilities are also provided to them. On the other hand the MNF returnees are penniless. They have to start their lives from the beginning. When we look at the budget book no provision appears for their rehabilitation. However, since there is no item in particular, there is a total sum of Rs. 33,0000/- on pages 213 and 215 (corrigendum) most of us did not have time to study the budget book thoroughly. But I am relieved to find that there is some provision for Rehabilitation of MNF returnees. That is all. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: We have had a thorough discussion of the Demands and shall now request the Hon'ble Minister i/c to wind up the various Demands under his charges. Let me remind all the member to submit their bio-data for official publication. The Hon'ble Minister may now wind up and put to the vote of the House the Demands under his charge.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Finance clarify the corrigendum Does it mean the grant of Rs.5000/-meant for house building of M.N.F. returnees?

S P E A K E R : It appears that we have suddenly cared for the M.N.F.

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Speaker, I am glad that the Hon'ble members have participated enthusiastically in the discussion of the demands under my charges. I may not have time to answer all the questions raised by the members.

Drinking water supply appears to be the most vital subject raised by the members. I am happy to hear the achievement of the PHE being appreciated. The water source at Cherhlon as we know is not substantial enough. The Engineers are now exploring other areas for better water source. The Arthur water supply for Hnahthial will be continued this year is, 1987-88.

The suggestion to repair and maintain the water springs has been included in the work schedule page 6, 10, 13, and 17 of which will have a copy each.

The Hon'ble member from Tuipang lamented that no provision was made for his constituency. If you look at page 16 of the work schedule there is Rs.-2000/- for Tuipang.

The sum goes for Thinglian in Lungpho constituency. Rs.40,000/- is found on page 23 of the work schedule. This work will be taken up by the Department as fast as possible.

The Hon'ble member from Suangpui-lawn also may look up the work schedule book for the provision of his constituency. Apart from these schemes, there is a Centrally sponsored scheme known as Technology Mission which is meant to cover 135 villages. I am sure this scheme will help us to make a wider coverage of the State. We also hope to have a wider work coverage in the field of sanitation.

Coming to the Department of Revenue. Members has come up with many constructive suggestions. The Idea of having District Officers is a good idea. At present our District Officer is being attached to the D.C's Office. This is because revenue is handled by the Deputy Commissioner in the District level. However, we are still trying to find out the best method of Office procedures in this Department. Land records are not properly maintained and we are trying to push up this work.

Regarding the stay order of some buildings in Lunglei Town, the order was issued on the ground of several complaints made on the matter. Enquiry will be taken during the stay order period.

A house site allotment Advisory Board was set up in the Towns and District Headquarters. The previous board was been dissolved and

constitution of a new Board members is being processed. As a result, allotment of house sites in station areas also under stay order until the new members of the Board are in office.

Not much has been mentioned regarding the Co-operation Department. This is an extremely important department and steps are being taken to enlarge it. Two more branches of Apex Bank is also proposed to be spend in the near future. The Rs. 6 lakhs figure mentioned by the member is a share Capital of the Apex Bank.

Another Department which has been the topic of much discussion is social Security and social welfare. I am confident that what the members have said in this august house is true. This young Ministry which is only a month old has had no chances to meet the needs of all MNF returnees. I can assure you that this government will do its best to help MNF returnees in rehabilitation and offer them various facilities to earn their livelihood. House-sites are also being processed in their favour. We are therefore, hoping to rehabilitate them in various walks of life in consultation with the Central Government.

I now request the House to pass the various demands under my charge. Demand No. 6, 20, 28, 29 and 34 amounting to Rs. 1629.03 lakhs.

S P E A K E R : We shall now put to the Vote of the house the following Demands Demand No. 6, Revenue Rs. 105.00 lakhs Demand No. 20, Public Health and Sanitation Rs. 1265.20 lakhs, Demand No. 28, Social security and welfare Rs. 44.63 lakhs Demand No. 29, Natural calamities Rs. 32.00 lakhs and Demand No. 34, Co-operation Rs. 182.20 lakhs, the total amounting to Rs. 1629.03 lakhs we shall take voice vote. (All agrees to pass). It is all agreed and therefore, the Demand declared passed by the House.

We shall now come to the next item, Pu Saingura Sailo, Minister of State i/c Law and Judicial Department will move the various Demands under his charge.

PU SAINGURA SAILO : Pu Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I beg to move my demands for 1987-88 amounting to Rs. 831 lakhs and Rs. 65,000/- only for discussion and passing. Demand No. 1, 4, 5, 18 and 25.

