

S P E A K E R : Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.
Proverbs 13:11

Now, we shall take questions. Let us call upon Pu F. Lalthanzuala to ask his questions.

P U F. L A L T H A N Z U A L A : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 57 to be replied by the hon'ble Minister of Public Works Department.

- (a) Does the government try to construct bridge across Tuichang river for Hnahthial - Thingsai Road ?
- (b) If so, when will the work be started ?
- (c) What kind of bridge is to be established ?
- (d) Can the bridge allow Truck Full Load to pass on ?
- (e) When will the government make Truckable Road at Khawthlir kham lying between N. Vanlaiphai and Cherhlun ?

P U R. T L A N G H M I N G T H A N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, here is the answers for the questions
M I N I S T E R made by our hon'ble Member.

- (a) Yes, the government is trying to construct bridge across Tuichang river.
- (b) The work will be started from New Financial year.
- (c) The bridge will be suspension bridge.
- (d) Yes, the bridge will allow Truck Full Load to pass on.
- (e) Truckable Road will be made in the next year between N. Vanlaiphai and Cherhlun.

S P E A K E R : Is there any more question ?

P U K. T. R O K H A W : Mr. Speaker Sir, Is suspension bridge dangerous for Truck full load ?

And, Mr. Speaker Sir, our Public Works Department Minister is praiseworthy for they take care of Roads in Aizawl city. So, I hope a bright future for Sourther part of Mizoram too. In my Constituency, the earth work of 4 kms. of Road between Mohreh and Chapui had been completed and the remaining portion is about 8 kms. I, therefore, ask our Minister for the completion of this work during this year ?

And, my next question is that is there any proposal to make new post for Engineering - in - Chief.

S P E A K E R : I would like to request our Members to ask for relevant questions.

P U K. T. R O K H A W : Mr. Speaker Sir, If I am not mistaken, I know that

there will be two posts of Chief Engineer, Is this correct? Will it be expensive to have such offices.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Minister incharge to give answers.

PUR. TLANGHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, this suspension bridge will be designed by the designers with the capacity of 180 metric tons. So, let us hope that it will not be dangerous for truck full load. We preferred suspension bridge to Bailey Bridge as it is cheaper.

And, regarding the remaining work of about 8 kms between Mohreh and Chapui, we give priority there and the work should be done in accordance with our financial condition.

And, regarding the new post for Engineer - in - Chief, proposal is still going on. We proposed to create this new post as least expensive as we can and the post will be occupied by the Secretary in addition to his normal duty. But the Cabinet, Finance and DP & AR agreed to create 2 new posts of Engineer - in - Chief. In this way, the extra expenditure involved will be about 3 lakhs in a year. And, the two said posts will be created by upgrading the existing posts of S.E. and Additional C.E. So, the extra expenditure will not be too much.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Dr. Lalzama to ask starred question no. 58.

DR. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of Industry be pleased to state -

- (a) That, there is a written record of expenditure of Rs. 3,60,000/- by the office of Geology & Mining for soft - ware materials. But there are no materials to be seen practically, what is the reason?
- (b) That, it can be seen that the Geology and Mining Wing consumes a lump sum money of 64 lakhs, besides this they pull Rs. 50 lakhs from non - plan every year. What achievement has been made by them for Mizoram?
- (c) What is the reason that no progress report was submitted by the Field Officers during 1998 - 1999.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Lalhmingthanga hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister incharge Industry Department.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the following are the answers to questions made by our hon'ble Member from Aizawl North - I Constituency.

- (a) Rs. 30,6000/- is used to buy soft ware materials for Geology & Mining Wing. The material can be seen in the office.

- (b) And regarding the expenditure, Geology & Mining usually used Rs. 64 lakhs from Plan Fnd and Rs. 50 lakhs from non-plan fund. Their achievements were as follows : They had started the work of drilling and pumping of underground water. They also provide drinking water. They coordinate with Public Health Engineering Department and Agriculture Department for such purpose.

Besides these, they also examined the geological condition of certain sites whether Industries could be established or not. They also published a book named Status of minerals based Industries in Mizoram. They also studied the geological condition of tremendous landslides at Serchhip, S. Hlimen, Lawngtlai and Saiha. They also studied about earthquakes. In this way, they carried on such helpful works though they had little budget.

- (c) And, regarding progress Reports for the year 1998 - 99, such Report is being prepared by the Field Officers. It is expected to come soon.

DR. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I think our hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister got wrong information. The progress Report of all three quarters in the year 1998 - 1999 are marked as NIL but they had used all their plan Fund, what is the reason? Shall we have investigation? And regarding computer software, they recorded span 6.0 for Rs. 1,63,000/- and spans cartographer for Rs. 1,43,000/-. So, the total amount is Rs. 1,06,000/-. This can be verified by the Computer Engineer. Is it possible to have spot verification?

Besides these, their vehicle with a registration Number of ZRG-2565 is still there in the office garrage, it has only two wheels and some of its parts had been detached. But there is some bills by using this vehicle. This shows that fake bill is submitted. Besides this vehicle, they kept another one named, Direct Kotary, Drilling Rig, which they bought in 1987 but had not functioned since 1989 had four fake bills for repairing which costs Rs. 41750/-. All such bills are made during this year and the vehicles are still standing in front of the Office. Is this possible to verify this immediately?

Lastly, they had Rs. 9 lakhs on last Monday, which was reduced to Rs. 5 lakhs on Tuesday and further to Rs. 1.5 lakhs on Wednesday. Is this witnessed by the hon'ble Minister incharge?

PU R. LALZIRI.IANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, our Ruling Party MLA knows clearly about this department. Therefore, can the Minister promise to take action against this?

ER. K. THANGZUALLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Oil Exploration is going on near by our border, which is called Bhubandar Structure and this covers about 7.5 sq.kms. within Mizoram and Petroleum Sharing contract had already been signed for this. Petroleum Exploration License is required to ask from Central. But this license has not been asked till now and this greatly affect the work. What is the reason for this?

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, the people of Lungzarhtum and Bualpui were busy about diamonds which they found around their villages. I know that Geology & Mining wing had verification last year, but the result of their verification has not been published. So, may I ask our Minister to tell us the result in this House ?

PU F. LALTHANZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, some years ago there was a new about the existence of lime near the village of Thingsai and an approach Road had also been made. But there has not been any news about this. What step should be made by this government about this ?

S P E A K E R : Now, we shall call upon the Minister incharge. Some of our questions are not relevant, but it will be good if he can answer or if he cannot let us understand him.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the supplementary question
DY. CHIEF MINISTER made by hon'ble Member from Aizawl North - I, I also got same information as he received. The total amount of software costs Rs. 306000/-. So, I called them and Superintendent Officer and one Geologist came to my office with their newly bought software materials. Being a layman politician I know not much about computer and those who came to my office said that they did not cheat me. Besides this, it was accompanied by Recording Key and instruction manual made by the Research Institute Ottawa, Canada, TYDAC. So, I believed in what they said.

And, the next question regarding the "Drilling Rig" I also know about this and I had a spot verification one day where I also saw one truck vehicle, it seemed to come across great accident. This truck had also been standing since a very long time. And regarding the fake bills I want to give assurance to the House that action will be taken if there is something wrong.

