

**FOURTH MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
(FOURTEENTH SESSION)**

FIFTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 24th MARCH, 2003

PRESENT

1. **Pu R. LALAWIA**, Speaker at the Chair, Deputy Speaker, Chief Minister, 15 Ministers and 22 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

2. **QUESTIONS** entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.

LAYING OF PAPER

3. **PU ZORAMTHANGA** to lay on the table of the House a copy of the Appropriation Accounts 2001 – 2002 and Finance Accounts 2001 – 2002.
4. **PU TAWNLUIA** to lay on the table of the House a copy of Annual Report of Mizoram Public Service Commission for the year 2001 – 2002.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

5. **PU LALRINCHHANA** to beg leave of the House to introduce The Mizoram (Land Survey and Settlement Operation) Bill, 2003.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

SPEAKER : You shall not be partial in judgement; you shall hear the small not be afraid of the face of man, for the judgement is God's; Deuteronomy 1:17

We will take up Starred Questions. Starred Question No.41 is collectively asked by Pu R.Lalzirliana, Pu J.Lalthangliana and Col.Lalchungnunga. Whom shall I call?

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Starred Question No.41 is -

Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Health Engineering Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Steps taken so far by the Government for Greater Water Aizawl Supply Phase-II?
- (b) The amount of fund received by State Government from Central Government for this project?
- (c) At what expenditure does the contractor execute this project?
- (d) The expected date of completion?
- (e) There is greater water problem at Aizawl these days, is there an intention to supply water in various parts of Aizawl?

PU TAWNLUJA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for Starred Question No.41 is -

(a) The following are the steps taken so far by the Government for Greater Aizawl Water Supply Phase-II - Main Water Reservoir with a capacity of 90 lakhs litres of water had been constructed at Laipuitlang. Secondly, out of the proposed 29 Zonal tanks, 3 had been completed, one at Luangmual with a capacity of 15 lakhs litres water, one at Chhinga Veng with a capacity of 4 1/2 lakhs litres and one at Maubawk with 3 1/2 lakhs litres. Thirdly, 155 supply tanks had been constructed at various places of Aizawl. Aizawl Division-I had constructed 106 supply tanks and Project Division-II had constructed 49 supply tanks. The capacity of these supply tanks is 3000 - 5000 litres of water.

Besides, a running 82971 metres of feeding main / main feeding pipes had been laid; the total length to be laid is 11006 metres which means 75.4 % of laying main feeding pipe had been completed. Another work is laying

of distribution system pipe. The total length of distribution pipe will be 1,72,017 metres out of which 1,38,876 running metres had been laid which means 80% of this work had been completed.

In addition to these, compensation had been given to 97 families and an amount of more than 61 lakhs had been given to 86 families in the month of January 2003 and we are processing to give to another 6 families. Construction work of in take site, treatment plant, Pump House and for pumping, main formation cutting had been completed. Pumping main work is being done both inside and outside Aizawl town.

(b) State Government had received a sum of 4500 lakhs rupees from Central for this project. In 1999 Rs 400 lakhs, in 2000 Rs 2000 lakhs, in 2001 Rs 1000 lakhs, in 2002 Rs 350 lakhs and in this year i.e 2003 Rs 750 lakhs - total 45 crore.

(c) The contractor is doing this work at the amount of 9932 lakhs rupees.

(d) According to the previous / former estimate, this work is supposed to be completed in the month of March, 2004. But revised estimate has to be made as a court case about this work had been filed so the expected date of completion according to the revised estimate is March, 2006.

(e) Water is being supplied at various places of Aizawl but it is known to all that it is not sufficient.

COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO : Supplementary Question Mr. Speaker
Sir. Water supply is not enough, is there a way to supply water by truck? And in regard to the compensation given for the damage caused by pipe-line, there is a complain in the way compensation is given. I request the Government to re-examine and give compensation to the remaining six persons.

PU K.T.ROKHAW : Supplementary question Mr. Speaker
Sir. There is pending water supply / carrying bill at Saiha for the year 2001 amounting to Rs 1,60,000/-
When will this bill be cleared? In the same way, there is also a pending bill at Lawngtlai, I request the Government to clear the bill as soon as possible.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Minister mentioned that Aizawl Water Supply and Teirei Mini Hydel Project will be privatized. We are now discussing about Aizawl Water Supply Phase-II which cost 900 crores and it is one of the biggest projects of our state as the fund involvement is huge. My question is - will the Government privatize this project, will the Chief Minister's statement include this project?

PU J.LALTHANGLIANA : Supplementary question Mr. Speaker Sir. Is there a way to supply water to Tanhril and Sakawrtuichhun?

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is known that water carrying bill for Kolasib and Kawnpui areas had not been given till today so I would like to know when will they be given?

Secondly, while the original estimate for Greater Aizawl Water Phase-II was 32 crore rupees the revised estimate jumps to 99.32 crore rupees. I would like to know the reason for such huge difference for example, the width of the pipe etc if possible. I also would like to know the estimate number of population to benefit while making original estimate, is there additional beneficiaries in the revised estimate.

Thirdly, it is known / learnt that funds pulled from various Departments seemed to have been given to the contractor engaging in Phase-II work under Public Health Engineering. Why is he so favoured? What is the reason for giving such favour to a particular contractor?

Fourthly, it is learnt that the contractor had given 5 crore rupees each to 2 high officials thus the revised estimate was increased. I would like to know is there an intention from the Government to call CBI to investigate this matter.

Fifthly, is it true that a case had been filed by some because the amount of advance given and the work done so far is not proportionate.

PU J.LAWMZUALA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I would like to know whether the minister could arrange emergency water supply by truck for Lunglei town. I also would like to know if the Government can clear emergency water supply bill.