S P E A K E R : Pu Saingura Sailo has now moved the various Demands under his charge. We will start our discussion and each member will give ten minutes each for the discussion.

PU VANLALINGENA : Pu Speaker, the first demand I wish to discuss in the Legislative Assembly. This House is very much in need of a new construction. We need a new building. This is the first priority we should make. Secondly, there is great shortage of vehicles in the Legislative Assembly Secretariat. There are no vehicles to be used by the members during our Sessions. It would be wise to utilise some of the fund for purchase of vehicles.

The next demand I wish to speak on is election. This is one of the most important department in the government. Recently, the method of preparing the election has been criticised. Every political party tries to enrol as many as persons they could whether they be minors or not. The Electoral Roll and our population is not in tune. It does not tally. Children's votes have been counted in the election such practice should be abolished in a democratic country.

Another thing I wish to mention is that justice no longer prevails. If we look at the Saitua 1 incident there is no justice. There is no also intention to maintain justice. The only cash crop we have is ginger. This has also become failure. The only time the ginger prices come up as during the Chief Minister's speeches on his tours. There is no justice in the budget. We always have trouble whenever the MNF try to take the reign of the Government. They have led an exodus in 1966 and now we are heading for a second exodus. Our budget is useless and not fit to be passed.

Thank you.

PU F. LALRAHLIANA

: Pu Speaker, I have something to say in the Demand of the Minister i/c Law and District Council. Demand No.

1 Legislative Assembly. The present Assembly hall was the old hall of the east while District Council Session. The Union Territory Government used this hall and now the State Assembly has continued to use this hall. It is therefore absolutely necessary to construct the Assembly Hall as soon as possible. It is degrading to have such delapidated building for the State Highest legislative body. The Government has not taken up to implement the welfare of the members as proposed by the Hon'ble Speaker. There are no Vehicles for the used of members during Assembly Sessions.

Taking of Vehicles, over Rs. 6 lakhs has been utilised in the R.E. for the Assembly. Considering the number of the Vehicles, the expenditure for maintenance is too much. There is no pool vehicles for common use. Would it not be better to stop purchasing anymore vehicles if they are not properly maintained?

There is a provision of Rs. 1,70,000/- for the library in the Assembly. However as the present building is too congested. I suggest that the library be move to the District Council Court area, opposite the Assembly House.

In Demand No. 25, the budget book is not cleared enough. Previously the three District Council used to be given funds by the Government under Heads like Rural Communitation, Sanitation, Water Supply, Forest etc. This year there is a provision of Rs. 36 lakhs which is to be shared among them. The Planning Commission has also alloted an additional sum of Rs. 4 crores to be utilised for the new year. We are deeply grateful for this. There is also a notification that henceforth Famin Relief Schemes should be handed over to the three District Council and not through the Dy. Commissioner, Chhimituipui District.

PU S. HIATO

: Pu Speaker this is the first time I have set foot in the Assembly House and I am deeply struck by

the state of the building. To say that it needs a new construction is very clear. Although we can not compare ourselves to the other States, we are aware of the good building of other State Assembly.

The maintenance of the M.L.A. hostel is also very poor. It is impossible to stay there at times. The authorities concerned may see to it pleased.

As the member from Laungtlai has pointed out, I am disappointed that the Minister from Chhimtuipui District has not been given any portfolio.

Electoral roll has been disgracefully tampered. In the rural areas, primary school children are also enrol as voters.

Coming to youth welfare and Sports, I am glad that a young and energetic person has been appointed as Minister. The completion of stadium at Aizawl is awaited eagerly by the public. In my constituency there is no standard play ground. There is also no such play ground in Saiha Headquarters in spite of the plan estimates being submitted long ago. Members of the Chhimtuipui are facing immense problems regarding accommodation in Aizawl town. We have brought this matter to the notice of the authorities many times. We expect this Government to do something about this.

Pension rules for District councils have also not been made so far. We had remind the Government several times on this matter but it is not been processed yet. The constitution and conduct of Business rules has also been submitted by us. This has also been kept pending till now. The procedure of balloting is also a dangerous practice. I appeal to the Minister i/c District Council Affairs to investigate and reform this practice. Thank you.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU :

Pu Speaker, I wish to start with Demand No. 1, Legislative Assembly. For those who have seen other State Legislative buildings, it is very shameful to be the owner of this Assembly hall. I do not understand why we can not re-construct this building. It is even worse than private houses. There could be many reasons for putting off the re-construct-ion of the Hall. It could be that we feel we do not belong here permanently. The official lobby is also in such a poor condition that we can not blame the officers for not sitting there during Assembly Sessions. It is our duty to construct a better, bigger and more dignified Hall for the Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

There is also no justice in our administration. We blame everything for lack of money.