Regarding the Progress Report there can be different views, and I didnot check whether there is such Report from every individual or not. But, there are something that we feel as progress such are - Geology & Mining Wing had found some varieties of lime stone at Muthi hill near Tuirial, some places around Seling, N. Vanlaiphai, Lungrang and Rualleng of Chawngte Road. They had examined them and cutting and polishing had also been done. Here I bring one sample of such stone. This sample is found in Muthi hill. They recognized this granite for building purposes and for Mizoram State production. They also submitted their Reports to the NEC Meeting during the previous Ministry and fund was also allocated. Cutting machine is also to be set up at Zemabawk for this purpose. Proposals for transportation of this raw material and the process of preservation were also made. Besides, they also participated in the Bangalore Exhibition where they located the residential and addresses of those who appreciated this stone. So, Geology & Mining Wing had done so many valuable things. Thus, the most important thing that I would like to point out is that Geology Report and financial expenditure are very important and serious thing. We will look at them and I will try to inform each and everyone of us, during this current session if possible.

And regarding Oil Exploration as mentioned by Pu K. Thangzuala, hon'ble Member from Serchhip Constituency, Oil Exploration is purely under the Central Subject and this is taken up by ONGC. Only classified is our task. So, we cannot go deeply in this regard. But we will take steps for license, our Geologists also showed me the xerox copy of their documents necessary to have license. I will study about this. And, we also think that Natural Gas is found at Vapar near Vairengte and Bagha but any investigation done by ONGC is kept in secret so, we get no official information about this. Although we have correspondence now we have not yet received any information till today.

And regarding question from Pu Zakhu Hlychho, hon'ble Member from Saiha Constituency, I have not asked for any information. So, I cannot give any official report in this august House, anyway, I will enquire this and I will try to give Reports to every Member.

And regarding the question asked by Pu Lalthanzuala, hon'ble Member from Hnahthial Constituency, lime stones are found at many places in Mizoram. But the lime content is not high enough to be used in cement Industry. For Industry, it is required atleast 45% of lime content in the stone. Most of our lime stone had about 15%, 20%, 25%, 30% of lime. So, they are not desirable for Cement Industry.

ER. K. THANGZUALLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask supplementary questions. In the year 1998-99 we have Rs.18,00,000/- for underground water investigation, but we know that the drilling rig (machine) is not capable to work. Can the hon'ble Minister investigate this ?

And, under Geology & Mining Wing we have many officers and staff having high calibre and even Doctorate Degree, they eagerly want to work for our state. But they cannot exercise their ability. What is the reason ? I would like to ask our Minister to investigate this too.

DR. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask supplementary questions from the answers given by our hon'ble Minister. Can the Computer Engineer (expert) enquire the software materials ? And as I said earlier about Rs. 9 lakhs that had become lapse within a week on the ground of different bills. Can this be verified too. And, I also want to request our Minister to enquire their account because they spend all their plan fund but their progress report is remarked as NIL.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA :
H. PAUTU : Mr. Speaker Sir, although this is not relevant I would like to ask one question that there is Coal Deposit near the village of Buang in Khawbung Constituency. Is this verify by Geology & Mining Wing ? If so, what is its potential ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA :
DY. CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, as requested by our hon'ble Members Investigation must be done on Rs. 18 lakhs for underground water, Rs. 6.5 lakhs for Geo-technical survey,

and regarding computer software materials, I also want to employ computer experts to enquire this. I will also enquire the expenditure of Rs. 9 lakhs in a week. The results should be circulated to every member for information. And as said by hon'ble Member from Serchhip, I also want to know what is the deadlock or the reason, steps will be taken in this regard. And regarding Coal Deposit near the village of Buang, spot verification is now going on.

S P E A K E R : It is very great as the Minister incharge gives assurance. Let this be noted by the Assurance Committee. Now, we shall go to next question. Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, to ask starred question no. 59.

P U R. L A I Z I R L I A N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of Food & Civil Supply Department be pleased to reply starred question no. 59.

- (a) What is the price of each break up like Sales Tax, Commission, etc. in a cylinder of LPG ?
- (b) Can the LPG Distributors fulfill Home delivery in accordance to the existing Act.
- (c) If Home delivery is impossible now, can the Government help them to distribute LPG Cylinder as Area Demarcation system for the convenience of the people ?

P U A I C H H I N G A M I N I S T E R : Mr. Speaker Sir, here is the answer to question asked by hon'ble Member from Saitual Constituency.

- (a) Regarding the price of LPG Cylinder :
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| Billing Price | - | Rs. | 133.32 |
| Bank Commission | - | Rs. | 0.40 |
| Loading of Empty cylinder | - | Rs. | 0.50 |
| MST | - | Rs. | 14.40 |
| Profit Margin | - | Rs. | 9.91 |
| Selling Price | - | Rs. | 158.53 |

(b) Home Delivery cannot be fulfilled till today.

(c) Area Demarcation had been done and our Government is taking steps for the convenience of the people to buy LPG cylinder.

S P E A K E R : Now, we shall go to starred question no. 60. Let us call upon Pu Zakhu Hlychho.

P U Z A K H U H L Y C H H O : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of Forest & Environment be pleased to reply starred question no. 60.

- (a) Does the Supreme Court make Prohibition Order of cutting down and selling of Forest wood ?
- (b) If so, what permit is used by the sawers of Mizoram to saw timbers?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Rualchhina, Minister to give answer.

P U R U A L C H H I N A M I N I S T E R : Mr. Speaker Sir, here is the answer to starred question no. 60.

(a) The Supreme Court makes Prohibition Order of cutting down and selling of Forest Wood.

(b) After the Supreme Court issued such order, no permit is given by Forest Department to anyone. Therefore, every sawer in Mizoram has no permit.

P U R. L A L Z I R L I A N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary questions, we have many problems because of this Supreme Court order. Anyway, if we try to obey this order, can the staff of Forest Department go to the jungle to prevent illegal cutting and sawing of forest woods rather than working in the check gate only? The staff of Excise Department also go to the jungle to perform their duty.

Secondly, regarding the selling permit of Teak, many Teak are newly cut down and stocked in the Bairabi Railhead. Those Teaks are not owned by an individual. Does the Forest Department issue selling order to their staffs?

P U Z A K H U H I Y C H H O : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask supplementary questions. After the Supreme Court had issued such order selling of timber is still going on. When I heard Timber sellers had a strike in Aizawl, I also did some verification as much as I can. According to report that I received, the staff of Forest Department such as R.O. and Foresters often escort their seized timbers and they charged about Rs. 5000/- per trip. Besides this Rs. 3000/- is also required to go through checkgate. Thus, about Rs. 8000/- is needed to take a trip of timber. Does the Minister know about this?

And, my next question is that some teak permit holders abuse their permit by sawing other varieties of trees rather than teak. Is the government aware of this?

Thirdly, forest fire frequently occurs in Mizoram this year. There are such fire to be seen almost everynight. In my point of view, I think forest fire will be more dangerous factor to destroy our environment than sawing of timber. So, I would like to ask what steps are taken by our Minister in this direction? I have a great hope from his TV interview, but practically forest fire occurs frequently. Was he satisfied with his interview only?

P U C. L A L R I N S A N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, although I know that my question is not deeply related to our current discussion, I would like to take opportunity. Forest Department had sanctuary in my constituency at Pangzawl which is called Khawnglung Sanctuary. This sanctuary area covers beyond Tuichang river including Tlangpan area which is the main spot for cultivation. Consequently, our farmers had problem this year. The main reason, from my

view, is due to the extension of this sanctuary area. So, I would like to ask for any possible way to solve the problem faced by our farmers.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, what would be the rate of such seized timbers? And, is it possible to sell such timbers to the owners as they use timber for their livelihood?

PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding forest fire, prevention is still going on, but it occurs secretly and accidentally. We never locate which site will be burnt. And another point regarding the sales permit of Teak, our Department never issue such permission to our staff. If there are some staff involved in such illegal business we do not acknowledge them. And regarding the question asked by hon'ble Member from Saiha Constituency. Our Government did not know about the expenditure of Rs. 5000/- or Rs. 3000/- per trip of timber. And cutting of tree other than teak by permit holder is also illegal. So, action should be taken if we found them out. They are still searching.

And, we are all interested in forest fire, we try our level best for its prevention, awareness campaign is done many times through radio and television. We also form committee with the help of V/C and other voluntary organisations to prevent forest fire. But our preventive measures may be insufficient due to financial problems.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, forest fire occurs frequently, is there anybody who got punishment in connection with forest fire?

PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is very difficult to find out those who set fire in the forest although we want to find out. So, we have not found out anybody in this regard. It is very difficult to prevent forest fire for the staffs of Forest Department only. The main reason from my view of forest fire is due to dry weather and especially we suffered draught this year. So, it can occur due to nature.

And regarding Khawnglung Sanctuary, I do not know any extension proposal of this sanctuary. Now, this sanctuary covers 41 sq. kms. So, I know no additional problem for the village inhabitants. And regarding the price of timber seized by the Department as mentioned by hon'ble Member from Tuipang Constituency, it is difficult to point out the exact figure of its price. It will depend on the variety of tree and there will be different prices for Aizawl City and other villages. It will usually be Rs. 140 per cubic in Aizawl. We also try to sell such seized timbers at low rate to the owners and association, but it is difficult to make agreements. It is due to the issue of order by the Supreme Court.

SPEAKER : Let me discuss very little points, as we know that this year we are suffering from dry weather and draught. This helps forest fire greatly. Although our Ministers

of Forest Department and Local Administration Department tried very hard to prevent forest fire. I wish them to try harder and harder, it will be good for our whole state.

Now, Question Hour is over, we shall go to our next Business. We shall discuss about Budget. We shall call upon our Chief Minister and Finance Minister to move Supplementary Demands for 1998 - 1999.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, with the recommendation
CHIEF MINISTER of the Governor and with your kind permission, I hereby move the Supplementary Grant Demand for 1998 - 1999 in this august House. Totally it is Rs. 2,56,68,15,000/ Mr. Speaker Sir, shall I read out its detail?

S P E A K E R : No need to read out in detail. It is enough to move in general.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish this august House
CHIEF MINISTER to agree with it, we all have the copy. It contains 50 pages, so it will take a very long time to read out in detail. I, therefore, move the Supplementary Grant Demand for 1998 - 1999 in a lump.

S P E A K E R : Now, the hon'ble Chief Minister had moved the Supplementary Demand for 1998 - 1999, we all have its copy. Then, we will have discussion and after that our Chief Minister will wind up our discussion.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, this Supplementary Demand mostly contains Bills. The total salary of government employees is Rs. 10,57,26,000/-. Is this required to pass in our demand? Let him explain Central Sponsored Scheme (CSS) and State contribution. Here, only CSS amounts to Rs. 70,30,000/-. Is it required to pass in this House? The Central Government is going to sponsor that amount of money for Mizoram.

And some of those requirement can be included in the budget. If we look at different demands, we can know that our leaders did not care about Rural budget. So, I would like to request them to estimate budgets carefully. Regarding office equipments, the concerned department should think about their requirement at the time of budget preparation. But, this year, what will be our requirement in the midst of the financial year? And loan interest is too high for public. We cannot refuse the state because it was expenditure of all the bills incurred. So, what I request the hon'ble Finance Minister and Chief Minister at the time of preparation of the budget is to see to the entire requirement of the department concerned. It should be reflected so that we may have no more deficit.

Thank you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have some questions to be replied by our Finance Minister. Firstly, we see Rs. 849.38

lakhs as additional requirement for BADP in demand no. 54. I think that BADP is funded by Central Government. What is the reason for the requirement of such amount of money? Is this for State matching share?

Next, demand no. 46, it appeared that Rs. 1482.71 lakhs is required as additional fund for Tourism. This is too much. It is higher than our total budget. And demand no. 53 also reflexed additional fund requirement of Rs. 230 lakhs for MAMCO. What is the reason for this? They did not buy ginger this year.

Public Works Department (PWD) is also given an additional fund of Rs. 2524.58 lakhs. This is too high. What is the reason? Some departments had Rs. 20 lakhs, 40 lakhs, 50 lakhs, etc.

ER. K. THANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to express some few points. Here, we see that in the demand no. 2 page 3, Rs. 1 lakh is spent for repairing Raj Bhawan. But, Raj Bhawan is looked after by the PWD. What is the reason for spending this amount of money by themselves? And regarding demand no 16, Rs. 24 crores is used by Civil Supplies as additional. But the reason is not shown clearly in the explanatory notes.

And regarding Medical Department we see demand no. 26 in page 50, Rs. 103.21 lakhs is used for machineries and equipments. But they are not shown in the explanatory notes below. At the same time, every hospital has bad equipments. In last December, one person died in the Police Custody who was arrested due to liquor. His relatives asked for medical postmortem on his death. But the Doctor told them that they had no equipment and he tried to refer to Aizawl, which was too much difficult for them as they were poor family. So, they buried him without postmortem but their sentiment was very hurt. Such is the condition of our hospitals. So, it is difficult to understand the above additional requirement.

And page 76, demand no. 39 also reveals that Rs. 5 crores is required for Mat Valley Project under Soil & Water Conservation Department. But, there is no such project to be seen there. How did they spend this amount of money? And regarding demand no. 46, Power & Electricity requires Rs. 14.82 crores for Tourist Lodge. Did this Department has Tourist Lodge?

Demand no. 54 also reveals that Rs. 25.24 crores is used by PWD for Building and Road construction. Do we work as our plan? If we spend money excessively our Supplementary Demand will increase to 50 crores or more. But past is past. I wish this will give us lessons in future.

PU C. SANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask some questions regarding Supplementary Demands. Is it possible to make sufficient demands to meet all our requirements if we are going to prepare supplementary demands? Some works are only suitable for the spring season. For example, regarding demand no. 13, for District Administration, I would like to make Supplementary Demands to be sufficient for all newly declared Districts.

And regarding demand no. 19 for Local Administration Department and demand no. 54 for Public Works Department I would like to make sufficient demands to cover all important works that can be done only during this spring season. Can we

propose sufficient amount of money for that? And lastly, I would like to ask, Is there any surplus money from our main budget?

Thank you.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to request our Finance Minister to explain -

- (a) That most of our Supplementary Demands from various department contain Additional D.A. i.e., Rs. 22% of pay. But additional D.A. for Horticulture is only 20% as shown in demand no. 37. What is the reason of this difference?
- (b) Demand no. 6 does not contain the fixed rate and explanatory note shows that different percentage are used to fix the rate. What is the reason?
- (c) That most of our supplementary budget for works are generally Plan Fund. Is such plan fund money sanctioned as additional or Do we use in advance for the next year?

Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if we look at our Supplementary Demand, vehicle repairing needs Rs. 30 lakhs for various departments such as Supply Department, Social Welfare, Fisheries Department, etc. So, I would like to ask question that Is there any way to look after Governments Vehicles more strict than before?

When we go to vehicle workshops we can see that government Bills are generally higher than private Bills. This mal - practice is done by some workshops who got favour from our Ministers. So, I wish our government to establish vehicle workshops to avoid such mal - practice and over expenditure for repairing vehicles.