PU TAWNLUJA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I will start from the question asked by the Hon'ble MINISTER member Pu J. Lawmzuala. Emergency water supply is arranged wherever necessary. Presently, the Government has not cleared water supply bill since the previous year. Centre has released 70 lakhs to be utilized for relief in time of water scarcity. When this fund is obtained, it is expected to clear emergency water supply bill.

Regarding privatization asked by the Hon'ble Opposition Leader, Cabinet had decided to privatize Teirei Project. At the same time, Government is considering privatization of Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II.

The Hon'ble member from Lunglei 'S' mentioned about poor condition of Lunglei Water Supply Machines. The Government is aware of this and 2 diesel engines and 2 electric engines had been installed for pumping water. When one part of the engine is out of order it is sent for repair immediately.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, recently I had visited Lunglei where I was asked by the press people the time of the procurement of the existing water pumping engine at Lunglei. I would be grateful if the minister can furnish this in writing.

PU TAWNLUJA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I can provide the MINISTER demand of the Opposition Leader. Presently only one water pumping machine can function at Lunglei. However, it is pleasing to see the cooperation of the people of Lunglei in solving this problem.

There is a question of whether the diverted fund from different Departments are used for Water Supply Phase-II. Recently, 30 lakhs was approved by the Finance and Planning Department to be utilized for the maintenance of Water Supply Phase-II.

I would like to inform the members that water is supplied to Sakawrtuichhun and Tanhril areas but we can not afford to supply abundantly. As for Sakawrtuichhun, Rain Water Harvesting Scheme is introduced where water tank /

reservoir is there for the people. During dry season, emergency water supply is provided to the people of Sakawrtuichhun and Tanhril.

There is a question of the tender amount for the contract work of Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-II. I have clarified this matter twice before. But I will try to give a clear explanation once again. Tender for this work was floated in 1997 the scheduled rate of 1994 was applied for the original estimate. In view of the duration of the time for completion and price escalation even the contractor who bid for the lowest amount can come to Rs 99.32 crore. Therefore, Government had no alternative but to agree with the lowest bid of Rs 99.32 crore.

I would further like to extend for the information of the House that even after work was started, Central Planning Commission and Urban Development Ministry had inspected the project and advised the State Government to revise the estimate. Upon their advise, revision was made with an amount of 150 crores. This is done on the advice of the Urban Ministry. On 18.4.2002 technical approval was obtained for Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-II. After subtracting other expenditure, the contractor's portion is expected to be around Rs 70 crore.

It had been calculated in the original estimate that each person could get 135 litres of water per day. Later, it was decided that this estimation would be deducted to 78 litres per day per person. At the same time, we also have to consider population growth. Phase-I is supposed to suffice 80,000 people. But now about 3 lakhs people have been supplied.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, what is the original estimate in regard to the capacity of Aizawl Greater Water Supply Phase-II.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, i am afraid I can not provide specific figure. I will provide the required figure in writing from the Department.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, is it true that the CBI will take up the case?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, let me assert that the two high officials did not receive Rs 5 crore each from the contractor. Any party or the CBI

is welcome to probe into this matter.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I think it is the desire of the MNF members to involve CBI when the former sat in the opposition bench. Now they can not control the officials who deal with important files.

SPEAKER : Time is over now. I now call upon Pu J. Lalthangliana to ask Starred Question No.42

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Starred Question No.42 is -

Will the Hon'ble Minister for Food & Civil Supplies Department be pleased to state -

- (a) The number of BPL families within Mizoram?
- (b) Whether rice is supplied to BPL families on regular basis?

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalrinsanga, Minister may answer the question.

PU C. LALRINSANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, The answer to the questions made by Pu J.Lalthangliana are as follows -

- (a) There are 57750 BPL families and 105000 AAY families. The central government has informed us to combine BPL and AAY. Therefore, there are 68250 BPL families.
- (b) The ration of BPL and AAY families are given on regular basis.

PU N.K.CHAKMA : Supplementary question.

(a) How many BPL families are there in Tlabung Constituency?

(b) There is a complaint from general public within Tlabung Constituency regarding the non-distribution of retail rice, what is the reason?

PU I.N.TLUANGA : Pu Speaker, The adult quota of rice from fair price shop is 2 kgs only. Is there any way to increase this quota, as we are aware that the country is exporting the surplus rice.

SPEAKER : Pu C.Lalrinsanga

PU C. LALRINSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, The rice we received is under the targeted Public Distribution system, the central subsidy portion that we received is 25 crores, for APL Rice is received at Rs 3/- subsidy and for BPL Rs 5.65 and for AAY Rs 8.30 p subsidy. The Planning Commission is therefore, very strict. The Rice allotment before April is 6820 Metric-ton, but in May it was decreased to 4938/-. The Planning Commission is moving towards reduction of subsidy portion and allotment. Due to this, rice quota for adult is decreased from 2 kgs to 1 kg. The allotment is made by the central consumer affairs Ministry. The Mizoram government requested the central government, therefore, the present allotment is made under consideration. I am not sure of Hon'ble member Pu Nihar's questions, could you please repeat the question.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : (a) How many BPL families are there in my constituency? (b) There is a complain from general public within my constituency regarding the non-distribution of BPL rice, what is the reason?

PU LALRINZUALA : Is there any plan in stocking rice during Monsoon season, where there is poor condition of roads? There is no stockage of rice in Lunglei, Chawngte, Lungsen, Flabung and Bunghmun will it be possible to stock rice in these villages?

SPEAKER : Let the Minister answer the questions. Please don't disturb while he is answering the questions.

PU C. LALRINSANGA : Pu Speaker, we have started Monsoon stocking, but as I've mentioned earlier, since the allotment is decreased, we are unable to stock as desire, however the Department is doing whatever it can.