Coming to Demand no. 5, Election, it is now evident in our State that we have a variety of ages in accordance to our requirement. We seem to have a school age, Ration card age and election age. We do not want our school to be our working age. There is no justice in exercising our fundamental rights. It is therefore important to have courage to fight this dirty practice and clean up the electoral rolls.

In Demand no. 18, Sports and youth welfare, we have now a Directorate of Sports and a Director. Even after having such Directorate, we still have a Sports Council. We also heard that fund was borrowed from the Sports Council for construction of Vaivakaun Play ground. However, we have not heard of its repayment. Mr. Speaker, what is the interest of the loan? It is not possible for the Directorate of Sports to look after such construction? Personally, I do not find it necessary to go on having a separate Sports Council.

If we look at page 187 of the budget book, Demand no. 25, there is a grant-in-aid for the Lakher District Council, but none for the Chakma. Two thirds of the Grant-in-aid goes to the Lakher District and one third to Pawih District Councils. This mistake is evident no matter what excuse you may give on account of it. That is all, Thank you.

PU P. SIAMLIANA : Pu Speaker, we have listened enough on the subject of the Legislative Assembly, Demand no. 1, What I would like to start in demand no. 4, Administrative of justice.

Mizoram has now emerged as a full fledged state. In order to have a better and fairer administration, the Execution and judiciary need to be bifurcated. Unless and until the two are separated, we can not expect to have a good Government. The Hon'ble Finance Minister mentioned in his speech that a separate High Court for Mizoram would not be far a way. If this is so, I take it to be a good tidings.

In Demand no. 18, Sport and youth Services, it is a regret to say that even the capital of Mizoram State has no playground worth mentioning. The Assam Rifles field is there, but it is not always at our disposal. If we glance at the whole of Mizoram, it appears that we have benefited more from the work done by the BRTF than the State Government. In order to have more development in Sports we need better playground and good indoor stadium. Unless and until we can provide such facilities, it would be impossible to encourage young people in youth activities and Sports. Lastly, I wish to stress the need to have a separate Judiciary and Executive for a better justice in administration. Thank you.

PU P. LALBIAKA : Pu Speaker, as we know, we have three District Councils in the Southern area, Pawi, Lakher and Chakma District Councils. They function as they deem right, and the benefit is reaped by them. What I have in mind is a District Councils for Aizawl and Lunglei. If it is not necessary for Aizawl, I think we should have for Lunglei. I am saying this because there is a separate budget for District Council and there is also a fund from the planning commission. The former Ministry had always neglected the district of Lunglei. There has been no development for many years. This year also, I am not satisfied with the budget allocation for Lunglei in many respects. This is way I think having a District Council might solve our problem to some extent. We do not grudge any development for Aizawl which is the capital of Our State. In fact the town of Aizawl is still very undeveloped.

On the other hand, we have been given two Ministers for which we are very grateful.

In Sports and Youth Services, we have been hoping to have a semi-sports complex in Lunglei. The site is also very convenient and the previous Congress Ministry had made spot verification. However, it has been included in this budget and I am very disappointed. We will hope to have it by the next budget. In the Memorandum of Settlement we find the mention of High Court for Mizoram. This issue had

been pursued by Pu Lalduhama even before the memorandum of settlement was made. We even heard rumours that the site for High Court had also been selected. However, nothing of this kind is to be found in the Budget book. It was not mentioned in the Speech of the Governor, nor was it mentioned in the speech of Finance Minister. This is very Disappointed indeed.

Lastly, we can not blame each other for the tempering of Electoral rolls. Each party wants the maximum number of voters. However, if we look at it from the Christian point of view, we should be able to draw the lines where we have committed the errors. Each of us is responsible for this.

PU HIPHEI

: Pu Speaker, I shall start with the District Council, I want to express My gratitude that the fund allocation for District Council has been raised. The Hon'ble Finance Minister stated that the District Council would have authority on Rural Development, Agriculture, Soil Conservation, Community Project, Social welfare, Animal husbandry, Industry and Forestry. However, it is not seen in the Demands of this budget. Are they to be included or not. If this is not clear, there could be confusion over the matter between the District Council and the Government.