S P E A K E R : If there any no more Members to speak, we shall call upon our Minister incharge to wind up and let him beg to pass his Demand.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as we know, our Supplementary Demand is very high. It amounts to Rs. 256 crores. This is because, we carried on our Government without knowing the plan size and we passed our budget
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Vote on Account, such was our condition for some years. Generally, in our budgeting system, there are some fund to be released but not convenient to include in the budget. Such funds are included in the Supplementary Demand. And regarding Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CCS), there are voted and charged in the budget. For example, our Governor's expenditure are charged it does not need to be passed in this House, but other expenditure, though from Centrally Sponsored Scheme require approval of the House. On the other hand, we need to make proposal and scheme to receive money from CCS. Thus, Supplementary Demand is required to receive CSS. There are many crores of money under such system. Similarly, we did not know how much we would get for GAD and BADP, while making budget. But it came in thousands of laks after passing our budget. So, we included this in the Supplementary Demands and this made our Supplementary Demand very high.

And, as we all know that our Ministry is newly established and we had been taking up our portfolios for one or two months only, the main budget was drafted before we formed this ministry. Therefore, we are not aware in detail. So, it will be difficult for all of us to give complete answers to every question unless good preparation is done through departmental enquiry. But today, we are in the latter part of this financial year. So, this Supplementary Demand containing more than 50 Demands as required by various departments in addition to their main budget is prepared.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this Supplementary Demand is drafted to adjust our general budget initiated by the previous Ministry. In other days, questions are generally submitted before 15 days from the date of discussion and every Minister had enough time for preparation. But today, all the raising questions are not possible to answer in detail. And regarding vehicle repairing, we think about every possible way to minimize our expenditure even the establishment of Government workshop. The best way that we choose in this regard is privatisation scheme, steps are being taken in this direction.

As I said earlier, there is no time to discuss our demands point by point, that is why I explained in general. There is one thing important that while general budget is drafted we never know how much sanction will come from the Central government as CSS. This inevitably made change in our demands. And as I said that there are differences in 'voted' and 'starred'. So, the total requirement which I have to beg leave of this House to vote is different from the copy that we keep. Let this be noticed by our Members. Mr. Speaker Sir, I, therefore, beg leave of the House to pass this Supplementary Demand containing Rs. 256,68,15,000/- only.

S P E A K E R : Now, before we pass our Demand I would like to say some few points. There are some mistakes while giving serial number. The total demand is 53 not 54, so, the total amount of money required in our copy is Rs. 26881.81 lakhs but we have to deduct 'charged' if so, the total demand will be as mentioned by our finance Minister. I wish this will not happen again in this House.

Now, our Supplementary Demand for 1998 - 99 is Rs. 25668.15 lakhs. Those who agree say 'yes' and those who disagree say 'no'. Yes, it is passed.

We shall go to our next business, let the Finance Minister move Vote on Account for our expenditure for four months.

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, with the recommendation of the
C H I E F M I N I S T E R Governor of Mizoram and with your permission I move Demand no. 1 - 10 and 12 - 55 containing our expenditure for the month of April, May, June and July 1999 totally Rs. 269,62,54,000 in this august House.

S P E A K E R : Vote on Account means permission to expend money before we pass the general budget. So, let him beg leave of the House to pass.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your agreement and the
CHIEF MINISTER permission of this House, I beg leave of this
august House to pass Demand no. 1 - 10 and
12 - 55 for our expenditure during the month
of April, May, June and July 1999 totally Rs.
269,62,54,000 only.

S P E A K E R : Those who agree the said Vote on Account say
'yes'. Now, it is passed. But we need another
permission to expend that amount of money.
Now, let our Minister beg leave of the House
to introduce 'The Mizoram Appropriation No.
1 Bill, 1999'.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave of this House to intro-
CHIEF MINISTER duce 'The Mizoram Appropriation No. 1 Bill, 1999'.

Mr. Speaker Sir, with your agreement I hereby introduce Rs. 268,81,81,000/
- of the Mizoram Appropriation No. 1 Bill, 1999 in this House.

Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission and with the consent of this House I
beg leave of the House to pass Rs. 268,81,81,000/- of the Mizoram Appropriation No. 1 Bill,
1999.

S P E A K E R : Those who agree to pass the Mizoram Appropriation
No. 1 Bill, 1999 say 'yes'. It is passed. Similarly, we
need to pass the Mizoram Appropriation No. 2 Bill,
1999 to allow to sanction money from Vote on Account which we have passed. So, let the
Chief Minister beg leave of the House to introduce it.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission and with the
CHIEF MINISTER consent of this House, I hereby beg leave of the
House to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation No. 2
Bill, Vote on Account 1999 containing Rs.
304,37,04,000/-.

S P E A K E R : Do we agree? Let the Bill be introduced.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I, hereby, introduce the Mizoram
CHIEF MINISTER Appropriation Vote on Account No. 2 Bill, 1999
containing Rs. 304,37,04,000/- in this House.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed to the Members. We need
no discussion. So, let him beg to pass.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, our House Leader promised to dis-
tribute expenditure liabilities of our Government some
days ago, but we have not yet received till now. So,

let this be explained first as it relates with our business today.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we will distribute the copy of the
CHIEF MINISTER expenditure liabilities. Though it relates with this Vote
on Account it does not make any change. So, Mr.
Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass Vote on
Account for our expenditure for four months (April, May, June and July) containing
Rs. 304,37,04,000/- in this august House.

S P E A K E R : Do we agree to pass the Mizoram Appropriation Vote
on Account No. 2 Bill, 1999 as begged by our
Finance Minister? Those who agree to pass say 'yes'.
Not, it is passed.

Now, we shall start Budget Discussion. As usual norms in the parlia-
ment and other states we shall call upon Opposition Leader first which is to be followed
by other Memebtrs and time will be arranged for 15 minutes each.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for calling me first. Today
we shall discuss a very important subject because this
budget will show how our Leaders work for the peo-
ple. So, I hope that we can see the steps taken by our government in this budget. The
first point that I would like to mention is the speech of our Chief Minister which I still
remember that 'living without Delhi Drip' but which is clashed by his budget statement
in para III he said that 'we are heavily dependent on the evolution of fund of the Central
Government for Government plan and expenditure'. In this way we always said about
special category status. He further said regarding 10% fro State own source that 'It is
hardly 10% of the total receipt'. So, our speech to the people is quite different from our
aims to govern our State. Our government needs to realised itself in this regard.

And the next point that I would like to point out is 'Peace Bonus'. So,
we, the people of Mizoram eagerly wait for Peace Bonus. As said by our Chief Minister
in this House that special committee is emergently formed by the Central Officer to
issue Peace Bonus for Mizoram. But now when I examine his budget speech it is here
written that 'Accordingly a committee of group of Officers had been set up by the
Ministry of Finance, Government of India, through our efforts to make recommendation
for resolving the financial crisis being faced by the Government of Miozram'. Therefore,
I would like to say that such committee was formed not for making Peace Bonus but
to solve our financial crisis only. Thus, we can see that his speech infront of the people
is different from his budget speech.

Next, I would like to ask that Rs. 100 crore was brought by our Chief
Minister for what purpose? When I asked the break up of this 100 crores, he said that
it was 101 crores. But today it is only 70 crores as shown in the Budget. Is there any
missing money here?

And, Mr. Speaker Sir, one important thing that I would like to point out
is that our Chief Minister said that we should start our budget a from 'zero base'. It is

very great for our state if we can do this. But para 15 of his speech reveals that we have 126.11 crores of opening deficit and our closing deficit at the end of this financial year will be Rs. 157.35 crores. This also contrasts zero based Budgeting. This clearly shows that our government will be going deficit system.