As for the question made by the Hon'ble member from Tlabung, I am unable to give the answer now, however I will try and inform later.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the question is why is BPL rice not distributed in Tlabung, the Minister should know this, the Minister should answer now.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question. We have supply godown in Damdep and Parva, for some years there is no stock of rice in this godown. What is the reason, has the government closed down these godowns? Will it be possible to stock rice in these godowns this year?

(b) There is relation between rice availability and carrying contract. What step has the government taken in regard to solving the credit bill of carrying contractors and retailer's bill?

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, who is to pay the carrying charge of rice for Food for Work programme? Is there a way for Mizoram to subsidise the rice quota of APL since the central government is decreasing the quota?

PU K. T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, During the Congress Ministry, we received 6810 Matric-ton of rice for APL. Now during MNF Ministry, we received 2446 matric ton, What is the reason? Why so much difference? I request the Minister to clarify this.

PU C. LALRINSANGA
MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. The pending bill of carrying contractor's does not start from this Ministry, but from previous ministry, the Finance department has sanctioned 3.5 crores for payment of this liability.

Chief Minister is concerned about this liability, therefore, the Finance department has sanctioned 3.5 crores for payment of this liability.

The answer to Pu J.Lalthangliana's question is - The carrying charge of Food for Work is to be paid by the central government till FCI godown is in the hands of central R.D. Department, the rest is in the hands of Mizoram government. Therefore, the distribution work is done by Supply Department truck.

Pu Speaker, as for the answer to Hon'ble member Pu Rokhaw's question, it is very true that there is vast difference in the rice allotment. The allotment is done by the central government, therefore the Mizoram has to go along the policy made by the central government.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA

: What about my questions?

SPEAKER

: Can you answer?

PU C. LALRINSANGA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, I don't have information right now. I will try and give written answer.

SPEAKER

: Starred question No. 43 by Col.Lalchungnunga.

COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO

: Pu Speaker, I ask Starred question No. 43 for the Hon'ble Sports and Youth Services Department Minister to answer.

SPEAKER

: Pu Rualchhina, Sport Minister.

PU RUALCHHINA

: Pu Speaker, the answer to the Hon'ble member Pu Col.Lalchungnunga is - there is no intention of constructing play

ground at Lawipu during the year - 2003 - 2004. However, Pu Speaker, step is taken towards the construction of play ground at Lawipu, it depends upon the approval of our scheme by NEC. I therefore cannot give the definite time bound.

COL.LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO : It is only West-I constituency that does not have play ground, I therefore request the Government to take step for the construction of play ground within the year 2003 - 2004.

PU R. LAUZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, the previous Sport Minister mentioned that, 4 play grounds will be constructed in Aizawl, but five years have passed not even one play ground is constructed till date, What is the reason? Is it due to the change of Ministers?

Pu Speaker, there is 17 lakhs incentive cash award pending, and Rs 33 lakhs bill pending for sports goods, total - there is Rs 90,27,500/- sports Department's bill pending. Pu Speaker, there is no fund allocation for this pending bill. My question, therefore is - Will the government be able to allot fund for this pending bill in the coming Budget?

S P E A K E R : The question hour is over, however, we'll call Pu Rualchhina to answer the question.

PU RUALCHHINA MINSTER : Pu Speaker, my answer to the Hon'ble member from Aizawl West - II is, we have submitted the estimate in the hands of NEC, the government is doing whatever it can. I am not sure of the question made by the Hon'ble member from Saitual.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, the previous Minister mentioned that play grounds will be constructed in Aizawl, what is the reason, why these play grounds are not constructed?

- PU RUALCHHINA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, 8 play grounds have been completed, and there are 14 on going scheme and there is 11 additional scheme, however, out of this 11 schemes, only 6 scheme has been approved.
- PU R. LAI.ZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, Where are these play grounds in Aizawl?
- PU RUALCHHINA : Pu Speaker, they are at Ramhlun, Republic, Vaivakawn and Tlangnuam. As for the pending bill, we are concern for this pending bill, however, the fund allocation as we all know is tight at present, we are unable to clear the pending bill. However, there will be fund allocation for these bills in the supplementary demand.
- S P E A K E R : Question hour is over, we'll move on to our next business - laying of papers. Will call Pu Zoramthanga Chief - Minister to lay. Appropriation Account 2001 - 2002 and Finance Account 2001 - 2002 in the House.
- PU ZORAMTHANGA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the approval of the House, I lay the Appropriation Account 2001 - 2002 and Finance Account 2001 - 2002 in the House.
- S P E A K E R : Please distribute the copy. Now we'll call Pu Tawnluia to lay, Annual reports of Mizoram Public Service Commission for the year 2001 - 2002 in the House.
- PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the approval of the House, I lay Annual reports of Mizoram Public Service Commission for the year 2001 - 2002 in the House.

- S P E A K E R : Please distribute the copy. Now we'll call Pu Lalrinchhana to ask the permission of the House for the introduction of 'The Mizoram Non-Survey and Settlement Operation Bill, 2003.
- P U L A L R I N C H H A N A
M I N I S T E R : Pu Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor and with your permission Sir I seek the permission of the House for introduction of the Mizoram Non-Survey and Settlement Operation Bill, 2003.
- S P E A K E R : Do we all agree for the introduction of the bill? Now let Pu Lalrinchhana introduce the bill.
- P U L A L R I N C H H A N A
M I N I S T E R : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the approval of the House I introduce 'The Mizoram Non - Survey and Settlement Operation, Bill 2003 in the House.
- S P E A K E R : Now we'll call Pu Dr.R.Lalthangliana to seek the permission of the House for the introduction of 'The Mizoram Education bill, 2003 in the House.
- D r . R . L A L T H A N G L I A N A
M I N I S T E R : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the approval of the House, I seek the permission for the introduction of 'The Mizoram Education bill 2003'.
- S P E A K E R : Do we all agree for the introduction of the bill? Now we'll call the Minister to introduce the bill.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, with your permission
MINISTER and the approval of the House, I
introduce 'The Mizoram Education
bill, 2003 in the House'.

