

EIGHTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 30TH MARCH, 1999

(Time : 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

PRESENT

Pu R. Lalawia, Speaker, at the Chair, Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, 13 Ministers, Deputy Speaker and 20 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET

2. General discussion on the Budget for 1999 - 2000 to resume.
(to be concluded)

SPEAKER : "Let your light so shine before me, that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven".

Matthew 5:16

Now, we will call upon Mr. F. Lalhanzuala to ask question no. 97.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, my question is -

- (a) When will Bairabi Hydel Project begin?
- (b) Why is Bairabi river selected rather than other big rivers?
- (c) Why is Serlui 'B' Hydel Project abandon?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to the hon'ble Member's
DY. CHIEF MINISTER questions are as follows -

- (a) The Brahmaputra Board are expected to furnish the detail project report by March. We are expecting the project to begin by this year.
- (b) Bairabi Hydel Project is selected because of three reasons. First of all the raw materials for the project can be brought in by train, since there is rail head in Bairabi. Secondly, there can be inland water transport. Lastly the banks of the river is fertile for farming.
- (c) It was abandoned because the firm, 'Punjab Power Generation Investi-

As regard to the second question Serlui 'B' Work has been started. Roads have also been laid (constructed). As for the distance covered in laying the road and the amount of work done. The previous government covered a large portion of the work. In the beginning the cost of expenditure was Rs. 1,39,42,000. The total number of staff employed was 208. Besides that bulldozers were also purchased. Five quarters were also constructed at Bilkhawthlir camp sheds were also constructed at the work site.

Bailey bridges were also constructed in this matter. Work had been going on for some period. Work that did not require contracts and which could be done by the department had been going on. But as for the answer I gave previously, there have been disputes regarding the matter. The person who had bid the tender could not complete the job within his answered rate and so the work had to be abandoned. Therefore, their works are still pending at present. However, the workshed that had been constructed at the dam site, it being temporarily built is no more there now. Regarding the construction of road, I'm afraid I cannot give the exact distance covered at present and therefore would request you understand me as I might make a mistake. We will take the measurement and let you know later.

As for the question asked by our respected Member Pu Chama, Micro Hydel Projects have been made in 13 different places in our state. Out of which some of them are projects in namesake. For example out of these, the ones that are known as Tuisumpui and Kau are in ruins and are no more there to be seen and which is a fact. Tuisumpui was washed away due to the Chhimtuipui's sinking of land and it is nowhere to be seen now.

As for river Kau it doesn't function anymore. Therefore, by adding the ones that we have at hand, during the monsoons these two probably generate 5 MW at present river Teirei, Kau Tlabung and N Tuipang are the three on going projects. Weather the government should carry on with these projects. The answer to which is that, these projects are at their completion stage and therefore the government search for ways to continue.

Regarding Pu Lalthan Kunga's question on the Serlui 'B' of how much area would be submerged. As of this question the answer to which is, that the submerge area is 2554 hectare and the cultivated area is 1/10.

Regarding the question put up by hon'ble Member Pu R. Lalzirliana, whether the detail project for Serlui 'B' has been revised - Yes, the revision work has been done and we are depending 90% on the previous project report.

The answer to Pu Sangzuala's question is - at present 208 employees have been appointed. Once the project is continued it will require the appointment of more staff. Then regarding electricity tariff, at present we are getting the electricity for Rs. 2 per unit from outside the state and giving out to the consumers at the rate of Re. 1 per unit. The government of India has appointed a commission to regulate the tariff for all the states, therefore, in the future we shall have to abide by the central government.

Then, regarding Pu Thangzuala's question, whether Tlawng project would be still taken up as multipurpose project, the answer is during the previous MNF Ministry, they had taken up the project seriously and had obtained the techno - economic clearance. After the Congress came to power the work was not resumed to its full capacity which in turn made a block. Due to which at the present moment we are planning to continue the project as incidental multipurpose.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, will Serlui 'B' Project be retendered From the governor's speech, we know that Tuivai Hydel Project will generate 210 MW, whereas Bairabi will generate 75 MW and Kolodyne 100 MW. My question is - Why is the government concentrating on the smallest project? Has the government made assessment for compensation for Bairabi Hydel Project?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Serlui 'B' will be retendered as estimates are made from the begin. Then the answer to the next question, as to why is Bairabi Hydel Project is taken up though the smallest project as I have said earlier, there is rail head in Bairabi therefore, raw materials will be received at a cheaper rate and there will also be in land water way.