And, Mr. Speaker Sir, we often said that the previous Congress Ministry had too much deficit. It might be true. If we work more the deficit will also be more. Every government in the world had deficit. Indian Government also has more than 60 lakh crores of deficit. The most advanced state in India - Punjab also has deficit of Rs. 12,000 crores to the Central Government. So, it is not shameful to have deficit for developmental programme. For example, I would like to build my own house in Aizawl but I have no money. So, this office gave me a loan of Rs. 5 lakhs and I can build my house. Is this shameful for me?

I also would like to point out that our Chief Minister had missed more than 10 Departments in his budget speech. What is the reason? Did he forget such Departments? It is written in the Governor's speech that 'My Government is keenly aware of the need for human resource development of which Education is the primary input'. Therefore, Education will be given high priority as it is constitutional obligation. But Education is seen nowhere in the budget speech. Is this not wonderful? Similarly, Transport, Co-operation and many more are not included in his speech, should not he work in such Departments? So, his budget speech is unhopeful.

And very serious thing which I would like to point out is that we have three Autonomous District Councils in Mizoram, which are settled under the 6th Schedule of the Indian Constitution. They had been included in every budget speech since the time of UT. But today they are not included in the Governor's Speech and Chief Minister's Speech. This is very wonderful. If we do not care for minorities in our state it can sow the seed of disintegration. Some years ago, your right siders while they sat in the left side moved to abolish these District Committee but I was against them strongly. But today, they changed their seat and thus, Autonomous District Councils are not included in the Budget Speech. So, I think that it is not good to help them to pass this budget. And, next, Mr. Speaker Sir, we have experienced different ministries even MNF and PC had formed Ministry in Mizoram. During every Ministry Deficit is inevitable because the Central Government issues 90% of our budget as grant-in-aid and the remaining 10% is marked as deficit. Therefore, deficit will not be a great issue to blame each other. Anyway, it is good to have proper principle for good governance. During the previous Ministry, we also had proposal for fifth Pay Commission with the help of the Central Government. But today, there is no any provision to follow fifth pay commission for the Government's Servants. So, there is no hope for the Government employees.

And, Mr. Speaker Sir, the other points which I would like to express is Law and Order situation in our state. Our Chief Minister often said that Mizoram is the most peaceful State in India, and priority should be given to maintain peace whatever the cost may be. But practically, I am sorry for hearing today's news. So, I wish our leaders not to be content enough in their speech but to include in the budget to show how Law and Order is to be carried on. There is no provision relating to Law and Order in the budget. When we look at the outline of the budget we can see that lower plan is made for every department to which high priority is promised by our Governor in his speech, such Departments are Agriculture, Horticulture, etc. In Horticulture Department budget is estimated to 593 lakhs last year but it is 522 lakhs only this year. And regarding Labour & Employment, it will be very irksome for the Minister incharge as their budget of 167 lakhs last year decreases to 150 lakhs this year.

Similarly, Social Welfare Department also decreases from Rs. 839 lakhs to 669 lakhs this year. Therefore, our speech is greatly in contrast with this budget booklet. So, this budget is not fit to be passed unless great consideration is taken.

Thank you.

PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am happy today for listening to our Finance Minister's speech. From the speech of our Opposition Leader there might be some mistake on deficit ground. Deficit is one of the most prevalent words from the previous ministry. We never oppose deficit itself but we rather think about the reason. The reason for our deficit as said by our former Finance Minister is due to luxurious style of life. This is very shameful for all of us. Therefore, if we have deficit there should be proper reason for that. Our state has no good resource. So, deficit system is inevitable to some extent. For all these reasons I appreciate our Chief Minister's speech for trying to adopt progressive steps to introduce living without 'Delhi Drip'. This is very great, I really welcome this new programme.

Besides this, our state faces financial crisis which checks everybody. But I am proud of our Chief Minister for he tries his best to solve this financial crisis. Due to his efforts Finance Ministry of Central Government immediately formed special committee to deal about peace bonus for our state. It can be thought that our previous Ministry had left too much deficit without proper reason. Therefore, the Central Government might not release money for us. But it is too great for this new ministry for receiving helps from the Central Government. Another point that I still remember is our Chief Minister's speech to the Central Government. He told them that if they could solve our current financial crisis, our state will be able to go without the help of the Central Government. I think there are no other Chief Ministers to give challenge to the Central Government like our Chief Minister.

And regarding Agriculture Department, budget estimate is less than last year while priority will be given to this department. This shows that he should work more with less money. This will be shown in action. And regarding District Council, they have their normal way to function as they are Autonomous Council (other Members rise their voice) I said about our budget of Demand no. 31. So, why do you disturb me ? Now, we are having budget discussion.

S P E A K E R : Please, listen to the speech. You all have right to speech. Do not disturb others.

PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : I am speaking about District Council. Here in demand no. 31. We can see that Rs. 1385 lakhs is estimated for Lai District Council, Rs. 1219 lakhs for Mara District Council and Rs. 742 lakhs for Chakma District Council. The management will be done by themselves from this amount of money. This budget provides the need for good administration and development. So, I feel satisfy in our budget as introduced by our Chief Minister and I hope we all agree to pass.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Time is now nearly 1 : 00 P.M. So, we will have recess and meeting will be resumed at 2 : 00 P.M.

Recess at 1 : 00 P.M.

2 : 30 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We shall continue our budget discussion. Now we shall call upon Pu K. Vanlalauva.

P U K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for sparing me. I would like to discuss two demands only. We all know that there was something happening yesterday. Therefore, there are many things to discuss in the Police Department because there are many important things in their hands. We all want to equip our policemen with better equipments. I am sorry for we cannot provide better equipments. Police Department will always be important for every Ministry and for everybody. Although we try our best for this department, it is not sufficient. As we know that our state budget is to be distributed among various departments.

When we look back at yesterday's incidence, there may be some points to blame the government but I am not going to speak about this, I rather want to show that they require more and more facilities. We better think that we must provide better equipments to our police departments to fight against the insurgents of our neighbouring states. For this purpose, I want to increase the number of our policemen and to give better training. Training is very important, I know this from my experience. Mr. Speaker Sir, that's all for demand no. 14.

I also want to discuss demand no. 22 about School Education. Although we cannot point out a detail programme for the progress of School Education the need of Mizoram in this regard is better facility for the existing institutions. For example, in Farkawn Village, the building of comprehensive Middle School cannot accomodate the students, so they establish new school where they enroll 105 students. I witness this when I visit their school. I think the same problem will be faced by other localities. So, I would like to request our government to keep in mind about this. Also in another village called Thekte, the teacher had no space in the classroom and he gives teaching from the veranda when they had good attendance. Therefore, I would like to use our budget to equip the existing schools.

I also want to discuss about the usefulness of operation Blackboard System. This is very great. I would like to request our Education Department to think about their importance when their term is over. Being a member from rural constituency, I had many things to say. I still remember the speech of one hon'ble Minister of the previous Ministry that he summoned the School teachers at Vanapa Hall and he told them not to hesitate to be transferred to outside Aizawl. But other Ministers and their relatives helped many teachers for making some excuse not to be transferred. I think this would be true. When we compare schools in Aizawl and other villages there are somethings to be explained.

There are many private High Schools. In my Constituency only, there are five private High Schools. It is inevitable. Because many villages want to have High School in their own village. Therefore, I would like to use our budget for the progress of our education.