Another thing I wish to point out is the Legislative Assembly. There is great shortage of Vehicles in the Assembly Secretariat. Mr. Speaker, your offer of Vehicles for member's use during our Session is also going to turn into falsehood.

Even there are not enough vehicles in the Assembly, it is time to acquire from other Departments and put them at the disposal of the members of this house, for use during the Session. That is all. Thank you.

PU H.K.CHAKMA

: Pu Speaker, I would like to start with Demand no. 1, the Legislative Assembly. Many of the members have express the need to re-construct the Assembly Hall. I too feel that it is indeed time to have a new and better building. We have seen other State Assembly Halls and even the MLA Hostels are very well constructed. Let us therefore consider how we can construct a new hall for the Legislative Assembly. The same goes for purchase of Vehicles for the Assembly. The Committee Room is also too small. It is impossible to have two committees at the simultaneously. Not only that, there is no room for the P.A.C. and Estimate committee. The Library is also to be enlarged. There is no room where we can sit and read. Libraries of other State Assembly are worth seeing.

Next I would like to point out that the three District Councils are also in need of Construction better halls. None of them is good. Circuite House in Lunglei is also in need of re-construction. Therefore, Pu Speaker, we need to change the face of Mizoram by re-constructing what I have mentioned. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: We will now request the Minister to wind up the debate and also ask the House to pass it.

PU-SAINGURA SAILO :
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, I am glad that the discussion on my demands was very constructive and lively. There are many questions and I shall try to answer them to the best of my abilities. Coming first to the Lunglei stadium, a sanction of Rs.17 lakhs has been made for the indoor stadium at Serkawn. This is for a Mini-Sports Complex. The Director, Sports and Youth Welfare will be visiting the place within a few days. Regarding the question of misappropriation of Sports Council fund, there was an audit objection of Rs.58.7 lakhs from Shillong. This matter is being followed up.

In answer to the question of the existing Sports council raised by Pu Zosiama, all I can say at present is that enquiries are being made on the Audit Objection of the fund. When this is cleared it will be decided whether or not the Sports council will continue to function.

A connection slip has been made in respect of the error made in the Budget book. However, the figures are this same. It is only a pointing mistake.

The matter of fund allocation for Chakma District Council which does not appear on the Budget book is also purely a printing mistake.

The Question of a separate High Court is to be taken up a fresh. Certain matters regarding the Bench was processed. However, the Government will take up a new consideration regarding a separate High Court for Mizoram.

Most of our laws, both Customary and otherwise, were made during the time of the District council. Sometime in the 1940s. As such, many of these no longer practiceable. The customary Law Committee is at present processing a revision and will be soon finished.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore beg the House to pass the various Demands under my charge, namely, Demand no.1, Legislative Assembly-Rs.49,00,000/- Demand No.4, Administration of Justice - Rs.52,75,000/- Demand No.5, Election - Rs.23,00,000/- Demand No.18, Sports and Youth Services Rs. - 1,29,90,000/- and Demand No.25, District Council Rs.5,77,00,000. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The Minister has Requested the House to pass the demands under his charge namely, Demand No. 1- Legislative Assembly Rs.49,00,000. Demand No.4, Administration of justice Rs.52,75,000. Demand No.5 Election Rs, 23,00,000. Demand No. 18, Sports and Youth Services, Rs.1,29,90,000. and Demand No. 25, District Council, Rs.5,77,00,000.

Now we shall put it to the Vote of the House, Members may give voice vote to show their consent (All member agreed). Every member has given his consent, therefore the Demand is declared passed by this House.

Before we dispers, I would like to say that I am deeply concerned about the limited seating capacity of this Hall .I am therefore proposing to make an extension of the gallery . This will of course, be only temporary. I hope this will make it a little better the next Session. The whole House of the Assembly is too small and insignificant. It is my intention to re-construct the building making it five or six storeys height .

We also have this problem of Vehicles in the Assembly Secretariat.

I told the Chief Secretary to arrange for some vehicles and to requisition them if necessary. He replied that there is nothing he could do. For those members who have private Vehicles, the Secretary, Legislative Assembly will issue to you 5 litres of petrol daily. The discussion of our pay revision will also be scheduled for tomorrow as we have only the Chief Minister's portfolio left.

I would also like to congratulate the Chakma, Pawih and Lakher District Councils for the allocations they received.

Our time is now over, the House is adjourned till 10:30 A.M. tomorrow.

House adjourned at 4 : 10 P.M.

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Secretary,