Then regarding compensation, Brahmaputra Board is making the detail project report therefore, assessment cannot be made right now. In the year 1983 assessment was made as 11 crore.

SPEAKER : Now we shall move on to starred question no. 98 to be asked by Pu Zakhu Hlychho. Pu K.T. Rokhaw will ask the question.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question on 98 a, b and c to be answered by Relief & Rehabilitation Minister.

SPEAKER : We will call upon the Minister incharge to answer the questions.

PU AICHHINGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to the questions made by the hon'ble Member Pu K.T. Rokhaw is - 'No', Relief & Rehabilitation have not been provided to the people of Zawnghling and Lakhi since the Mara organisation and the Mara Student Organisation have taken the initiative.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to add that in the previous session our hon'ble Chief Minister had submitted that compensation would be given. As of now our Minister say that no compensation would be given, which is really surprising. The initiative taken by the various organisation is helpful but only to a certain extent as construction of new house etc. cannot be taken up by them. I would, therefore, like to request that the needful to be done as according to what the Chief Minister had submitted.

Then in Puansei one family was given Rs. 5000/- as compensation, will the government be able to give such amount of compensation and MDC Vehicle was also burned. Therefore, I would like to ask the government if they can give compensation?

PU AICHHINGA . : Mr. Speaker Sir, from the people of Zawngling and
MINISTER Lakhi Saiha DC has not received any claim for com-
pensation, therefore, the government has not give
though in this regard. Moreover since its not natural calamity, Relief and Rehabilitation
Department is helpless in this regard.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if detail report is received by the
CHIEF MINISTER government and if there is a claim for compensation,
the government will try and give compensation as far
as possible that is the governments stand and it is also the commitment of the
government.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will call upon Pu C. Thanghluna to
ask starred question no. 99.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Starred question no. 99
to be answered by Home Minister are -

- (a) Will the government be able to shift the Assam Rifles out from
the Centre of Aizawl?
- (b) To remove the Assam Rifles, what steps have been taken?
- (c) If so, where will they be posted?

S P E A K E R : Now we will call upon Home Minister to answer
the question.

PU TAWNLUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to question are -
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- (a) Step has been taken to look over the matter.
- (b) 1296 acres of land has been given. Central team are expected for
verification.
- (c) They are expected to move out to Zokhawsang.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you, supplementary qeustion.
If the Assam Rifles are shifted to Zokhawsang, will
it because problem to the people of Zemabawk?

Once Assam Rifles move out for what purpose will the land be used?

PU TAWNLUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Political parties, NGO
MINISTER and Church leaders and the people of Aizawl wants
to shift the Assam Rifles out from their present
place which is the heart of Aizawl town. Therefore,
the government is trying its best in this regard. The people of Zemabawk will not face
any problem if they are shifted to Zokhawsang. The government will see to these
problems and try to solve what ever problem may arise.

As for the present land of Assam Rifles, it will not be given to private persons, it will be used for public purpose. Mr. Speaker Sir, the ministry is trying its level best to shift out Assam Rifles to Zokhawsang.

Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : For the security of the people, I would like to bring to the notice of this House about the incident that took place yesterday. Yesterday dt. 29.3.1999 at around 11 a.m. Chaltlang V/C and MNF Leaders went to Phunchawng and burnt 16 houses and damaged 13 houses. The reason for this act was Zamliana of Tuikual, Muana of Hunthar Veng, use to take liquor from Zamliana every day around 10 to 12 litres, claiming that he was the VCP of Chaltlang. Muana has done this four or five times. The last time he visited Zamliana, Zamliana told him that he was unable to give him 10 litres. However Muana insisted on 10 litres, thereby which, the two started quarreling and finally nab each other with a knife. I am not trying to talk about the incident in detail, what I want to say is that, the Law and Order in our state is a total failure. Why are these leaders, taking these laws in their own hands, we have heard just now, during question hours that in Lakhi 27 houses and 28 houses in Zawngling were damaged. Then in Puansen houses were also set on fire. The people are hurt because the government is unable to protect them and there were police present at that time even fire service vehicle were also present, but were unable to reach the spot. The government is protecting the wrong doer's therefore, the Law and Order situation is getting worse. The police are unable to take action since the trouble maker is MNF VCP. Mr. Speaker Sir, I, therefore, request the government to take up this matter seriously and punish the wrong doer, accordingly. I request the government to uphold the Law and Order in the state and allow the Police Department to do their work freely.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we shall continue our business. General discussion on budget, the other day 9 Members have made their speech. Now is there anyone who would like to speak.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Regarding Law & Order, there are times when situation such as the incident in Phunchawng occurs on even worse incident happens. In the previous Ministry incident such as the death of Tv. Lalsangzuala in Silchar was a big tragedy and also the setting up of a village in Sairang road is also a misfortune for Aizawl town. Since in this village there are liquor factories and they earn their livelihood through this factory. The Law & Order Department in the previous ministry was unable to stop this. Phunchawng Village authority even gave a helping hand, but it was a complete failure and it exists till date.

The government have taken up steps in various field, as we have heard earlier, in Horticulture, Agriculture and also in Power sector, there are various scope for development. Therefore, what I would like to say is that the government is working towards attaining development in various field, the people should also be alert.

Thank you.

PU LALTHAN KUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. In this new Ministry, the government is functioning with new system under the able hon'ble Chief Minister. The hon'ble Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister are guiding the state towards development. There is light for development in every department. If we look at this august House, we can see the persons in duty with uniforms, which makes the House look more dignified. The hon'ble Members are given number plates for their vehicle. The Speaker has done this to uphold the status of hon'ble MLAs.

The roads of the city as we can see is getting face lifting with the same amount sanction as before, we are having better roads. These are steps taken by the hon'ble Public Works Department Minister.

Our State needs development in all the department, we also need physical and moral development. The representative of the people should be more vigilant. Mr. Speaker Sir, development did not reach my constituency Ratu in the previous ministry. There is no trace of departments like, Agriculture, Horticulture, Soil & Fishery, Forest, Education. Therefore, I would request this new ministry to send study team for developing this area. I would request the hon'ble Chief Minister to give priority in communication and education. There is good news of course, with the declaration of National Highway, with hope and expectation we are waiting for development.

Thank you.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we the MLA of Hmar demand area needs to be given special care, other hon'ble Members should understand us. The previous ministry signed a peace accord with the Hmar leaders, however, this does not solve the matter. Like the incident that occurred recently, a group of youth from Manipur, demanded a lump sum of money from a part time business from Khawlian and also demanded 10% of NE Tlangnuam Middle School teachers pay. They also tried to kidnap Rural Bank Manager from Suangpuilawn, however, they did not succeed since the neighbour woke up. They, instead burned the bridge between Suangpuilawn and Khawlian. Then in March 13, they demanded Rs. 10,000/- from PWD Workers, but they gave only Rs. 2,000/- since that was all I have. Mr. Speaker Sir, we have informed the Chief Minister and Home Minister, they assure us that immediate measure will be taken. Mr. Speaker Sir, from the time of District Council, this area have been neglected, therefore, I request this new Ministry to take up this area in the field of development.

I would like to say few things regarding Calcutta Mizoram House, as seen in this unstarred question. Ballygunge is reserved for sick persons and student transit. The staff working in Mizoram House do not speak Mizo language, therefore, people coming from remote areas face problem in communication. I would like to suggest the government if it will be possible to teach the staff Mizo language.

Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding School teachers - In rural areas teachers do not want to stay properly, they move out and get themselves transferred to town area. There are teachers moving out of rural area with their post. For example, there is an appointment for School Chowkidar in Khawlek Middle School, however, till date, that person has not turned up. There are many such cases, I would, therefore, request the government to look into these matters.