PU C. SANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Being a new one, there are many questions for me. Our Opposition Leader had pointed out some mistakes, but studying our budget as a whole I really praise it because I know that our leaders try to lead us to our ideal goal. Some days ago, when I visit other states I saw many old calendars in a parcel which was used to print TA Form, this gave me the spirit of thrift and I told our leaders when I returned home. When I approach our budget from this side I am happy and I hope we can reach further with less expenditure where others could not reach with too much money. Let me express some points which are important from my opinion.

Demand no. 27, Water Supply and Sanitation is very important every locality of Aizawl faces water problems. So, I would like to request our Department to make arrangement to solve this water problem before implementing Aizawl Greater Water Supply Phase - II. Anyway, water is one of our basic needs for life and health, it is not good to distribute unequally. We had faced problem some days ago in my constituency - Saikhamakawn when one house was burnt there was no water to extinguish the fire. I also want to cover suburban regions too under our budget.

I would like to sum up demand no. 19 and no. 54 Local Administration Department and Public Works Department respectively as these two Departments are responsible to shape the town. So, I agree to give more budgets for these Departments. I also request our department to make Black Top Road beyond Kulikawn through Ngaizel area. This is the wish of every people who live in my constituency. And regarding the whole city of Aizawl, I wish to make new roads and connecting links between roads and roads as they had done in Shillong city.

Next, let us see demand no. 26, Medical Department. This Department is very important. It needs improvement in its service as well as facilities. Our Hospital cannot provide free medicines since a very long time, which makes our Hospital affordable for the rich people only. I want to make proposal to avoid this bad system I also want to request our leaders to give priority to Kulikawn Hospital. I would like to mention about our Police Department. As said by hon'ble Member from Khawbung constituency they accidentally met misfortune yesterday, we are sorry for this. So, I want to provide our police force better facilities to avoid such incidents. If it is possible I wish them to perform border duty in place of BSF. When I visit the Karnaphuli river, I saw many Duty Post on the bank of Bangladesh side but not even a single post on the side of Mizoram.

I also want to discuss about demand no. 36 on which our House Leader paid priority. I wish for an economic self-sufficiency in our state. So, I think there has been proper guidance to promote our agricultural product. I also want to emphasize such guidance for the farmers of Aizawl South too. I think that Agriculture and its allied Departments are most convenient for our state to become self-sufficient.

We all know that money is not available as water in the sea. Therefore, I would like to request our leaders to make arrangement wisely when the real Plan-size comes. I want to advise them to utilise our plan fund economically to fulfill important programmes.

Let me express some points on Education Department. Some private School eagerly waited for Deficit standard for a very long time. For example, I now one private High School in Venghnuai, they still have good results in HSLC Examination. So, I request our Department Officers to remember this School. If we make proposals

wisely our State plan fund can work more. And, one thing, which is very important is demand no. 33, Social Welfare Department. Their budget is not sufficient enough. This department deals with the reformation of Social evils. Their programme is important to heal the whole nation. So, let us hope that another fund will come soon from the Central Government.

Dr. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is very important for all of us to know that this is not our final budget. The most important thing that I would like to do first is to take steps to minimize our expenditure for the rent of government's office. There are many places convenient for the site of office in my constituency, Aizawl N-I. The cost must be lower than crowded places in the middle of the city. This is good to avoid huge expenditure.

And, regarding Sports Department our younger people are interested in sports and their skills are progressing very fast. Therefore, it is necessary to equip our play grounds with better facilities. But, here, budget for this department is too less. So, we need to make progressive measures in this sphere.

Secondly, we have included issueing of Identity Card. In our election manifesto, I wish to do this hastily. Because, our fellow Brus had returned from Tripura, some infiltrators can enter Mizoram along with those returnees. Identity Card is very important to differentiate foreigners from our fellow citizens. Such case might be arose among our Gurkhali brothers and among Chakmas. This will be the implementation of our Peace Accords and it is important to avoid our future problems about infiltration.

I would also like to revive Mizo Signal Corp which had been functioned in Mizoram some years ago. There are many ways for their importance. I wish this to revive again under the proper guidance of the government, I also think we are deeply depended on Telephones but there are many places out of the reach of telephones, besides, signal corp can help in failure of telephones too.

Next, let me speak about Drinking water. Water is not available in the town especially in my constituency. Therefore, I would like to make proposals to pump out Kawrbel Lui to Neihbawi Hill, Survey has been finished for this and it will be very useful for the people who live in Durtlang and Kawnpui Constituency. It is important to give Drinking water to Durtlang, Sihphir, Zemabawk as they are the supplier of food items for our capital, Aizawl. Next, I want to give compensation to the victims of the insurgency.

I also want to pay high attention to our internal Roads especially Durtlang - Bawngkawn and the road to Kawnpui, these roads are very important and I want to do widening of these road in cooperation with BRTE. Lastly, I praise our governments policy for self sufficiency. In this regard I would like to advise our government to investigate the reason of poverty and the way to eradicate poverty among our people.

Thank you.

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to mention about our Chief Minister's Budget speech No. 1 - 10 that reflexes our financial problem. As we all know that our

state faces financial problem since some years ago. The then Finance Minister of the previous Ministry did not deny this problem. But, today, this new Ministry with the efforts of our Chief Minister can prepare normal budget. This is very great. I also praise our Chief Minister for his steps taken to start from zero base budget and also for his efforts to give priority to important departments. Besides our Chief Minister also suggests various departments to make policies under Central Sponsor Scheme.

I also support the efforts of our Chief Minister to introduce Externally Aided Project as much as possible. This is very important for our state to make various development in addition to our normal budget. It is also very exciting to hear 'living without Delhi Drip' mentioned by our Chief Minister. This wording will be very exciting to hear for the Central Government too. We have to search for sources of our own. Now, it is time to try our level best with the spirit of ownership to have more revenue within our state. This does not mean we will abandon Central assistance. It rather implies that we have to create sources of revenue for our state. It is good to give instructions to our people.

I would also like to point out another step taken by our Chief Minister. He succeeded in his aim to make the Central Government to form Committee of Group Officers to reward peaceful state like Mizoram which we called as Peace Bonus. This is very great. For all these reasons I really support our budget, today, and, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to mention that we are, today, legislators but we are too weak to make Acts. So, I am sorry for we cannot spare more times to make Acts though we need many Acts for our state. For this purpose, we have peace Accord which contains many provisions to make Acts for our state. For example, ownership and transfer of Land, Government of Mizoram has supreme power but we have not yet legislate this till today.

In the sphere of Religion too, we have proper guidelines in the Constitution. But we have not made any Act suitable for our state. And, regarding Inner Line Regulation, we still follow our old Act introduced during the period of the British in India. Therefore, it will be our duty to make Acts for our state under the provisions of our Peace Accord as much as possible during our term.

Lastly, let me discuss about the problems faced by my constituency, Khawzawl. During the 10 years of the previous Ministry the people of my constituency thought that they were neglected by the Ministry in every sphere. Some of our High Schools have not yet been deficit. So, I hope that High Schools to be take care. I also request various department too to take care about my constituency.

Thank you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, we are going to discuss our budget. There are many MLA's to deliver speech but our Ministers have interfered too much and they discuss about their constituency. Let them give chance to MLAs.