SPEAKER : Now we'll call Pu C.Lalrinsanga to
seek the permission of the House
for the introduction of 'The
Mizoram Co - operative Societies
Amendment bill, 2003 in the House.

PU C.LALRINSANGA : Pu Speaker, with your permission
MINISTER and the approval of the House,
I seek the permission for the
introduction of 'The Mizoram Co-
operative Societies Amendment bill, 2003 in this August House.

SPEAKER : Do we all agree for the
introduction of the bill? Let the
Minister introduce the bill.

PU C.LALRINSANGA : Pu Speaker, with your permission
MINISTER and the approval of the House, I
introduce 'The Mizoram Co-
operative Societies Amendment
bill, 2003.

SPEAKER : The three bills that had just been
introduced will be discussed later.
We'll now move on to general
discussion on budget. Each member
will be given 15 min. Since there will be no separate discussion for supplementary
demand, 20 min will be given to both opposition group and ruling leaders. Now
we'll start the discussion. Pu Lalhmingthanga.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, first of all I would
like to thank you for allotting me
time as the first member to start
the discussion.

Pu Speaker, I feel that there is a hidden agenda in this year's Budget, may be it is because it's an election year. There is a convention, according to the procedure and conduct of business rules, in the manner, Budget is present. As members are lay men, and not fluent in finance, for the better understanding of the members, last year original estimates, revised Budget and current year estimates are highlighted and classified, and explanatory Memorandum, and Annual financial statement is usually provided. This year, the Hon'ble Chief - Minister mentioned in his speech that - Hon'ble members will notice that the demand for grant 2003 - 2004 and Revised Estimate 2002 - 2003 are being presented into two books unlike the other years. It is very difficult for the members to study the Budget and to compare this three heavy books. The Hon'ble Chief - Minister stated that, this is due to the change in the classification of various objects heads of Account by the Government of India which has necessitated bifurcation of the Revised Estimate and Budget Estimate in separate books. Pu Speaker, it is understandable that there can be slight modification, however, it is very difficult for the members since, there is no explanatory memorandum and audit note for summary. The original and revised estimates of previous years is not reflected, it is kept separate, Pu Speaker, further last year for major works 10% was allotted and 1.90% for minor work, this year it has gone down, it will have great impact, it may be due to this that the explanatory memorandum is not presented. The way the Budget is therefore presented, is not according to the procedure of rules of conduct.

Pu Speaker, the Ministers usually mentioned that, 80% of the Budget is for salaries and wages, but if we study the Budget, it is only around 40% of the Budget: we are therefore mis-guiding the people.

Pu Speaker, huge fund is allocated for Minor works, and the Minister in-charge can manipulate the Budget. If we look at objective head salaries of some Departments, the fund allocation is too meagre to meet the annual salaries of employee's. Pu Speaker, on the other hand, fund is increased for purchase of equipments and machineries, which open doors for manipulation of Budget. If we look at the Budget for state own resources, it's too high.

While the Budget estimate for Supply & Disposal is 89 lakhs, the revise estimate was only 40 lakhs and for State Lottery the revise estimate is only 670 lakhs against the original Budget of 800 lakhs. As for Forest Department against the original estimate of 300 lakhs only 250 lakhs was allotted in the revise estimate where as 227.17 crores is expected to be mobilized from state own resources the actual original revise estimate is only 172.32. From the Chief Minister's Budget speech, Rs 48 crores has been released under special central assistance for non-plan liabilities. In spite of the central assistance, the people have to pay heavy tax and are not relieved. The Chief Minister mentioned that due to the adequate financial management, the deficit is lower. However, Pu Speaker, the Central Government is giving special assistance for meeting non-plan liabilities to solve our financial problem. It is due to this that the opening deficit is 169 lakhs against the original estimate of 217 lakhs. Pu Speaker, if we look at the deficit, it is increasing steadily. Last year, Hon'ble members made question regarding the

amount of deficit and we know how high the deficit was. This year in the Annual Financial Statement, no other income is reflected, except for House building advance recovery and capital of co-operative loan received. Therefore, this Government has to rethink about its financial management. This year there is a provision of Rs 205.55 crores for payment of interest of deficit without principle payment. Pu Speaker, therefore, in this Budget, there is nothing for the people, and no development work can be taken up. Thank you.

PU K.T. ROKHAW

: Pu Deputy Speaker, Thank you. I would like to discuss about some of the important Departments which concern me. First of all

Supply Department. Pu Deputy Speaker, during Congress Ministry, there was 6810 Metric ton of rice from FCI under APL, but now during this MNF Ministry, only 2446 Metric of rice is received from FCI under APL, therefore, adults are entitled only 700 grams of rice per week, where as during the Congress Ministry adults entitled 3 Kgs. Pu Deputy Speaker, how can adult survive with only 700 grams of rice a week? I visited my constituency, in every village there was no rice, the people are worried. Pu Deputy Speaker, during Congress Ministry, rice is stocked in godown before rainy seasons, therefore, there was no scarcity of rice during Congress Ministry. The Government should try and increase the metric ton of rice from FCI. Pu Deputy Speaker, I would also request the Government to review the suspend order of Inspector of Supply.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to speak about Higher & Technical Education. During Pu Ch.Chhunga and Pu Ch.Saprawnga's Ministry, the three District Councils were given priorities as they are minorities. They were given quota for MCS, MPS, BE training and MBBS, but now, the youth from these District Councils have to appear general examination, therefore, there is no chance for these youths. I request the Hon'ble Chief - Minister to please bear this in mind, the Government should work towards safe guarding of the minorities. If we are not given quota there is no chance for our youths.