For the unity of the country, the Central government plans to construct

roads from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and from Gujarat to North Eastern States, the roads ends in Silchar according to the proposal. Mr. Speaker Sir, Silchar is not the end of India, since the Central Government is doing this for the unity of the county, I would like to request the PWD Minister to look into this matter.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to request the PWD Minister to clarify the NEC road project. There are contradiction regarding the figure given in supplementary demand and his answer.

Lastly, I request the new Ministry to send study team for Suangpuilawn and Ratu Constituency.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will call upon Pu Lalrinchhana.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Today we are
MINISTER general discussion on budget. However, we are
unable to discuss the actual budget. The hon'ble
Chief Minister, who is also the Finance Minister has done a wonderful work. This new
Ministry inherit 412 crores of debt but the Finance Minister had done well to close the
budget at 126 crores.

Regarding Law and Order, from what we've heard in zero hour, it shows how much we fail in Law and Order. The incident occured in my constituency. In the previous Ministry, Total Prohibition Act was introduced, however, from what we heard, today it shows how ineffective it is and that Law and Order fails miserably in our states. The state has suffered not only in Law and Order for the past 10 years but also in all round development for the past 10 years. If you read the hon'ble Chief Minister's speech carefully, there are scope for development and self sufficiency after 10 years we were in rural area for 10 years without development. (as we were in opposition for 10 years). However, now from the Chief Minister's speech there is ray of light. I, therefore, thank the hon'ble Finance Minister.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, the meeting will be adjourned, we shall
resume at 2 : 00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1 : 00 p.m.

2 : 00 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We shall now continue our discussion. Anyone
is free to speak.

PU C. T H A N G H L U N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, as the present government is
taking steps in doing things in new and differ
ent ways. I suppose we need to change some
ways in this House. As always we have debates here and which is not too beneficial
for the state. This House ought to be a place where the government comes to learn of
various important facts about our state.

I would like the government to hear some of the important things that I have in mind.

The first thing that I would like to talk about is regarding the cancellation of Leave Travelling Concession (LTC) for the MLA's as laid down in the budget. As we all know that it is quite impossible to travel at one's own expense to any of the places in India and as we all know, to broaden one's mind and study the development in other states one needs to travel. I would, therefore, like to request to keep in mind regarding this facility in the next budget session as it proves useful for the development of our state.

The next thing that I want to say is regarding the provisions for the Home Guards. As in the budget, there is little which would improve their condition. At present they are being paid Rs. 1500/- honorarium or fixed pay as Muster Roll. They are made to work hard and I feel they deserve more. I would advise to look in again into the provision for the Home Guards, so that they too in return would work with a better zeal for the government.

Regarding Agriculture, which is a department under the care of our Chief Minister, I presume it will be given the top priority. But as it is in some of the southern regions which falls under my constituency it has been neglected whereas it could develop to great extent. There are many plain areas which need to be worked upon with the help of bulldozers and not just with power tiller or tractor. It also then requires a medium Irrigation Department which should be permanently stationed there. But looking into the budget, the amount placed does not measure up to the need. Since it has fallen by Rs. 1096.50 lakhs from that of last year which means that the position would become worse since the budget does not support the would be expenditure. Therefore, I don't find new ways or changes being implemented. This is what I want to point out. Regarding roads, the hon'ble Minister said that he would look into this might be a little assurance.

In my constituency, the Public Works Department has nearly no roads under it. The stretch of 30 km road between Durlang and Chawngte is maintained by the Public Works Department for three months that too with the help of block finance. During monsoons there are times when the roads are not at all pliable and one has to take other routes.

PU C. LALRINSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Today we cannot discuss the actual budget, however, from demand for grants, I would like to discuss a few things.

The state budget has been going on as deficit for quite sometime which result in lack of development in the state. We have heard from the Chief Minister's speech that we should try to survive without the central aid. We are India's smallest and youngest states, there are certain aids which we are entitled too, however, we should realise that with our natural resources acro base we can mobilise. There are few states who makes their budget according to the state resources, therefore, from what I study, what the state needs at present is reformation. Education and Human Resources Department plays vital role and secondly Medical Department.

Coming to Agriculture and Horticulture, in my Constituency there is cultivable land for paddy fields around 500 hectare. If these lands are used for paddy fields, it can provide the whole constituency's need of rice for 1 year. I just want to

bring to the notice of this august House that necessary steps are taken in this regard.

Lastly, I request hon'ble Members and everyone concerned that we should fight evil doers and be a leader in destroying the work of evil, then, there can only be all round development.

Thank you.

Er. K. THANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to discuss demand 41 Forest. Mizoram does not have resources, the only resource we have is ginger, next is forest. However, in December 1996 Supreme Court issue order prohibiting the filling of wood in the North Eastern region, this effected many people and wood base industry in the region. Then association was formed and appeal was made in the Supreme Court. Then in 1998 January, 15, the Supreme Court issued order to relive Mizoram from this prohibition. It is stated in para 23 and 24 (a), Wahi advocate also issued order to conservators of forests. However, in Mizoram, the Forest Department are still using this prohibition act. Therefore, I request the authorities to take up this matter. Then the department reported that there is no wood base industry, whereas if we look at the Industry Department directory, we will find 263 registered furniture workshops. Forest resource is the biggest resource of the state, therefore, this problem should be solved as soon as possible.

Thank you.

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. The people of the state have great hope in the new Ministry. What I would like the hon'ble Members to know is never to forget to pray. We know the financial condition of the state, therefore, we have to pull up our socks and work towards development. As of now, we are unable to get the plan size of the budget from the Central, but, however, from this budget we are able to make out that there will be maximum work to be done.

The Home Department have taken up Village census with the help of social organisation, this will solve the problem of difference between electoral roll and ration card. Then according to MNF and MPC Joint Manifesto, students below the poverty line are to be given free uniforms, lunch and books. Since this is not our budget, it is not shown in the budget yet, however, I hope this will be taken up.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this budget though it may not be a zero budget, is good enough for the people of the State. I, therefore, thank the hon'ble Chief Minister and the official for making such budget.

Thank you.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, first of all I want to point out that the customary procedure in every budget discussion is that there are some documents which are unavoidable to be supplied to the hon'ble Members in this House. This time, it may be due to the new approach, for I do not know what is the attitude of the government the appendices and highlights of the achievement of various department do not supply the same. This is very unusual when we discuss the budget for the coming year, we must know what is the achievement made by various department unless the highlights are

given to us, the Members cannot participate properly and make proper suggestion for the coming year.

Number two, in the Governor's address, if you look at page no. 2 para 6, it is said that when the annual plan or plan size during this year it is 333 crores, how has this plan size been reduced to 248? While 55 crores has not been able to be contributed as its matching share by additional resource mobilization, general provident fund etc. Mr. Speaker Sir, in the Finance Minister's speech page 1 para 3, the size of the annual plan is maintained at the level of 1998-99 as advised by the hon'ble Chief Minister on which figure base is the present budget prepared, although it is an interim budget. Whether 333 crores plan size is maintained or the reduced figure of 284.55? The hon'ble Chief Minister may kindly clarify.

Mr. Speaker Sir, when we talk of priority, it is clear on the part of government, Agriculture and Allied Sector and some other department like Power & Electricity will be given priority. What is the policy of the government in regard to development of Agriculture. When we talk of Agriculture, we cannot neglect cooperative movement. When we talk of self sufficiency we cannot forget the cooperative movement throughout the world as the leading performer in this sector, especially in marketing and production. Nowhere in the budget speech of the hon'ble Finance Minister and his Excellency the Governor of Mizoram, could I find the movement of Cooperative Development mentioned. I am deeply convinced that this government will neglect the very vital sector for our economy.

Mr. Speaker Sir, hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister mentioned a number of projects which is in the guide line and some projects like Tuirial Hydel Project which is progressing. Mr. Speaker Sir, what is the situation in Aizawl more load shedding is there. Lunglei and other towns and even rural areas electricity is hardly received load shedding is very frequent. What is the reason?

Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding Rural Development Demand no. 48, I would like to suggest that when we construct EGA road under DRDP. This road must be prepared and constructed with proper plan and estimates. Technical persons must be involved.

Demand no. 32, Labour & Employment Department, I would like to suggest that ITI may be opened at Lunglei and Chhimtuipui because the ITI that we have can hardly admit 30/40 students only. If we want to give employment to the high school dropped out, training facilities should be open for this reason. Our hon'ble Labour & Employment Minister may kindly initiate the opening of ITI in other two districts Lunglei and Chhimtuipui.

Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding District Council, I would request the government not to deduct funds of District Council because District Councils are autonomous and their funds are still limited in terms of developing department. Due to the intervention of the hon'ble Excellency the Governor, their fund was not cut this year. Chakma District Council was not given any amount this year in the Revised Estimate whereas, Lai and Mara District Council was given fund. I do not know whether it is the fault of the Finance Department or not.

Sir, one minute, Mr. Speaker Sir, I think we do not know, we do not try to understand what is the achievement made during the last ten years. I was a Member in the first time in 1987, during these years there is tremendous change. The Legislative Assembly building has now 60 Members capacity. How many buildings did

the previous government construct? Now, we don't need to go to Silchar but travelling by flight we are very proud of our Lengpui Airport. Similarly, lot of infrastructure development has been taken place.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Today we are discussing the budget, the budget may not be very satisfactory at present but we are expecting to make better prospects.

First of all, I would like to say few things regarding Education. In developed countries Education is given priority, we should also give priority to Education, we should increase the fund allocation for Education Department. This department deals in building the future of our states.

Then in order to reform the economy of the state, Power is vital. In Lunglei District, step has been taken up in this regard. Chhimituipui phase-I is expected to generate 100 mega watt, whereas Chhimituipui phase-II is expected to generate 300 mega watt. Therefore, it seems this new ministry, its taking steps in various department. I would like to advise this new ministry to act according to the expectation of the people.

Thank you.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. The first thing I would like to say is about this august House. I would like to propose this new ministry to make this august House Air Conditioned. It is very hot and stuffy, therefore, we tend to feel drowsy inside this House.

Secondly, in our State, we have Total Prohibition Act, however, this does not solve the problem. The number of youth indulging in alcohol and drugs increases each day. There is a saying, 'Prevention is better than cure', therefore, we should try and prevent these youth through sports, we have been trying to prevent them through Evangelism, we are successful to certain extent. However, sports help in maintaining one's health, apart from trying to win medals in State and National level, sports help in the growth of youth. The government should, therefore, promote sports among youth. Playgrounds and field should be constructed at every convenient place. This way youth of this generation would be saved.

Coming to my Constituency, the hon'ble Public Works Department Minister had promised to construct Cherhlun and Thingsai road, I am very grateful for this, so are the people. I, therefore, would like to thank the hon'ble Minister I would also like to thank the hon'ble Supply Minister for Tarpho Godown. This ministry has taken up various steps for development. The people of my constituency is having great hope in this ministry. There is still one huge hurdle to cross for the people of my constituency. That is District headquarter. The hon'ble Chief Minister has even promised to give us District headquarter, I want to remind the hon'ble Chief Minister, that, we are looking forward to it.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Okay, now, 18 Members and 5 Ministers have made their speech, will we call the hon'ble Chief Minister to wind up. Then, I shall call Pu Auva.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I would like to say just few things. I'll not take long. First of all regarding the live telecast of this Session, the agreement made between the government and the LPS was, to telecast only the question hour, beyond that, its not in the hands of the government I just want to say this incase, the hon'ble Members are not aware of it.

Mr. Speaker Sir, from what I listen in the radio, this new government is taking steps in various field for development. It is good news that, additional blocks in Mizoram are being upgraded to BDO. The Excise force should not be worried the government knows our problem. Let us hope that the government will soon upgrade the status of the Excise force.

Just one point regarding Education, I would request this new ministry not to transfer teachers of rural area to urban area, let them remain in the same post as the students of rural areas are suffering. Mr. Speaker Sir, I just wanted to say these few things, I'll not go to the other demands.

Thank you.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for allowing me to speak in the general discussion. First of all, the hon'ble Chief Minister of Mizoram in his budget speech of para 9 states that Mizoram has become one of the most peaceful state in the country but it seems that it is not so, due to recent incident in which 5 police personnel should be equipped with sophistecated weapons but the budget provision here is very low. In my Constituency Law & Order should be maintained very strictly because of its sensitivity. The border with Bangladesh is more or less free and there is a very possibility of free movement of bad people and anti social element. Recently, what happened as per report available to me, is one person named Kanchho had been killed by unidentified person on 17.3.99 in the border, his dead body had been found near Malsuri Villagle. He is a businessman and very frequently visited Bangladesh. Now, the investigation is going on and the people are harrassed unnecessarily in the name of investigation.

So, the concerned Department are requested to see the matter and at the same time I would like to request you that MAP personel who had been posted at Malsuri are drinking heavily and are crossing border and get beaten up by foreigners. This create problems for people living in Malsuri Villagle. Poor people should not be harrassed in the name of irvestigation, it is not that I am criticising the government whatever I've said in this House is true the hon'ble Minister must see to this matter.

Tlabung Constituency is the most backward in education. Still now the Government High School has not been upgraded to 10+2 system. In most of the Primary School, teachers are very much inadequate. Some of the Primary Schools are run by only one teacher.

S P E A K E R : Okay, now its 4:00 .PM. will we allow Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma to finish ? after that, we will call the hon'ble Finance Minister to wind up. Does the House agree with this proposal ? Okay now, Pu Nihar may continue.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Tlabung Constituency is the only constituency that falls within the jurisdiction of Rural Development Block namely - Lungsen and Bunghmun. Tlabung should be given separate RD Block because during rainy season, it is very difficult to carry rice due to bad communication. The supply of electricity is very irregular at Tlabung and its surrounding villages. During my last visit I requested the JE to give electricity, however, no power supply is there I wonder what the department is doing there? Therefore, atleast division or sub - division of electricity should be created at Tlabung. The sub - treasury building and staff quarter had been constructed, however, it has not functioned as yet, I, therefore, request the concerned department to look into the matter.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in para 3 of the Governor's Address, it is stated that Health for all by 2000 A.D., but the budget provision is very less. In Tlabung Civil Hospital there is no specialist and PHC is not equipped with medicine, even for emergency we have no one to attend to it. Then in my constituency, PHE pipe in most of the village have been completely damaged due to flood and heavy landslide.

I want to thank the new government as it propose to establish export intensive area at Tlabung, which will be great help for the development of Tlabung people.

Lastly, regarding Transport, the MST which is plying from Lunglei to Tlabung is over crowded and it seems that it is very dirty. Concerned department is requested to look into this matter. I would also like to request PWD Department to take necessary step in metaling the Ruallung to Chawngte (L) route.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I will call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to wind up.

PU ZORAMTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. We have now CHIEF MINISTERS towards the end of our budget discussion. The whole session is made live telecast and question hours are replayed in the morning and evening. That is the procedure of the TV Telecast.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as we hon'ble Members know that, what we are discussing now is not the actual budget, but only interim arrangement, Vote on Account for 1999 - 2000. Therefore, in Monsoon Session, I'll be presenting the actual budget, at that time we will be able to discuss the actual figure allotted in every department.

I thank all the Members of the House for giving me a patient hearing, I express my sincere apology for presenting budget documents the printing of which is not up to desired quality due to certain technical problem.

Then regarding the proposal made by some of the hon'ble Members not to cut 201 from plan sector is also understood, we know your problem. Therefore, you are given Autonomous Council. The higher authorities also understood this, therefore, they even give consideration. However, we should not take it as untouchability for with Autonomous District Council, they are having some sort of double share. It should be understood as 'special consideration'. Then there is one point I would like to clarify. In this budget speech, the actual program of the government is not yet included as we don't know the actual figure we are to receive for the plan size development. Therefore, the hon'ble Members can criticise in Monsoon Session, when it is clear and exact figure is given in each department criticise.

The government is trying to introduce co-operative movement, but we have to move according to the mentality of the people. Mechanisation will solve the problem of labour importing and mechanisation will also help to produce large scale production. Then, with mechanisation, privatisation will also be introduced. For the purpose of mechanisation of farms, ten tractors and twenty two tillers will be distributed to the farmers on subsidy, and bulldozer and tractors will also be given for privatisation. Anyone who likes to possess bulldozer can do so and within 2 years they can earn back the cost price of their bulldozer as there will be lots of land to be tilled for paddy fields.

First thing I would like to point out regarding the aims of our budget is, administrative reforms. This new ministry will function with full transparency.

Then regarding the number of Ministers and Chairman, I would like to clarify in just one sentence. As this ministry is coalition of two political parties, the number of Ministers has to be larger than the normal numbers. Then, as for the Board of Advisor, there will not be any extra cost, the hon'ble Members will be appointed.

What we are planning is self sufficiency. This will be reflected in our plan in the budget, we shall be progressing towards mechanization and privatisation, as we know all the routes that lead to our state which are being used to bring in supply can be cut off because of various factors and people. Therefore, we need to give importance towards self sufficiency in food. We are taking the initiative in this regard. But one must also understand that it cannot be done in just one year duration, but could take 4/5 years, we are trying all that we can but the important thing is that we have to change our economic system. It is due to this that we are not able to progress. If the economic system is changed it will revolutionised our health service and education. It is quite wrong to go on depending on Central funds. Our state products should change our economic system. There is no wisdom in distributing money to the people but providing work and pay to the people is what we plan to do. We are also taking steps towards social reforms too. In this regard we are planning to provide rehabilitation facilities to many people who are addicted to alcohol and drugs.

Coming to Power & Electricity, there is a proposal for the construction of Thermal plant, from our normal plan. Special scheme has also been submitted for the peace bonus.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as for Pu Zakhu Hlychho's question, 'why is the deficit written as 400 crore, when its only 200 crore?' Yes, it is correct till 200 crore. The previous government has made the commitment from January, 1996. Therefore, adding this two, it becomes 400 crore. There still is 50 crore deficit from under outstanding special ways and means advance. With this it becomes 450 crore.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : It means the previous government had made commitment ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Yes, the previous government had already made
CHEIF MINISTER mitment to be effective from 1996 January.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I hope it is goods for hon'ble Members. We are expecting to have peace with the Mizoram Accord implementation demand group. We are expecting them to come over ground very soon.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as we have mentioned earlier, today we are not discussing the actual budget, therefore, that's all I can wind up right now. In Monsoon Session when we discuss the real budget, the concern Ministers will clarify their departments and the hon'ble Members too can deal with different departments more carefully. One last point, ginger will be bought with good rates, I would like to give assurance.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now we have completed our business, but, I have some announcement to make.

Summary of Bussiness transacted during Session from 16th March, 1999 to 30th March, 1999. Total Starred Question received 150, rejected Starred Question 2, Starred Question admitted 148, cut billed identical question 129, entered in List of Business 113, transferred to unstarred question 15, oral answer given in the House 28, questions listed in business that did not reach for oral answer 85, reply not received 1, reply received late NIL, Government Bill received 3 including Appropriation Bill No. I & II, Paper laid on the Table of House 2, report of Business Advisory Committee 1, Private Member Resolution 6, resolution rejected 4, resolution admitted 4, resolution passed NIL. Official Resolution received 1, resolution rejected NIL, Resolution admitted 1, resolution passed 1.

As I have mentioned earlier, the hon'ble Members are requested to submit their bio - data for Who's Who.

Lastly, the hon'ble Members can collect the Statement of Phunchawng incident from reception. Okay now we have come to the end of this Session.

The House is adjourned Sine Die at 4 : 45 P.M.