S P E A K E R : They deliver their speech with their MLA status. So, there is no way to prohibit them. Now, let us call upon Pu Sanghmingthanga.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA :
H.PAUTU

Mr. Speaker Sir, as we know that our state budget has not yet settled with the Planning Commission for this financial year. Therefore, we propose our budget as last year. At the same time, I would like to express my view on some points. First of all let me point out demand no. 24 for Sports and Youth Services Department. Plan money for this department Rs. 79 lakhs is less. So, I wish to revise this when the real plan has come. Because this department is very important to prevent our young people from intoxicating drugs and liquor. This department can be called as Preventive Department. So, I wish this department to have more fund. Besides this, we, the Mizo people have good talent to compete our fellow Mongolian race and to face the world arena also. I also request our leaders to ask for better facilities. Consequently, I hope that we can get Gold Medals in the World Olympic Games. So, I advise our leaders to give challenge to the Union Government in this direction. Now, we can be aware that we are still progressing in Boxing, Karate and Archery within a very short period. I further hope that Hockey and Football will also be promoted. I would also like to request our leaders to give more budget for this department because when we visit our constituency many young people are eagerly waiting for us with a hope of football and volleyball as free gift. This department is the supplier of such facilities.

And regarding Local Administration Department, as said by hon'ble Member from Khawzawl Constituency we are included in Special Protection by the Constitution of India, Article 371 (g). So, I think it is good for us to hurry to fulfill our Memorandum of Settlement. For such purpose, I would like to upgrade the power of our Village Council upto the power of First Class Magistrate. I also wish to make the power of District Council as high as the power of Session Judge. This is very important for protection of ourselves. Other states like Meghalaya they go further in this way, we cannot make House pass in their state. Therefore, we have to make steps for our protection.

And regarding Social Welfare Department there are many funds to be pulled out from the Central Government. Now, I praise our Minister Col. Lalchungnunga Sailo for his actions in this regard. So, I wish to give budget for this department with the ambition of such Central Funds. And under the nutrition programme carried out by this department I wish to buy locally available food and fruit materials for the benefit of our local farmers. Let this be noted down by our leaders. Social Welfare Department works as curative Department. For this purpose De-addiction Centre is hugely build in my constituency, Sethawn but it is not fully operated and they still require many facilities. So, I want to make this department to be fit for curative works, our existing facilities are not enough. I would like to keep all the addict persons compulsorily in a centre to prevent our younger generations from such habits.

And regarding demand no. 26, Medical Department, we hope that we shall have Referral Hospital soon. I would like to make proper provision for Seat Reservation or Specialist Competition or Seniority for various departments. Otherwise, we cannot avoid the involvement of non-Mizo workers. So, I want to make arrangement suitable for the Mizo workers as far as possible.

Regarding demand no. 37, I am happy to know that our Chief Minister tries to give top priority to the Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries and other Allied Services. So, Mr. Speaker Sir, I am happy that we are trying to become Economically Self-Sufficient. Because, we can do nothing without food. Self-sufficiency is very important because we live in a land lock state. In this sphere, let me sum up demand no. 36 Agriculture, no. 37 Horticulture and no. 41 Forest & Wild Life

and I would like to mention that we shall take steps suitable for our topography. I propose to make green forest at the upper region of the Hills and to make contour trench around the basement which would be fed by the upper forest with rotten leaves and this will increase natural humidity. I wish this idea to keep in mind when our plan size is made.

I would also like to emphasize my speech on Agriculture. Our Soil greatly receives God's blessing. Luckily our rocks contain minerals which are important for plants. I have proved this from Agriculture Scientists. So, I accept that such minerals are special blessing from the God. So, I wish to emphasize growing of fruits and plants to utilize this blessing. Mr. Speaker Sir, if we look at the Bible we can see that our God wished his man to take fruits alot. He allowed every fruit to eat except at the Centre. Much more taking of fruit makes a man prettier and more handsome. Therefore, we must take greater steps for Horticulture with having export oriented idea. We have to do like the state of Himachal Pradesh, they have exported Apple.

For all these purposes mentioned above we have to make Agriculture Department and Forest Department not to clash each other on the ground of link road, etc. We have good resource from our bamboos, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to make change in our system. I prefer selling of bamboos by feet or by meter system to Mahal system. We have to search better income from other forest products. Our existing system is not fruitful and we require to look for better system. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, this Demand Grant for 1999 - 2000 as introduced by our Finance Minister is good enough although we cannot see its final position. I strongly support and I want to pass in this House.

Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me a good time today, our budget contains many good things. So, I accept the speech of our Member from Kawnpui Constituency. When you formed this Ministry you have gone throughout the Mizoram state and said that you have to introduce new pattern in Mizoram and you told the people that there will be no fear. Yet, there is no practical here in Mizoram today. Our Government servants fear that transfer on the ground of political revenge would be imposed on them. When I study our budget and hear speech from our Chief Minister, I see no new pattern everywhere. I admit that we have to make deficit budget because our production is less than our expenditure. But we did not make any step for resources mobilization. This new ruling party always opposed various taxes during the previous Ministry. Therefore, we have to think about resources mobilization today, we have to make source of revenue whether direct or indirect to run our government without Delhi drip. We have to make proper plan and proposals for 2, 3 or 5 years, otherwise we will be too late. This year we have deficit of Rs. 126 crores which will be Rs. 157.35 crores at the end of this year. If we still go on like this it will be dangerous. So, we have to try our best to decrease our deficit. But today, I have no hope in our policy. There is no new pattern to increase our state product.

Our Chief Minister, in his speech, said that we will start our budget from Zero based budget. I support his speech no. 8, "It may not be possible to immediately introduce this zero base budget. However, Departmental activities will be closely screened to eliminate non - reductive and non - remunerative one as far as practicable". We have to go like this with bravery. This system had been applied by the former Ministry on the issue of Serlui 'B'. The estimated expenditure will be Rs. 102 crores, if so, the generation cost will be Rs. 4.26 per unit. But today I cannot

understand why this government tries to revive this project. So, we have to look before we jump. And, let me request to explain our Chief Minister's speech no. 10 "as already stated by me, the financial position of the state is so critical that we have approached the Central Government for additional allocation of funds for this purpose, and the outcome of their decision is awaited" but we hear that he just brought home Rs. 101 crores. Is this money increasing our deficit ?

Regarding Agriculture, our speech of development to be jumped is very far from our practical work. Only tractors and power tillers would not lead us to a very far place. But there is no provision to buy Bulldozer or other bigger machines in our budget. So, I am afraid that we will not achieve our goal if we do not work harder. I also think that Mautam (mass perish of bamboo, frequently occurs in every 50 years in Mizoram which led to famine) will be occurred in 2007 AD. We need to take preventive steps for this from now on. I also want to mention that there is controversy between the two constituencies of our Speaker and our Health Minister on the issue of road to Tuipui, where the people of Biata destroyed the agricultural road of Lungdar at 4 - 5 places. I think this controversy should be settled immediately.

And demand no. 46, regarding Electricity thermal generation, our budget book printed only 2 megawatt but our Chief Minister said that it will be 20 megawatt. Anyway, some days ago, it is said that Techno Economic Clearance had been done for Bairabi Dam to give out 120 megawatt, but today, it is here written that only 75 megawatt. Do we want more electric power ?

Regarding Police Department, I am sorry for their misfortune. From my point of view, it is not good enough to send those few policemen to fight against insurgents. I think there is some mistake and some persons to claim responsibility. This is very shameful for Mizoram Police. We have to start from our Police Training Centre. Some people complain our Training Centre against their mess and instructions.

Next, I know that Health Department is very important. Our leaders paid priority to Agriculture and its allied Departments. But health is important for the farmers too. So, I am happy for knowing that the budget for Health Department is higher this year than last year. At the sametime construction of 30 bedded Hospital is slowly going on in Saitual, but the work done by Public Works Department is too slow. So, I request our leaders to take action for hasty work.