Thirdly, P.W.D. Executive Engineer and Sub-Divisional Officer should visit the remote area of rural areas, as there is no road maintenance in the rural area, since labourers of P.W.D. are dismissed from their work. Lastly, I request the Hon'ble Transport Minister to give new MST bus for remote area like Saiha, Tuipang. The present bus is too old for long distance. Pu Deputy Speaker, Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Pu J.Lalthangliana.

PU J.LALTHANGLIANA

: Pu Deputy Speaker, The Hon'ble Finance Minister has presented Budget for the past year, and the deficit is increasing every year.

From the Chief-Minister's Budget speech in 1999 - 2002 the top most priority was self sufficiency in food, therefore, the Chief - Minister himself took up Agriculture and Horticulture Department. In the year 2001 - 2002 the priority of the Government was self-sufficiency in food with the introduction of new system and subsidizing the mechnarities. Then in 2002 - 2003, in the Budget speech, the Chief-Minister mentioned that Government have to put major trust on collection of sale tax but self-sufficiency in food was left out. This year priority is set on self sufficiency in food production with M.I.P. as its instrument. The Government should review its performance during the past five years. We have great expectation in this Government. Every session I mentioned about mechanization, nothing is done about it.

Pu Speaker, for the past three years, in the Chief Minister's Budget speech, it is highlighted that, Teirei Mini Hydel Project, Kau-Tlabung and Tuipang Mini Hydel Project are to be commissioned soon, and in this year's Budget speech, it is highlighted that, 3 M.W. Kau-Tlabung small Hydel Project and 3 M.W. Tuipang Mini Hydel Project are proposed to be continued. Pu Speaker, I request the Minister to clarify this, and I am eager to know who is going to continue the work.

Pu Speaker, Health Department, the Hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned in his speech of the various progresses and proposals of Health Department. However, it is very disappointing to say that nothing is mentioned about AIDS. Pu Deputy Speaker, war footing is needed to fight AIDS, otherwise, our youths are succumbing to the disease. We have to save our youths. The Chief Minister should have mentioned about AIDS as it is the most serious battle the state has to fight. Pu Deputy Speaker, only 6 lines is written about Excise Department, who are responsible to ensure a clean and healthy society. I am disappointed, therefore I just want to highlight about AIDS.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank for the proposal of construction of bridge between Aibawk and Darlung.

Lastly, I request Social Welfare Department to solve the problem of blind beggars. Thank you.

PU C.THANGLUNA

: Pu Deputy Speaker, today we are discussing Budget. If we look at the Budget, the deficit amount is increasing every year, the closing

deficit of 2003 - 2004 will be anticipated at Rs 266.38 crore. Is there a way of presenting the Budget to decrease the deficit balance. Due to financial problem, the Government has taken financial assistance from NABARD and World Bank, since,

we have to repay this loan, we should be careful in the way the projects are prepared, projects should be prepared so that revenue is received in huge amount, for repaying the loan. Otherwise, after some years our Annual Plan Budget will only highlight the high deficit and the way to repay the deficit, without any development work to highlight. It seems, we members are getting used to high percent of deficit, as very little is spoken about in the House.

I would like to speak about Food & Civil Supply. If we look at the allocation for this Department, it is too meagre. Pu Speaker, the bill pending of supply contractors should be solved, is there any way for the Government to solve this problem? The fund allocation for the Department on the whole should be reflected on the revise estimate.

Demand No.21 Higher & Technical Education. It is good to know that there is huge development in this Department. However, it is very disappointing to say that there is no up grade of private college to Government College.

Demand No.24 Medical & Health Services, P.H.C. in rural areas are without Doctors, what is the point for these PHC if the Government is unable to provide Doctors in these PHC, it is very difficult to study the Budget book. If there is no provision for appointment of Doctors, what would be work performance in these PHCs. I therefore request the Government to make provision for the appointment of new Doctors within this financial year.

Demand No.26 Water Supply & Sanitation. There was a token of 1 lakh for Greater Water Supply Scheme at Lawngtlai, however, nothing has been done, is the Government still proposing to accomplish the project?

Co-operation Pu Deputy Speaker, there is no Gas, Petrol and Diesel supply in Lawngtlai, the only Petrol and Diesel available are purchased in black market. I therefore request the MIZOFED Department to please take note of this. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have 10 mins. We'll give 5 mins. extra.

PU LALRINZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Thank you. Today, the deficit amount seems to be eavy on every members. The deficit will close with Rs 266.38 crore, due to the Central Special Assistance of 48.42 crores. The Finance Minister mentioned that we are able to manage with just Rs 266.38 crore, due to satisfactory financial management, but it is not so. Had we not received our deficit would have gone much higher. We Hon'ble members will still remember the

previous Finance Minister's statement when the deficit was only 117 crores, he was worried, but today the finance Minister is satisfied with the Financial management when the deficit is 266 crores. As the opposition Leader have mentioned, there is a hidden agenda in this Budget.

Para 15 of the Budget speech mentioned about Mizoram Intodelh Project (MIP). In keeping with the state's objectives of achieving self-sufficiency in production of food grains, MIP have been launched. 20 crores have been sanctioned for the project last year, out of which 3 crores 74 lakhs 64 thousands have been utilized for the project. Pu Deputy Speaker, this project was implemented in Illimen as we all know the fund was distributed in rupees 4000/5000. I really wish to know how the Government is going to carry on with this project with the remaining fund. This project is going to be a complete failure.

Para 17 - Power. I would like to thank for Bairabi, but it is disappointing to mention about Kau Tlabung and Tuipang Hydel Project. Every year we are expecting it to be commissioned, it's very disappointing. Pu Deputy Speaker, there is Electric Inspection Sub-Division Lunglei, which is in Lunglei, but under Aizawl Division this is very unusual. I request the Hon'ble Chief Minister to please take note of this.

Para 19 - P.H.E. The Department have made huge achievement, I would like to thank the Department for this. However, Chhimtuipui area is neglected. Nothing has been highlighted in the Governor's speech for Chhimtuipui District.

Para 20 - Health Department. I would like to request the Hon'ble Chief Minister to make provision for state illness Assistance fund in the Budget for the rural people.

Para 21 - P.W.D. In my constituency, the road condition is so poor that there is no Bus service, due to the condition of the road. I request the Department to please maintain the road in my constituency so that we can at least have Bus service.

Para 28 - Trade & Commerce Department. The Hon'ble Trade & Commerce Department recently opened a stop gap market for second-hand dealer, it is very disgracing for a Minister to open such market. Where there is so much of other important work to do.

Pu Deputy Speaker, lastly, recently through U.G.C. norms, a Lecturer was given appointment. However, the said Lecturer did not go through NET exam, while the other interviewers went through NET exam. I request the Minister to please take note of this. I will further discuss this matter in the general discussion.

Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we'll have break. Meeting will resume at 2:00 PM

2:00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We'll continue with our business. Pu C. Sangzuala.

PU C. SANGZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Thank you. Today's Budget general discussion is very wide yet, the time allotment is not sufficient.

There are many points that needs appreciation in the Chief Minister's Budget speech. Para - 29 stated that preparation for establishment of Government Residential Science College at Mualpui Aizawl was also initiated, this is a great achievement, we thank the Department for choosing Mualpui. We the people of Aizawl South are looking forward to the completion of this buildings. The Department has combined 4 private Colleges into 2 Colleges and is upgraded to deficit, this is another achievement for the Department.

It is a matter of satisfaction that in spite of these financial constraints, we have had a fairly uneventful financial year due to the efficient financial management of our State. The release of Rs 48.42 crore by the Central Government as special Central Assistance for meeting our non-plan liabilities was like succour for our state and went a long way in relieving the financial crisis. I would like to thank the Government for Special Voluntary Retirement Scheme for Drivers. Pu Speaker, looking from the performance of various Departments, it is reasonable that, additional fund is demanded in supplementary demand and Revise estimate. The Hon'ble members should understand that, the Government could not deny its employees their entitlements, which have further increased the burden of the State exchequer.

Pu Deputy Speaker, in fighting the social evil, I request the authorities to take steps in this regard more promptly. We have to prevent our youths from social evil. Sports and Youth Services goes side by side, in order to prevent our youths from social evil, infrastructure is needed. I therefore, request the authorities to please take note of this.

Pu Deputy Speaker, additional fund allocation should be made for these Departments - R.R., Education, Higher & Technical Education, Health & Family Welfare and P.W.D. They are developing Departments, where the development of the state depends.

Inspite the good programme of Agriculture, the implementation work is slow, on the whole I thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister for presenting a healthy Budget. Thank you.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA

: Pu Deputy Speaker, Thank you.
This morning, we have heard several questions and answers regarding Greater Aizawl Water

Supply Scheme. Pu Deputy Speaker, the tender has been revised from its original estimate by triple figure and the revision has been done without re-tendering. Pu Deputy Speaker, there is a flaw in the way the tender is awarded. How can the Government award the tender without re-call of tender? Pu Deputy Speaker, coming to my constituency, P.H.E. Sub-Division Chawngte has submitted a proposal / scheme for water supply at Chawngte, till now the Government has not approved the scheme. I request the Hon'ble Minister to please accept the scheme as there is scarcity of water in Chawngte.

I would like to request the Government to please upgrade Kamalanagar College. Then, coming to opening of State Bank at Chawngte, Pu Deputy Speaker, it is delayed because, the Government is unable to open Sub-Treasury at Chawngte. I therefore, request the Government to speed up the process of opening Sub-Treasury at Chawngte.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to request the Government to upgrade the Health Centre in to full fledged Community Health Centre with thirty bedded. Then, regarding Health-Works, Pu Deputy Speaker, I request the Chief Minister to give us quota, there are post lying vacant in Jarulsuri, Parva and Barapansury. When the youth from our area appear for exam, they are never selected, I therefore request the Hon'ble Chief Minister to please take note of this. Then, the building of Primary Health Centre at Borapansury is still lying empty, I request the Government to open this P.H.C. before the building gets ruined.

Coming to Supply Department, I have mentioned about the empty godowns in my constituency this morning. Pu Deputy Speaker, from Vaseitlang the people has to carry rice by head load. The people are facing great problem, the Minister should come to my constituency and see for his own eyes, the condition of the people. Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding the pending bill of carrying contractors, why is the Government not trying to dispose of the pending bill? The Government should clear these bills, or else, this will create greater problem later.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to request, Agriculture and Soil & Vety Minister to check the office report if the Sub-Division Office of these Departments are running in Chawngte, because, we never see the Staff and Officers of these Departments in Chawngte.

Lastly, regarding BADP, the fund for Chawngte under BADP is diverted else where, and the work performance under BADP is poor to even mention here in the House. I regret to say that the Hon'ble R.D. Minister is not present here in the House. Pu Deputy Speaker, R.D.(Rural Development) Minister should be changed. Thank you.

PU L.N. TLUANGA

Pu Deputy Speaker Sir, The economic condition of Mizoram is getting worse. The deficit is raising, the total loan taken is 678.91 crores. The interest we have to repay every year is 101 crores. Pu Deputy Speaker, if we look back 8 to 10 years. What assets have we collected. The tax revenue that we have collected does not tally with the expenditure, therefore, our system needs change.

Pu Deputy Speaker, in my constituency the distribution of fund under M.I.P. is not fair, some persons are given Rs 4000/- and some received only Rs 2000/-. Pu Deputy Speaker the way this project is handled, it is surely a failure.

Education Department Pu Deputy Speaker, Hindi Teachers were confirmed under Plan Budget, but recently, confirmed teachers are kept under non-plan Budget, therefore, their pay has decreased, it's really regretting to say this. Pu Deputy Speaker, in this appointment letter of teachers, it is stated that, 50% of allowances as admissible under the rule. Pu Deputy Speaker, what does this mean. Does rules provide provision for allowance?

Pu Deputy Speaker, Senior Officers who go on pension are usually given extension of two or three months, but Pu Deputy Speaker, what I would like to point out is, there are officers only few officers whose terms are not extended, this is not fair, this Government has the habit of showing partiality in whatever it does, be it the distribution of work and awarding contract works to un-professional contractors, therefore, I request the Hon'ble members, to honour, truth and dignity in whatever we do.

Thank you.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA

Pu Deputy Speaker, today we are participating in a general discussion of the Budget presented by the Hon'ble Minister. Pu Deputy Speaker, although this Government has already completed more than four years, if we analyse their achievement specially in my constituency, it has completely failed. It fails to provide even the basic necessities like Health Care, Electricity, Education and even in a Road communication. In the field of Education, Tlabung constituency lacks facility after 4 years in office, education facilities has not improved. You'll be

surprised to know Pu Deputy Speaker that not a Single School, High School or Middle School have been upgraded. Even Tlabung Government High School has not been upgraded into 10+2 system. Most of the Primary School in my constituency are run by Single Teacher, the condition is worst because sometimes some single teachers are engaged in a census or election purposes. I have reported to the higher authorities many times but the concerned Minister did not take any action. How will we develop further, when the Government has failed to carry programme of universalisation of education. In some villages, where there is no school some building construction is going on under the S.S.A. What will be the use if the appointment of teachers is not made. I therefore, request for the appointment of teachers in these Primary Schools under construction.

Pu Deputy Speaker, let's come to the Food & Civil Supplies Department. The department has closed down the Godown at Malsuri Village which falls within my constituency. People are suffering, there is no stock of food grain at Tlabung Godown, rainy season will start very soon, no arrangement has been done till now. The building of the Department has been auctioned. This is against the wishes of the locality of the people. I request the Hon'ble Minister to reconsider this decision.

Pu Deputy Speaker, previously Metrological Department have been functioning at Tlabung with its inspector at its head, but now the office has already been closed. During the question hour I asked the Hon'ble Minister, how many BPL families are there in my constituency? The second question is, there is complain from the general public within my area regarding the non-distribution of food grains to the BPL families. What is the reason, so I request the Hon'ble Minister to clarify. There is one more grievances in my constituency and most of the people who are genuine Indian citizens are not issued ration card.

In regard to the Mizoram Intodelhna Project, two villages has been selected within my constituency for beneficiary. Tlabung has received first instalment, but Tuichawng has not received till now.

In regard to the electricity - Electricity is very irregular in my constituency. We receive current only after 9:00 P.M. the Hon'ble Chief Minister who is in-charge of the Electricity Department may kindly note the problem, and in my villages, transformers are lying without being repaired.

In regard to health care facilities, Health Minister is not here. It would have been appropriate had he been here. In the health care facilities, Tlabung is still far behind compared to other places in Mizoram. Previously there was SDM & HO, two Medical Officer, one Dental Surgeon, one X-Ray Technician and many other nurses. But after the MNF Government came to power, at present in the whole hospital there is only one Medical Officer. I request this SDMHO, Dental Surgeon and X-Ray Technician to be transferred as early as possible. I also request for a Health Worker. The previous Speaker has said that most of the Health Workers are not stationed at their respective places. Pu Deputy Speaker, I must

convey my sincere thanks to Durtlang Hospital authorities and Doctors for organising eye-camp at Chawngte (L) Tlabung and many of them have been successfully operated.

Rural Development, I express my grievances many times here in this House. Most of the border area development programme and schemes implemented within my constituency are worse. Local people are not benefited. I would like to comment some of this schemes as per Government report. I would like to mention here the financial and physical performance within my constituency during the 1990 - 2000. No 1 - construction of jeepable road from Chawngte (L) to Hmunthar. It is nearly about 12 Kms I personally had spot verification. Jungle cutting also has not been done, who has done the work? There are many schemes which are not implemented properly. If we go on spending money in this way, Mizoram can never be developed. You'll be surprised to know construction of truckable road from Tlabung to Chawlung for which 8 lakhs is given on paper and construction of jeepable road from Rualalung to Zehet, ten lakhs in paper. The matter should be investigated.

Lastly, Pu Deputy Speaker, it is a welcome news that EPIC scheme is under progress. It is a welcome news that electors Photo Identity card scheme is under progress. I would express my deep dissatisfaction on behalf of the people of Tlabung that still many of the voters within my constituency has been illegally deleted in the recently concluded revision. This is the 2003 revision, even from the draft rule nearly about 60 people has been deleted. This is against violation of the rules 21 A of the people representative act 1960. Thank you.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA

: Pu Speaker, Thank you. There are some negative points I would like to mention, and also appreciate some good points the Government have achieved.

First of all I would like to speak about Power & Electricity. As we all know, Power & Electricity is very important, I am very grateful that this Government has taken step towards the development of Power & Electricity. It is good to know that they are continuing the work done by the previous Government without any hesitation knowing it is the need of the state.

I would also like to thank the P.W.D. for the development work in my constituency. I would like to thank for the rural connectivity work in my constituency. Pu Deputy Speaker, Tuichawng bridge which is under construction, is very important for our constituency as it is a link with the rest. The Government had promised us District headquarter, we are expecting that the Government will keep its promise, till now, the Government has not let us down in the promise they have made in regard to District Headquarter.

Education, I would like to thank the Hon'ble Education Minister for the introduction of Education bill, 2003. With this, I expect there will be development in our Educational system.

M.I.P.(Mizoram Intodelh Project) - the aims and objective of MIP is satisfactory, however, what I would like to point out is, we must be very careful as to how it is implemented, the rural area should be well guided and given awareness. I, therefore, request the Minister to take special care in the implementation so that the project will not fail.

Health - I read the Chief Minister's speech, there is provision for the purchase of equipments and the construction of buildings, but there is no provision for the appointment of Doctors? If there is equipments, who will look after the equipments? In my constituency we have a doctor in Cherhlun, but he has been transferred, no new appointment has been made so far. I, therefore, would like to suggest that the Department make more provision for the appointment of Doctors rather than purchase of equipment.

Civil Supplies - there are 4/5 godowns in my constituency, but they are empty, monsoon is coming.

Education, Higher & Technical Education. It seems Hrangbana College will be upgraded to deficit status. Pu Deputy Speaker, if we upgrade only Aizawl Colleges because of population, what will happen to the rural area's colleges. Is population the criteria for upgrade of colleges?

Trade & Commerce, we signed border trade agreement with Myanmar, but Pu Deputy Speaker, there is one point we should remember, foreigners are every where even in the rural areas. Conducting business, in the long run will hamper our society, therefore we should be careful. Thank you.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA H. PAUTU : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is very disappointing to say that since this Government is formed, the Central Government is unable to finalise our Budget on time. Our Budget is heavily dependent on the devolution of fund from the centre. Estimates are temporary and subjected to change when the plan size is finalised as the quantum of fund from the centre cannot be accurately predicted.

First of all, I would like to speak about the deficit gap. As we all know, the financial position of the country on the whole is not stable. When the Central Finance Minister presents the Budget, there was opening deficit of Rs 1,53,637. Pu Deputy Speaker, we are compelled to take loan. I just want to mention that we are not the only state. Pu Deputy Speaker, the mentality of the Mizo people is that, we expect to see the result of any thing that is being done, before it is finalized, we don't have the patient to wait. Pu Deputy Speaker, I just

want to highlight that. For purchase of machineries for passion fruits, Rs 51 lakhs has been kept in the R.E. this is a great achievement. Pu Deputy Speaker, Ministry of Road Transport & National Highway have given technical comment in favour for bamboo link road. DONER has also accepted, therefore sanction is expected before monsoon, asset is made in this way, it will not be wise to mention that we don't have asset. Pu Deputy Speaker, in regard to PMGSY, Mizoram is the first to submit the scheme. We should thank the official and Hon'ble P.W.D. Minister for their effort. It is not only in P.W.D., but under PMGSY, Education, Social Welfare and Health Department we have taken up huge developmental programme in the rural areas, the rural areas have benefited through PMGSY, Pu Deputy Speaker, and through PMGSY, the Health Department is able to purchase Mobile Toilet and equipment, these are great assets that the Government have achieved.

Coming to Electric Department, the Government has taken up Serlui 'B' project which the previous Government have abandoned after investing 5 crores, it is expected to generate 12 mega-watt, and the Bairabi Thermal Power Plant is also stated for completion by October, 2003, and as we know clearance for completion of survey and consultant works for the 80 MW Bairabi Hydro Electric Project have been obtained and all out efforts is taken to start the work.

In Higher & Technical Education, the Government has made assets. 4 colleges have been combined and several private colleges has been upgraded to deficit status. Step has been taken for the construction of college building for Science Residential College at Mualpui. Pu Deputy Speaker there is great progress in the school section too, new buildings have come in the rural area.

Pu Deputy Speaker, due to the effort of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, development is also taking place in border trade. Border trade centre in Zokhawthar and Kawrpuichhuah is also in progress. There are many assets that the Government has made to highlight. Pu Deputy Speaker, as mentioned earlier, since we are unable to have the actual plan size of the Budget, it is difficult to comment. Thank you.

Dr. LALZAMA

: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for allotting me time to speak. It is good to know that there is 282.47 crores supplementary demand. The

Government is able to come up with helpful schemes and projects therefore it is good to know that, we are receiving huge funds from centrally sponsored scheme and non-lapsable pool of central resources. The officials too agree that this Government has received huge funds from the central. The people of the State should also know this. There may be some loose hole here and there as mentioned by the Hon'ble Opposition Leader, I request the Hon'ble Ministers to take note of these points. The Ministry should question itself as to what assets it generating / collecting for the state. The rural areas are well aware of the various assets that this ministry has made. Therefore this Government has collected a huge assets for

the state. Pu Deputy Speaker, Durtlang - Bawngkawn foot-path is example, the people are satisfied, it's a great achievement.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we talk of the high deficit. However, what we should bear in mind is, the Government employees are satisfied with the present ministry as the number of employees covered by LIC loan is the highest in this ministry, 70% of the employees are satisfied with up grade of pay. Pu Deputy Speaker, these are some of the factors why the deficit has gone up. Pu Deputy Speaker, we are receiving 22 crores for rural connectivity, this is another achievement. With this, 250 villages will be made truckable road, this is going to be another huge assets of Mizoram. Then we have the Mizoram Intodelhna Project, for rural areas, this is another asset, as this project belongs to the rural people. With this project many families of rural area will be developed. It is satisfying to mention about the development that is there in Horticulture & Agriculture Department. We talk of Bamboo link road, Passion fruit link road, these are all great achievement. Pu Deputy Speaker once the Bamboo Industry is generated, it will bring great development.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please wait, it is 4:00 P.M. Please complete your sentences.

Dr. LALZAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, just 1 min. It is good to know that we are receiving 5 crores for Serlui 'B' Hydel Project. Lastly, fish seeds are distributed, this is a good sign as this will stop the import of fish from neighbouring states. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have finished our business, Meeting will resume tomorrow at 10:30 A.M.

Sitting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.