Mr. Speaker Sir, when we form a ministry, I think we will not forget our Election Manifesto. But the implementation of such manifesto are not shown here. There is no provision to provide free connection of gas, electricity, uniform and school text book for the poor. I am afraid that our people will lost their faith in you. Lastly, in 1988 we have deficit of Rs. 53.41 crore, which rose to Rs. 17 crore, but our closing deposit became Rs. 79.36 crore last year. When we have deficit we must try to decrease it. But today, we can see that we do not pay attention to decrease our deficit and our closing balance at the end of this year will be Rs. 157.35 crore. The above points are all I would like to say.

Thank you.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me an opportunity to have speech. As we know that, we discuss about Vote on Account of our budget today. I am not going to say about figures as we have not yet known our plan size. But I am happy

for knowing that our total outlay is estimated to more than 1000 crores. This amount had not been estimated in the past.

I would like to mention about deficit. The closing deficit of the previous ministry is known as Rs. 79.36 because they put some amount of money in K - Deposit. If not so, the actual deficit will be Rs. 13614.15 lakhs. But this year, our Chief Minister released more than Rs. 57 crores, from K-Deposit this increased our closing deficit. Our real deficit will be Rs. 46.74 crore if we retain K - Deposit. But today, our deficit reaches 126 crores because we inherited 1997 - 98 deficit. I also want to say that, our Chief Minister did not say zero base budget in his speech. He said that zero base budget was the will of the government but this cannot be fulfilled now.

And regarding Peace Bonus, this wording is not shown in the budget copy. It is a definition to solve our financial problems started from a very long time. I agree with the speech of our hon'ble Member from Saitual Constituency regarding Resources Mobilization. So, I want to emphasize this when we draft the real budget. So, I propose gradual increment of water tariff, electric bill, etc. If we increase such sources immediately with a very high rate we will not understand. And regarding Law and Order, our state is peaceful but our neighbouring states often disturb our peace. Therefore, I am sorry for the incidence of Vaitin yesterday. Meanwhile, in my constituency, Vairengte and its adjoining places are oftenly crossed by some underground groups from other states. So, I request our government to post Armed Police Forces here in this place.

As some of our Members had pointed out I also want to make the strength of teacher equally especially in the Primary Schools. Politics should not be involved in this action. And, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to disavocate Government's policy on ZIDCO. Rs. 62 lakhs was arranged from Plan Fund last year, but this was fully surrendered due to financial problem. So, I wish our government to take care for this corporation when the real budget is made.

Next, I would like to mention about our Assembly Fund. Generally in the Parliament or other State Assemblies, their proposal is accepted unless under a very critical moment. But here in Mizoram, Finance Department often exercise their power and they are too strict sometimes. Assembly House is our only office for all MLAs. Therefore, I request our Finance Department to respect financial proposal made by Assembly Secretariat.

I praise our Finance Department for their efforts to make our budget during a very short period. But since we do not know our real plan size, we cannot discuss our budget in detail. And, this Ministry does not promise new system on budget. We rather talk about new pattern for governance. Anyway, if the authority uses the same budget rightly, the users are more important than the budget itself. So, change of pattern will rightly be depended on the user. So, I hope this Ministry will use our budget rightly. Again, I would like to express my thanks to our hon'ble Chief Minister taking his steps taken to get Peace Bonus.

Thank you.

PU J. LAWMZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me a chance to have speech. When I look at our budget generally I am happy. But I would like to say that the way how we use our budget is more important than the budget itself. So, right way to use our budget is very important. Some nations are expert in budget and they often made even

family budget. So, I wish our government to use our state budget wisely. Mr. Speaker Sir, I admit that our Governor's speech "My Government stands committed to achieve health for all by 2000 AD. We, the Mizo people are not generally healthy. Therefore, Health & Family Welfare Department is very important. When we look at our Hospitals and Health Centres of different places we really need to provide better equipments. Let me discuss about my constituency. Lunglei Civil Hospital is too old, Doctors and Nurses still work under bad building. Besides, we had many problems due to the lack of the equipments. Operation is very difficult. Ortho Department also could not work there due to the lack of instruments. So, I would like to request our leaders to enquire this.

We have only one microbiologist, we still have no Pathologist but we require this post very much. So, I would like to request our government to make post for this. Similarly, we have no Jail Doctor too, it is looked after by Hospital Doctors very busily. This is suffered by both places. So, we have many requirements. We have a good Nursing School in Lunglei, but they do not have permanent site for Hostel besides they have no permanent post for the Principal and other staffs. Medical institution is too important as well as Health & Family Welfare. I also hope that our budget can cover this necessary thing.

We also have District Sports & Youth Services Office to promote sports and physical health for the young people. But they suffered financial problem from July last year. So, Directors, instructors and organisers could not take any step in this regard. I beg help for this office. And, regarding Fire Station, we have only sub-station since 1974. Therefore, we are afraid that we shall suffer great calamity and I request our government to make full-fledge station for this department.

And, regarding Higher Education, we have Morning College there, but it is maintained from public collection. Similarly, we have one Law College. It is private Law College and we cannot yet have permission. Is there any way to give permission and financial aid for this? When we look at our neighbouring states, for example, Meghalaya, the three Districts of Garo, Jaintia and Khasi has one Law College each. I would like to apply such decentralisation policy in Mizoram. In the morning session today, we discussed about LPG, its price, delivery and others. But in my constituency, we never busy about its price or delivery system. Our main problem about LPG is bad supply or scarcity. There is only one LPG Agent in Lunglei. So, I would like to request our leaders to make more agents there.

Lastly, I would like to discuss about Lunglei District High Power Committee. Sometimes especially nowadays they did not equal the Village Council. So, I would like to request our government to make this committee to be a power vested body. So that this committee can do better function. Mr. Speaker Sir, there are many important things to point out. Anyway, I like to advise our leaders to follow the right way to spend our budget.

Thank you.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, when I look at our budget copy distributed by our hon'ble Minister I cannot understand clearly with myself. But I carefully studied for two days with the help of my friends and some experts. So, I understand that it is our Indian style budget and it is generally good. But now, more than 50 years had passed since our Independence. So, we need to introduce better budget style. Our normal budget system still lead us to have the spirit of beggar to some extent. We, the Mizo

people also have such spirit and I am sorry for this. We do not hesitate to beg for something on the ground of our poverty. We also accepted free gift policy. Therefore, we need to emphasize incentive system. If we give rewards to those who work hard our product will be increased during this 2 - 3 years.

Here in our state we have bad epidemic, many people had died of this epidemic. Our government made de-addiction centre for this purpose but prevention is more important. Police and Excise forces are very important but we have the best social organisations in the world. So, we have to search for help from our social organisations to prevent social evils. I am sorry for exclusion such social organisation in our Governor's speech. It is very important for our state to utilize our social organisations such as YMA, MZP, KTP, etc. to prevent social evils like drug abuse, etc.

There is one step taken by the previous Ministry which I support, it is establishment of new city. But they could not fulfill during their tenure of ten years. We all want to settle in Aizawl city. Our city is now very crowded. The proposal for capital extension introduced by our former Ministry was voided by some people. I am sorry for this. If we continue this same style, we have to take an hour to go from Kulikawn to Chanmari after two or three years had passed. So, I wish this government to continue the existing proposal for capital extension. This is very important.

When I visit many places throughout Mizoram, I saw many old aged persons. They are very pitiful. So, I would like to advise our Social Welfare Department to care about such old ages. I am happy when I heard from one of our Ministers that he tried to follow 3% reservation for handicapped person on the ground of government job. I also wish our government to care such handicapped persons as urged by Government of India.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will continue our budget discuss on 30.3.1999 Tuesday. Now we will rest and Meeting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned.