

**THIRD SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 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, 13 Ministers, Deputy Speaker and 21 Members were present.

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

2. PU ZORAMTHANGA, to lay on the Table a copy each of the Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 1997 - 1998. Appropriation Accounts 1997 - 1998; and Finance Accounts 1997 - 1998 relating to Government of Mizoram.

**DISCUSSION AND VOTINGS ON DEMANDS**

3. PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA, to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. PU H. VANLALAUVA, to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

**SPEAKER** : "For the Lord loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. The righteous shall be preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall possess the land, and dwell upon it for ever".

Psalms 37 : 28 - 29.

Today, we have some members who cannot attend our session. Pu F. Malsawma, Pu ZH Ropuia, Dr. R. Lalthangliana cannot attend today due to bad health. We shall take questions as our List of Business. Let us call upon Pu Zakhu Hlychho to ask starred question no. 12.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 12 to be replied by our hon'ble Minister of Public Works Department.

- (a) That what is the amount of each expenditure for furnishing our Chief Minister, Speaker and Deputy Speaker ?
- (b) That the cost of Security fencing for each of the above.
- (c) That expenditure for Security Barrack for those who live in their own house.
- (d) Is this facility given to Advisers ? If so, How much is given to each advisers ?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga, Minister-incharge to give answers.

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA**: Mr. Speaker Sir, the following are the answers for questions raised by our hon'ble Member.

- (a) Expenditure for furnishing each Minister, Speaker and Deputy Speaker are as follows :

(1)	Dr. R. Lalthangliana	Rs. 1,12,240/-
(2)	Pu B. Lalthlengliana	Rs. 74,980/-
(3)	Pu F. Malsawma	Rs. 1,12,496/-
(4)	Pu K.L. Lianchia	Rs. 1,12,496/-
(5)	Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga	Rs. 1,01,900/-
(6)	Col. Lalchungnunga	Rs. 1,02,783/-
(7)	Pu Tawnluia	Rs. 1,12,500/-
(8)	Pu Vanlalhlana	Rs. 75,000/-
(9)	Pu Lalrinzuala	Rs. 75,000/-
(10)	Pu R. Lalawia	Rs. 1,50,000/-
(11)	Pu Lalhmingthanga	Rs. 1,30,695/-
(12)	Pu J. Lalthangliana	Rs. 75,000/-
(13)	Pu K. Thangzualla	Rs. 74,999/-
(14)	Pu Zoramthanga	Rs. 1,50,000/-

- (b) Expenditure for Security fencing are :

(1)	Pu F. Malsawma	Rs. 1,40,257/-
(2)	Pu K.L. Lianchia	Rs. 23,621/-
(3)	Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga	Rs. 2,38,629/-
(4)	Pu B. Lalthlengliana	Rs. 1,96,155/-
(5)	Pu Lalhmingthanga	Rs. 20,950/-
(6)	Pu Vanlalhlana	Rs. 30,394/-

- (c) Expenditure for Security Barrack are :

(1)	Pu Aichhinga	Rs. 60,709/-
(2)	Pu F. Malsawma	Rs. 78,300/-
(3)	Pu K.L. Lianchia	Rs. 93,595/-
(4)	Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga	Rs. 1,02,340/-
(5)	Pu Lalhmingthanga	Rs. 1,17,334/-

- (d) Advisers are not given such furnishing.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary questions. Is that expenditure final payment? And, what is the amount of money entitled to each Minister for fencing, Security Barrack and for furnishing? Did they get as their entitlement? If such furnishing is given by Public Works Department, Do they have registration? What items do they get for this purpose?

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we use the existing rate for furnishing since 1990. There is limit for furnishing such as Rs. 2,00,000/- each for Chief Minister and Speaker, Rs. 1,50,000/- each for Cabinet Ministers and Rs. 1,00,000/- each for Minister of State and Deputy Speaker. As time passes on, prices go up. Therefore, it is proposed to increase the rate of furnishing as follows : Rs. 3,00,000/- each for Chief Minister and Speaker, Rs. 2,25,000/- each for Cabinet Ministers and Rs. 1,50,000/- each for Minister of State and Deputy Speaker. And regarding Guard Barrack and Security, their settlement should be secured enough, so, it is not possible to make ceiling for such purpose. It is generally done by Public Works Department under the supervision of the Security Department.

And the list of items given to the Ministers are kept in records. So, we can distribute such list if necessary.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu F. Lalthanzuala to ask starred question no. 13.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the Minister of Higher & Technical Education be pleased to reply my starred question no. 13.

- (a) That will the Government provincialise any of the Colleges during this financial year of 1999 - 2000.
- (b) If so, which Colleges are to be provincialised?
- (c) Can he tell me his proposal in this regard?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu B. Lalthlengliana, Minister incharge to reply the questions.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the following are the answers for questions raised by our hon'ble Member from Hnathial Constituency.

- (a) It is proposed to provincialise at least four Deficit Colleges in accordance with our financial condition.
- (b) No College is yet particularly ear-marked.
- (c) We still collect statistical report and other necessary documents from seven Deficit Colleges, we have to choose from such colleges.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, this question no. 13 is closely related to my question no. 20. But they are not club together. So, let me ask as supplementary question.

- (a) How many Private Colleges will be up - graded into deficit system during 1999 - 2000 financial year ?
- (b) What is the criteria to upgrade private College into deficit college ?
- (c) We have two colleges in our District at Saiha and Lawngtlai. We also established Private College at Kamalanagar. We also have affiliation from NEHU. So, I would like to ask whether this Kamalanagar College will be up - graded ?

SPEAKER : We do not club together these question nos. 13 and 20 because Pu Nirupam asks for Deficit and Pu Lalthanzuala asks for Government College. Now, let us call upon Pu B Lalthlengliana, Minister, to give answers.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding question asked by our member from Chawngte Constituency, provincialisation of Private College is not possible as there is deficit system between the two status. But there may be many criteria to provincialise Deficit Colleges, such as the year of its establishment, academic achievement, its location, etc. We also collect statistical reports. We will decide from such criteria.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu L.N. Tluanga to ask starred question no. 14.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of Public Works Department be pleased to reply starred question no. 14; that Road Protection Squad is established for what purpose ?

PUR. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Road Protection Squad is established to look after roads of Aizawl City and to make the city clean. For this purpose Co-ordination Committee is formed under the Chairmanship of the hon'ble Minister of Public Works Department. Some Head of Departments who had importance in this regard are also appointed members of this Committee.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am happy to know that we have Road Protection Squad. Now, they have started to make side - drain. This is very great. But, I want to know what punishment should be given to those who destroy public roads. For instance, when Public Works Department makes road they are often destroyed by Telecom Department or Public Health Engineering Department. Is there any proposal to avoid this problem from the Co - ordination Committee ? And regarding trafficking, our Police

Department used white paint on the road and Public Works Department used cat's eye reflector. Is it possible for a single department to take responsibility for proper trafficking?

PU C. SANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, question no. 25(c) is the same with this question but there is mistake in its wording where I used 'safety' in place of 'protection'. So, let me use as supplementary question. When we look at our roads, there are some holes and cavity on the road and some black top portions are cracking and deteriorating. Should this protection squad give report to the department on such cases? Or should the report be given by the Village Leaders or MLAs? I also want to ask that should they protect the road area besides the road surface?

Er. K. THANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I really appreciate this Road Protection Squad. But if we want to protect our roads Public Works Department would need full support from the office of the Deputy Commissioner because our Public Works Department officers have no magisterial power to take actions against those who do not care about road protection. So, I would like to ask is there any arrangement in this regard?

Next Is there any way to form underground utility committee with other Departments like Telecom and Public Health Engineering? If so, proper working programme can be set by this Committee to avoid destruction of black topped surface by other departments who engaged in digging works.

PUR. TLANGHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I am happy to hear such supplementary questions. I am also interested in Road Protection Squad and I hope that much more suggestions will come from our members. As we know that our capital city is still growing and we need to protect our road reserved area. We also formed co-ordination committee including our Deputy Commissioner as a member for the purpose of Road Protection. We also made appropriate proposal to form another committee to deal with legislation if required. Our co-ordination included Public Health Engineering and Telecom Departments who engaged in digging work for underground utility. From now on, this committee will set our programmes and we hope that we can carry on our works usefully.

Regarding roadside foot - path asked by our member from South - II Constituency, it is not included in Public Works Department work schedule, but its protection is our duty. When we establish Road Protection Squad, we still realize that there are many things to work in this regard. When I, myself, walk about to look at the markings of road reserved which had been done in 1986 - 87, some marking posts were still there inside some houses. So, there are many houses to be destroyed if we fulfill this. Therefore, suggestions from our members will be important.

Road Protection Squad will also work for beautification. Sanction will also be there to maintain side - drain. And I would like to express that we have many commitments in our mind for the improvement of our Roads. Our Police Department also requests us to make Traffic sign, Zebra Crossing, etc. we want to help them as much as possible. It is still undertaking.

Thank you.

**PU K.T. ROKHAW** : Mr. Speaker Sir, from the answers given by our hon'ble Minister that Road Protection Squad is established to work within Aizawl only. So, I would like to ask can this Road Protection Squad work for other District Headquarters too?

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA:** Mr. Speaker Sir, Road Protection Squad is firstly established for Aizawl city. No new posts are created for the workers like Supervisors, Advisers and enforcement. They are taken from the Department Staffs to work in addition to their normal duty. If this Road Protection Squad can make achievement we can establish for other District Headquarters too.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu F. Lalthanzuala to ask starred question no. 15.

**PU F. LALTHANZUALA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, may the hon'ble Minister of Public Health Engineering Department be pleased to reply my question - when will the work of pumping out Tuichang river be started for the people of Hnahthial and its suburb region?

**PU TAWNLUIA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the work of pumping out water from  
**MINISTER** Tuichang for the people of Hnahthial and its suburb region cannot be started now due to financial problem.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu Nirupam Chakma to ask starred question no. 16.

**PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 16, will the hon'ble Minister incharge Public Works Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether the Public Works Department allotted any contract works without call of tender since December 1999?
- (b) If so, please give detail break - up division wise.

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I think this question will be December 1998 instead of 1999. Therefore, the break up of contract work without tender from December 1998 are as follows :-

Division	No. of works	Amount
Aizawl Road South Division	21	Rs. 8,51,044/-
Aizawl Road North Division	91	Rs. 44,97,019/-
Building Project Division - I	23	Rs. 42,23,553/-
Lunglei Division	23	Rs. 14,70,194/-

Saiha Division	50	Rs. 24,86,974/-
Tlabung Division	2	Rs. 1,13,260/-
Aizawl Building Division	21	Rs. 24,71,250/-
Kawrthah Division	19	Rs. 12,61,481/-
Saitual Division	61	Rs. 3,52,113/-
	Total	Rs. 176,39,589/-

Thank you.

**PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, during the Congress Ministry, the ruling party of today blamed the then Ministry for giving contract work without call of tender which was very often. At last, our Ministry stopped that system due to the intervention of the High Court. So, I would like to ask, should this system be continued by this Government?

**PU K.T. ROKHAW :** Mr. Speaker Sir, as mentioned by our Minister, the amount of contract work allotted without call of tender is more than Rs. 176 lakhs worth. So, I would like to ask the reasons for giving such amount of contract works without call of tender. I am sorry for this as it is done to favour their party workers. So, I will be grateful to our Minister if he can tell this House that he will stop this practice.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, how many work orders were issued from work schedule but without technical sanction and administrative approval before December 1998 that is between August and December ?

**PU C. THANGHLUNA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask that contract works without call of tender are given to whom, whether to Registered contractors or not? If contract works are given to non-Registered contractors, do we still need to have Registered contractors as they are rejected very often?

**ER. K. THANGZUALLA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, Is there work order for registered contractors? Or that contract works are done by the Department through agency or not?

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO :** Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask whether without call of tender are practised in emergency case or our normal system? And regarding this system, the two brothers in my constituency are given contract works. I think that this is not proper. Also, in some places, practical work are not done by those who are given contract works. Is this aware of by our hon'ble Minister? Are they given under emergency case?

**PUR. TLANGHMINGTHANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, during 10 years of the previous Ministry, there were many contract works given without call of tender and members of other parties could

not get such works. So even the High Court had to get involved in such situation. Therefore, our engineers are afraid that contract works will be given illegally. But there are many reasons to give contract works without call of tender. Some works are emergency cases. Some works are given to YMA for quick completion. Some works are given to an individual as that works go through their land. Besides these the amount of works below Rs. 1,50,000/- are allowed to be given to non - Registered contractors if approved by the Engineer.

And, every contract work is accompanied by work tender. Anyway, we try very hard to avoid to give without call of tender, but there are some exceptional cases which are inevitable due to some reasons. And if our Members demand the copy of the list of work given without call of tender I can furnish during this session. It is upto you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, there are many more important questions. But our ruling member made many questions which can be discussed in their own party meeting. This shows that there is no good cooperation within their family. We have Ruling 'A' and Ruling 'B'. Ruling 'B' afraid that they will disappoint the Ruling 'A' and they kept quiet. So, Mr. Speaker Sir, can they discuss their questions in their Legislature Party meeting?

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, are not the members allowed to have supplementary questions? I opine that we need to explain this.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, In this House, our Ministers stood on behalf of the Government and the MLAs stood on behalf of the people. Therefore, we, the MLAs ask questions which are answered by our Ministers on behalf of the Government.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, our Ministers also asked questions in the previous session. You also made our Ministers to ask question. But Ministers are the representatives of the Government.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, our Ministers never submit written questions in this House from the very beginning of the government of Mizoram. It is not our normal practice.

SPEAKER : Please keep quiet, our knowledge of Law might be different. Yet, Law is the most important one. Every member has equal freedom to ask supplementary questions. Now, let us call upon our Minister of Public Works Department to replay Supplementary questions.



**PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, can Assurance be given by our Minister. Let him give assurance not to give contract work without call of tender. He dislikes this practice very much while he was in the opposition.

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA: MINISTER** Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to tell our opposition members that I always welcome any question or suggestion at anytime and anywhere. But regarding assurance, we have existing Rule. So, I need not give an assurance. I also try my best to follow this Rule and I will try again for its improvement. Now, we want to finish our works in Aizawl as soon as possible before the coming of Monsoon season. So, we follow formality and we cannot wait for the coming of financial sanction. But we need to prevent mal - practice and giving of contract work without call of tender as much as we can. So, I invite our opposition members to help us in this sphere.

**PU C. THANGHLUNA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, our ruling members of today blamed the previous ministry when they sat on opposition bench. Therefore, when they became ruling members our people had very high hope from them. But, they are not different from the previous Ministry till today. While the people of Mizoram expected transparent Government they have given 170 contract works without call of tender during seven months of their rule, which is much more than the previous Ministry of 10 years long. So, I opine that this is not the hope of the people from them.

The reason why I stand here again is my supplementary question which has not been answered by the concerned Minister. The question is that, to whome did the contract work is given, whether a registered contractors or not? I would be very pleased if he can answer me.

**PU K.T. ROKHAW :** Mr. Speaker Sir, as said by our Minister, contract work is given without call of tender by the previous Ministry that was strongly criticized by the then opposition members. Now, they formed a new Ministry of their own, they follow the same practice. Should they try to correct this wrong practice? So, this is my first question. Can the Minister promise not to give contract work without call of tender? Secondly, the amount of rupees 26 lakhs is given for Saiha Division as mentioned by our Minister. Is this money totally for contract work without call of tender during this eight months of their rule?

**S P E A K E R :** Let us call upon Minister - in - charge to give answer.

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA: MINISTER** Mr. Speaker Sir, I have said that contract works without call of tender are inevitably given to YMA, Churches and the owners of the land. The amount of Rs. 15,000/- and below are given to non - registered contractors, other major works are given in the name of registered contractors. The total number of works given without call of tender are generally as above. On the other hand, I really hate the normal works given by the officers to their relatives without

tender. So, I try to abolish such habits. I still hate this habit as much as I hated during the previous Ministry. But as I said, there are often some inevitably cases such as giving works to YMA, Churches and the owners of the land where the work is to be done. I praise our Engineers and Officers on such cases for their ability to make arrangement. I would like to mention that I always try to stop giving contract works without call of tender other than the above cases.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu Lal Thanzuala to ask question no. 17.

**PU F. LAL THANZUALA:** Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of Public Works Department be pleased to reply my question that, how long has the government of Mizoram undertaken to make bridge across Tuichang river for Hnabthial - Thingsai Road?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga, Minister in-charge to reply.

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA: MINISTER** Mr. Speaker Sir, Plan Estimate is still going on. It is proposed that 50% of the work will be taken up during this year and Rs. 25 lakhs is estimated in the work schedule.

**SPEAKER** : Question hours is over now. But being the owner of the question only Pu Thanzuala is allowed to have supplementary question.

**PU F. LALTHANZUALA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, there has not been any bridge till today, so, rice cannot be stocked in the Go - down of Tarphe and we cannot predict the future of the people who live beyond that river as monsoon season will come soon. Mr. Speaker Sir, this is rather a request than question. I wish our Minister to pay attention to this.

**SPEAKER** : Now, our Question Hour is over, we shall go to our next business and we shall call upon our Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga to lay the Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 1997 - 1998, Appropriation of Account 1997 - 1998 and Finance Account 1997 - 1998 relating to Government of Mizoram.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission and on the recommendation of the Governor, I, hereby lay the Report of the Comptroller General & Auditor General of India for the year 1997 - 1998, Finance Account 1997 - 1998 and Appropriation of Accounts 1997 - 1998 on the table of this August House.

Thank you.

**S P E A K E R** : Let the copy be distributed to the members. Our next business is Discussion on Voting on Demands. Today, we will discuss the Demands of Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga and Pu H. Vanlalaiva. We will call upon our Ministers to move this. Now let us call upon Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga to move his Demands.

**PUR. TLANGHMINGTHANGA:** Mr. Speaker Sir, on the Recommendation of the **MINISTER** Governor of Mizoram and with your permission. Sir, I move the Demand No. 42 and 54, for Rs. 85,51,56,000/- for meeting expenses during 1999 - 2000 in respect of the following Departments Demand No. 42, Cooperation Rs. 2,83,95,000/-, Demand No. 54, Public Works Department Rs. 82,67,61,000/-.

Thank you.

**S P E A K E R** : Now, let us call upon Pu H. Vanlalaiva to move his Demands.

**PU H. VANLALAUVA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me a chance. **MINSTER** On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I move Demand No. 19, 28, 29 and 38 for Rs. 38,67,23,000/- to meet the expenses of Local Administration Department and Fisheries Department during 1999 - 2000. The break up of the Demand are as follow :

Demand No. 19 - Local Administration Department	-	Rs. 4,03,00,000/-
Demand No. 28 - Housing	-	Rs. 27,32,25,000/-
Demand No. 29 - Urban Development	-	Rs. 5,61,58,000/-
Demand No. 38 - Fisheries Department	-	Rs. 1,70,40,000/-
Total	-	Rs. 38,67,23,000/-

I, further request this august House to pass my Demands.

Thank you.

**S P E A K E R** : Now, the two Ministers had moved their Demands and we shall have discussion on such Demands. Time will be arranged for 15 mins each. Let us all try to keep our time rightly. We will call upon anyone of you to have speech.

**PU H. RAMMAWI** : Mr. Speaker Sir, let me start first. When we look at the Draft of our Annual Plan, we propose to create new 2875 posts and to buy 114 new vehicles. So, I think that it is good for our Minister to have second thought about the requirement of new vehicles. Because we generally need more money for the maintainance than the price of new vehicle. Yes, Mr. Speaker Sir, I did not have speech in the General Discussion. So, I would like to point out this.

The first thing which I would like to mention is Urban Development. Here this Demand contains Rs. 5,61,58,000/- for Urban Development. But reading from the main book of the Plan, there is Rs. 4,73,00,000/- under the Local Administration Department and Rs. 180 lakhs under the Public Works Department. The total amount will be Rs. 6,53,00,000/-. Why there is different figure in this regard? I wish our Minister to explain this when he wind-up. Mr. Speaker Sir, I also want to mention that Urban Development is for urban area only but some villages of the rural areas also expected urban development fund. This led to the declaration of new towns. There has been problems for the people of Mizoram as the rural population decreases in the census. In fact, the whole Mizoram is rural areas except Aizawl and Lunglei. Now, our rural population, as recorded by Planning Commission, is 53% in Mizoram but the figure is not correct infact. This situation can break our fund for Rural Development from the Planning Commission and it is the people who would suffer most. So, I would like to request our Department Officers to keep in mind this while they prepare Plan.

I also want to mention about Co-operation Department. We have Apex Bank. This is the only Bank where the Government of Mizoram had share and power. Here, we can see Rs. 2 lakhs for Apex Bank. When money comes from the Central Government, it is surely needed to draw from the State Bank of India. But when that money is to be re-deposited I wish the Apex Bank to be utilised rather than other Banks. Some years ago, Local Administration Department often used other Banks to deposit money for HUDCO, LIC and other loans. Is this good? If we are going to deposit our money it is good for our State to use our own Bank - Apex Bank. While I am speaking about Co-operation, I want to point out this. Being an MLA, we have quota for Gas connection. We never have problem in Aizawl to use our quota. But in Saiha, I do not know who is the Manager of Mizofed. He said that he could not issue Gas connection from MLA quota. I received letter yesterday and our people are busy. So, I want to request our Minister to note down this, Gas connection must be issued tomorrow from my quota if it is available. Government Servant should not behave like that since we have become a full fledged State.

And regarding Public Works Department, the only thing which included in the work schedule in my constituency is Sangau to Saichichhuah Road. Rs. 2 lakhs is estimated for this road. This road has been proposed in the previous years but the work has not been done practically. Now, we still use the old road inaugurated by Mr. Shakespear in April 1890 during the British period. We hope that this year, the work will be practically completed unlike those past years.

And, one thing that I want to point out is there are eastern side and western side in the Lai District but we have no road to communicate each other. In 1983, plan had been made for Lawngtlai to Sarepchuah Road. But we thought that it was diverted for another work in the south and the same proposal has not been included in the Budget this year. So, I would like to request our Department authority to remember this if Plan is able to extend when Fund Allocation is prepared. Next, from pages 999 and 116 of our Plan Book, there is no proposal to build Government Housing in Chhimtuipui District. And regarding page 137, we see Rs. 10 crores for Mizoram State Road Project. Where should this money be used? I want to request our Minister to clarify this during his wind-up speech.

Next, I would like to express my thanks to Public Works Department for their better activities. I praise their work in completing Lengpui Airfield during two years only. This is due to the efforts of our Public Works Department Staffs and this reveals improvement in their activities. Public Works Department Staffs never work as hard as they did in the past 2 years. I really appreciate their activities. Lastly, Mr.

Speaker Sir, I am happy for having quota in various loans like LIC, HUDCO, etc. which we never heard before. I appreciate this system. It is good and it covers the whole Mizoram from Vairengte to Tuipang and from Farkawn to Tuipuari. This Government covers every corner of the State. I, further hope for increment of our quota from 15 - 30 for better coverage of our State.

Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me a chance to have speech. Let me start from Public Works Department. I would like to request our hon'ble Minister to work more and more for my constituency from our budget money. My first proposal in this regard is to make Saitual to Saichal Road. Jeepable Road had already been there in the past but now it is damaged due to poor maintenance. So, I propose to make truckable road through this. And, it is known that our Minister had said 'Yes' to the request made by the people of Maite for Bus route before this coming Christmas. I am happy to hear this. If this road is to be made truckable, I would like to make proposal, let this road passes through Ruichawm, Ruallung and Mualpheng because these villages are included in the Saitual Sub Town Area, this will be helpful for town extension although the length of the road will be increased. We also know that our Public Works Department is not intending to do the works as I proposed, but I want to request our Minister to fulfill the wishes of the people of my constituency. I again want to make further proposal to make this road runs near the river of Tuivawl for the convenience of our farmers to use the road for transportation and it will be one of the steps taken for economic sufficiency.

And, next, Saitual Public Works Department Division included Darlawn and Ratu region but road communication within the Division is very bad. To go to Darlawn and Ratu, we need to go through Keifang, Tuirini, Seling zeropoint, Sesawng, Mualmam and Khawruhlian, it takes a long time and we need to travel more than 60 km. So, I propose to make Saitual - Tualbung - Khanpui Road. It is only 24 km long. This road is now undertaken by DRDA. Although it is good I would like to request our Public Works Department to take up this road as they are the bigger Department with better facilities. If this can gets materialised, my constituency will be very lucky and only Lungpher to Buhban road will be the remaining one to take up. This road has also been made for Jeepable road since a very long time but its maintenance is not good enough. So, I want to request our Minister to note down this and I will be grateful if we can have 3 or 4 labourers to look after this road.

And regarding internal road of Aizawl City, I am very happy to see our main road, it is well developed. But my desire is to repair other roads too that passes through every corner of the city. Especially, I live in Armed Veng locality, our internal roads are too bad due to the digging of road by Telecom Department, no repairing work had been done since they dug. So, I request our Road Protection squad to look at our roads. I also propose to repair other roads within Aizawl City, such as Vaivakawn to Luangmual, PU College to Bawngkawn, Chhinga Veng to Sihpui Ruam. I, further request our Public Works Department authority to construct Armed veng to Sihpui road, only about 1 km is left for this road. If this road is done, it will be a very great achievement.

Next, I would like to say about Co-operation. This Department is very important and very helpful for the people especially for the rural people. We have more than two thousand co-operative societies with a member of more than ten thousands. But this year, budget allocation for this Department is the same with that of last year,

it is about 33 lakhs only. I opine that this amount is too meagre. So, it will be very good to increase our budget for this Department through R.E. If we compare Co-operation Department with Public Works Department, we will know that Co-operation Department is really neglected by our Government. This Government did not allow State Level Society Assembly to elect new Managing Board Members some days ago. This is greatly a set back for our people. Therefore, I would like to say in this House that I am not interested to pass this meagre budget for this important department. So, I demand constructive measures for Co-operation Department.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I have many things to say but our time is too short. Now let me say about Local Administration Department (LAD). The main work of LAD now-a-day is to dissolve V/C. While our Chief Minister sat on opposition bench, he greatly criticized V/C nominated seat. Therefore, I expect abolition of V/C nominated seat from our Amendment Bill. Lastly, Mr. Speaker Sir, your Press Release accused me as of a fool and an ignorant in legal awareness. But I would like to reveal that I know the one who makes me to sit here in this House. He is our heavenly God, who always love righteousness. Therefore, I will not step back even an inch due to your Press Release which you made to frighten me.

Thank you.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me a chance to speak on Demands. First of all, let me speak on Demand no. 54 i.e. Public Works Department (PWD). I would like to request our hon'ble Minister to complete Mohre to Chapui Road in my constituency as I had requested in our previous Session. Again, I also want to request our Minister to complete Phura to Tawngkawlawng Road during this financial year.

Next, during the previous Ministry, we have IB at Chakhang but it is not accompanied by a space for vehicle parking. So, I would like to request our Minister to make retaining wall for this purpose. And regarding building construction, we have many Mizo Engineers but we still use the name of Assam Type for building. There, I wish our Engineers to make a new design of building to be called as a Mizo Type in place of Assam Type.

And regarding the grade of Roads, many PWD Roads are worse than RD Roads. So, I propose to create Mechanical circle to look after our Roads. I hope this will bring about better grade of roads. And now-a-day in Aizawl city, our road traffic is very crowded. To avoid this problem I wish our Government to buy sites for vehicle parking centre. Let this be noted down by our Minister. And, some PWD Roads are about 12 ft. wide which cannot accomodate small vehicles like Jeep. So, maintenance is more important than searching for new roads.

Next, I would like to say about LAD. This year, I am happy for we have quota for HBA Loan. I propose to make more loans for Government Servants as they had no problem for re-payment. And, one important thing which I want to express is about landslide in Hunthar Veng. This landslide had started from 1991. So, we shifted 14 families who live in sinking area. I want to make request to the government not to give any House pass in this area. It is very dangerous, I also request to allot another site for the affected families.

And regarding Housing Loan, Rs. 70,000/- and Rs. 50,000/- are too little to build houses. Therefore, I propose Housing Loans to be not less than Rs. 1 lakh. And I would like to mention that the position of our V/C is very pityful. When

our Ministers visit some villages, some V/C had to provide feast for them, this may open the door of corruption. Therefore, I wish to make V/C Fund. And now, I think that our Government had not yet distributed SDS money of about Rs 2,500/- each. I want the remaining money to be distributed as quickly as possible. And one important thing which I want to mention is that our Minister gives us quota and when I use my quota within Aizawl, there is no problem but in Saiha they had not released till today. We are the leaders of this state. Our Government Servants should not object to our quota. So, I would like to request our Minister to take action against this.

And, regarding Co-operation Department, promotion is too slow, so, I propose to make way for faster promotional channel than present condition. And, Apex Bank is the only bank of our own. Now, it has no building of its own. So, I wish to buy site and to construct building for Apex Bank. And, Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to shift the location of AOC petrol pump as its location is too crowded.

I also have something to say about Fisheries. We all want to have sufficient supply of fresh fish within our state. I also want to take steps for self-sufficiency in fish by helping fish farmers. Besides, I also propose to release fish seeds in our rivers as much as possible under the supervision of YMA and V/C. This will lead to increase of fish in our rivers.

Thank you.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, first of all, let me discuss about Co-operation Department. Especially, about MIZOFED, here we see Rs. 16.40 lakhs as subsidy grant-in-aid.  
H. PAUTU Mr. Speaker Sir, I think that MIZOFED can go on without loss. Regarding their shops, I think wholesale system would be better than retail out let. This will be benefitted by other cooperative societies in the rural areas. I wish our Government to study about corporations like MIZOFED, MAHCO, etc. whether they have deficit or not to make Cooperative Movement progressive. Cooperative Societies are very important for the people who live in rural areas. For example, in my constituency, Hortoki is farther than Kawnpui but the people of Hortoki can buy commodities at cheaper rates than the people of Kawnpui. This is due to the existence of Cooperative Society in Hortoki. So, I want to make suggestion for Cooperation Department to use MIZOFED as a wholesaler enterprise and the Village Cooperative Societies as a retail outlet shops. And, one thing, for which I want to make a request to our Minister is to investigate our MIZOFED Staffs who are engaged in Petrol Pumps. Almost all of them can have Oil Tanker of their own. Let this be noted down by our Minister. Is there something wrong in that business ?

Next, let me say about PWD, here we see Stock Suspense. If I am not mistaken, Stock Suspense is usually there in the Mechanical Division and Store Division from the time of UT to save the balanced - money. But, today, I do not know its importance and this can lead to corruption. There are many stocked materials in the PWD Godown but they are useless and this year there is about Rs. 100 lakhs for stock suspense. Therefore, I wish this amount of money to be used in other places. I also want to abolish stock suspense system in the future. Different Departments transfer too much amount of money to PWD for Building purpose. In such cases there are two ways of additional charges called Agency charge or Service charge of 11.75%. So that each and every Department can maintain their buildings. The other major works such as Roads, Bridges, Airport, capital expansion and others should be there in the hands of the Public Works Department.

Next, regarding stipend and scholarship, we see Rs. 6 lakhs only. I opine that this is too meagre for our today's live. So, I propose to increase the rate of scholarship to about Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 1500/- monthly, and atleast Rs. 3000/- for book grant. So, I wish this to reflect in the Revised Estimate. And in my constituency, it is proposed to make LP Gas Bottling Plant at Pualhrangluichhuah near the NH 54. The length from this place to Mualkhang is about 5 km and is maintained by RD, the road is very bad. So, I request our PWD to take up this road for better standard. This road will also be important for Agricultural field lying beyond Mualkhang Village too.

And, regarding LAD, as said by our hon'ble Member from Tuipang, the amount of Housing Loan of Rs. 50,000/- and Rs. 70,000/- is too little to build houses. I wish this amount of Housing Loan to be raised upto Rs. 1,00,000/-. And an advance loan for Government Servants is also too little, I propose the least amount to be atleast Rs. 1.25 lakhs. I wish our Minister to note down this to be discussed in the revised estimate.

And, regarding fisheries, we have our own Seed Farm but we still import fish seeds from other states. So, I wish our seed farms to be maintained better for self-sufficiency in fish seed. I wish this also to be noted down by our Minister.

Thank you.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say some few points. Regarding Demand No. 42, Cooperation Department. Some years ago, Cooperation Department had distributed Edible Oil through societies to the people. It was very useful for the people especially for those who live in rural areas as the rate of Edible Oil in market is very high. So, I request our Government to continue this through retailers. Next, as said by some of our members, I am grateful for having quota in the allotment of HBA. As the repayment of HBA is not difficult for our Agencies such as HUDCO and LIC, I wish our Government to search for ways for more HBA Loans. I think it is good to give HBA Loan to any Government Servant who likes to take it.

Regarding PWD, if I am not mistaken, Suangpuilawn to Khawlian Road is included in the Work Schedule and Rs. 2,00,000/- is planned for Phullen to Phuaibuang Road, I am happy for that. And along with my thanks I would like to express one important thing that I feel as wrong practice. I am informed that some amount of money is drawn for the purpose of Construction of T. Beam Bridge and Widening of approach road, improvement of RCC slab culvert at Tuivawl, but such work are not practically done. So, I request our Minister to investigate this. Besides, I want to request our Minister to look at this Division where the number of skilled workers is reported to be 40 whereas only 37 are engaged. Further, the number of MR employees under Skilled II is 53 but they are 57 in the Bill, Skilled I is 59 but they are recorded as 60 in the Bill.

Next, in TDB Road which we called as Tuivai-Daido-Bukpui Road, about 50-53 km is proposed to be black topped and the Bitumen (Alkatra) bought for this road are bad and useless. I request to inspect this too because our road will suffer very much. Also in E. Phaileng to Suangpuilawn road, contract work is given to Pu Vanlalsiama and he was given Rs. 1,20,000/- but the total bill as recorded in the office is Rs. 3,00,000/-. I cannot understand this contradiction.

The other points which I would like to express is that my constituency



had been disturbed area for some time. Our Police occupied Government Quarters, IB and Rest House due to HPC Movement. But today, we have peaceful atmosphere there. Our Government and the HPC had signed peace accord. Meanwhile, our Policemen still occupy PWD IB at Khawlian Village. Therefore, there is no place for VIPs to stay. If I am not mistaken, I know that our Policemen have some amount of fund for housing even in Khawlian also. Therefore, I would like to request our Minister to take steps for the Police to vacate that IB and to repair it again.

In regard to Fisheries Department, we consume much fish but we need improvement and development in our Fisheries Department. Generally those who have fish pond catch all their fishes at once. As fish is easy to perish, our fish farmers have great problem in marketing. So, I request our Department to make development for fish farming so that our fish farmers can have steady income through out the year.

Thank you.

PU VANLALHLANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to point out only three  
DEPUTY SPEAKER points. First of all, in regard to HBA and Housing Loan, every MLA has quota and I convey my thanks to our Government for this. Here, HBA is given to Government Servants only. I want to make this loan available for the staffs of our State cooperative bodies such as KVI, ZIDCO, MAMCO and for the teachers of Deficit Schools because their monthly salaries are given by the Government.

Secondly, we need to look after our Capital, Aizawl properly, we imported many hardware materials. At the sametime, our soil is geologically not strong. So, I wish to control our building construction and to take the photograph of our geology through Satellite for study, we need all these to avoid natural disasters. And, our drainage system is also too bad, this leads to landslide every year.

Besides, we need to look after our Telephone, Electric and TV cables properly. I opine that we need Municipal Body to look after our capital in place of VC. We still have VC sine 1953 and we made a number of Amendments to suit our day-to-day life. But today the power of VC is almost meaningless in Aizawl. Almost all their works are done by Subordinate Court, District Court and even the High Court. Therefore, I wish our Minister to study about Municipal Corporation to be introduced in Aizawl. Otherwise, our capital will suffer great calamity as our state lies on the earthquake zone.

Lastly, in regard to PWD, I appreciate the work done by PWD. Now, they have been repairing our Roads in Aizawl and many places in the rural areas. Regarding Roads, I would like to advise our PWD authority to think about economic road for the benefit of the people. We already have good road along North - South direction but we have no good road to a cross the breadth of Mizoram from East - West. For this purpose, I suggest to make road from Khawbung Constituency to Aizawl through Sialhawk, Khawhai, Chhingchhip, Khumtung and Paikhai. This road will be very important for many people. I request our Minister to note down this.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we shall have recess and Meeting will be re -  
sumed at 2 : 00 P.M. Meeting Adjourned at 1 : 00 P.M.

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S P E A K E R : We will continue our Business now, we will call upon Pu Lalthan Kunga.

P U L A L T H A N K U N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for allotting me time to deliver speech. First of all I would like to express about Cooperation Department. In Demand No. 42, we see some corporations such as Industrial Corporation, Handloom & Weaving, etc. But there is no token provisions for such corporations. I do not know whether we can take steps for Cooperation Movement without token provisions or not. Besides this, I would like to propose to set up Labour Cooperative Union to strengthen Cooperation Movement. So, I opine that if we have Labour Cooperative Union, they can do some contract works under PWD where the members of that union can perform the manual works jointly. This will be benefitting for the people as a whole if the Union has 200 - 300 members.

And, in regard to Demand No. 54 at page 513 - They reflected again the same plan of the previous year 1998 - 1999 for this year 1999 - 2000. There are many others of this type. On the other hand, some plans which had been included in 1998 - 1999 are missing this year. Does it mean that they are not needed to continue? Also in regard to Civil Aviation Department, some amount of money had been planned last year for establishment and wages. But this year, they are not totally included. Are the posts under this Department created for 1 or 2 years only?

Next, regarding PWD, their works are very important for development. In my constituency, Ratu, no proposals are made in the work schedule, my constituency is HPC. Demand are, so they suffer double revolutionary crisis and our leaders often told them that they care for their development. But, our PWD proposes no new works. Therefore, I would like to request our Department to make Blacktop road from Zohmun to Sakawrdai as this road is used by MST Bus. If Black topping is not possible I further request our PWD to do atleast metalling works.

And regarding LAD, it can be seen that no new steps are to be taken. Mr. Speaker Sir, for the betterment of administration, I suggest to establish Municipal Board for our capital Aizawl. Although we cannot avoid to use much money for Urban Development as almost all important places are located at Aizawl, I would like to give greater care for the welfare of our rural people as they have been neglected since a long time. For all these reasons, I would like to request every Department to care about the progress of our rural people while making budgets.

And in regard to fisheries I wish the Department to favour those who practically engaged in fish farming and to have spot verification to give help to fish farmers. In this way we can make fish farming an important occupation.

Thank you.

P U C . S A N G Z U A L A : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to express about PWD and LAD. First of all I convey my thanks to PWD for repairing roads within my constituency. This shows that our Leaders give us great care and I called this our new system. But one thing which I would like to express is that I am sorry for we need to give reports of some

bad things other than the Department works. I point out this in the hope for better works in future.

Besides the above, I would like to point out that our Government had done many works as we had listened in the morning session. Today, I hope that we are going to discuss about work schedule proposed for this financial year, but we have not yet seen such work schedule. So, I opine that we have vast right to discuss our budget.

I would like to mention that roads greatly reflex our government and we greatly need good roads. Let me point out our problems due to lack of good communication. For instance, Salem Veng in my constituency, cannot follow Public Distribution System, the people cannot take their Ration Quota due to lack of good roads till today. Truckable Road can be constructed from Republic Veng but this cannot be done due to some minor reasons. So, I beg for this road to be included in the work schedule during this year. Besides, the people of Aizawl South thought themselves neglected. This may be true, so, I request our leaders to care about the welfare of that areas, their roads greatly need re-surfacing not only for the people of our capital city. Particularly, the road to S. Hlmen is now very bad, such is the condition of Mission Vengthlang. I ask for repairing of their roads. Similarly, we see bad condition of roads at Luangmual and Tanhril, there are many important things there, so, I wish these roads to be included in the new work schedule.

When I visit Shillong, I saw their good roads within the city, they are properly maintained whether wide or small, so, I wish our government also to make proper approach for every corner of our city and our houses as much as possible. At the sametime, I am happy for hearing the establishment of Road Protection Squad. I wish this squad to start their works quickly and to cooperate with LAD and Revenue Departments. Let them start their works before it is too late. Anyway, it is important to think carefully about which works are to be paid priority.

Next, I have little points to mention about LAD, I also support to increase the amount of Housing Loans and to increase the number of the recipients. And my question in the previous session regarding the disposal of city garbage, have we made more practical and concrete proposals? Now, we are discussing about communication roads, it is important to know that we have many houses without proper approach roads. Therefore, I would like to request our LAD to have spot verification while making proposals for steps and other approach roads.

Thank you.

PU PB ROSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me a chance to have speech. Some years ago, our Budget for PWD was generally accompanied by work schedules, but today, work schedule is not there. Anyway, I am happy for hearing that we have a huge budget. Our Annual Plan is as much as five times of our budget during the UT Period.

I would like to say first is Demand No. 54. As we know that our state is a land lock state and we often have problems with our neighbouring states because our only route passes through Cachar District of Assam. Therefore, we require another alternative route. Now, the Central Government had chosen Aizawl to Mana (Tripura) Route for national highway. So, I am happy for this. Similarly, Seling to Tipaimukh (Manipur) Road is also chosen for National Highway. I have something to say about this. Can our State Government have a say in this? Especially regarding our road to

Manipur, Seling to Tipaimukh road is about 458 km to reach Churachandpur, our nearest District Headquarters, but there can be shorter road from Khawzawl to Singzawl Manipur road which is about 386 km only. So, I think that this shorter road will be better to choose for National Highway because this road passes through important places such as Biate, Sialhawk, Khawzawl, etc. so that we can use this road to dispose of our agricultural crops. The cost of travelling and transport will be less as this road is shorter by 72 km. Besides, as said by our members, we need to make more roads of East to West direction. And, I want to have plans for economic roads by passing through our river valleys. I wish our hon'ble Minister to note down this while making road network plan.

Next, let me mention about my constituency, as I had said that Khawzawl to Singzawl road is very important. And, from Kawikulh to Mimbung road, the BRTF handed over Kawikulh to Ngopa road of about 56 kms. to our state PWD. After handing over to PWD, this road becomes worse and if a year passess, it will not be plyable by buses. When I asked how much money they have for resurfacing, they told me that they have only one kilometre left to be resurfacing in the last financial year. Now, the whole road of 56 km is too bad, I am aware that Ngopa to Mimbung road of 40-50 kms is still undertaken by BRTF which is to be handed over to PWD. I opine that this should be done carefully, they have not yet completed the works. So, I suggest that the road should be taken up by PWD after completion of all the works even side drain and culverts by BRTF and I also request our PWD to maintain the roads properly.

Next, I also support the speech of our member from Saitual Constituency to implement Saitual to NE Bualpui road upto Kawikulh to Mimbung road. This will be very useful for about 30 villages lying near the border of Manipur. The road to Churachandpur can also be shortened by about 130 kms, it will be very pleasing.

I further propose to construct another road through NE Bualpui, Rabung, Tualcheng and Hnahlan to join Champhai to Khuangphah road. This will also be very useful for about 30 villages having a population of about 30,000. If this road is constructed, the road from Rabung to Aizawl will be shortened by 70 km. Similarly, Hnahlan to Aizawl also will be shortened by 80 kms. If our government takes loan from World Bank, I want this road to be constructed.

As I have said, we have large amount of money in our budget, we can spend about Rs. 2000 lakhs for construction and repair of roads and bridges. So, I opine that it is good to use some amount of money to make roads especially Saitual to Hliappui to Hnahlan road. This road had been constructed in 1982 from Centrally Sponsored fund as jeepable road, but today, it is not properly maintained. So, I would like to request our government to take steps for such purpose.

Secondly, in regard to Fisheries Department, I have some points to say. Most of our fish, in the market are imported from other states. I think that we will spend too much money for fish. Therefore, Fisheries Department is very important and I wish this Department to take steps for self sufficiency in fish, I opine that we have enough potential for such purpose. In this regard, I suggest to produce fish seed as much as possible and to maintain fish market properly.

And, in regard to Demand No. 28, I also support the increment of LIC and HUDCO loans as proposed by some of our members. I also appreciate increment of our quota.

Lastly, regarding Demand No. 19, I opine that we need to upgrade the

position of our VC and to increase their remuneration because they hold important position in our state and society.

Thank you.

**DR. LALZAMA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me an opportunity to deliver speech. First of all I would like to say that we greatly require proper drainage system in Aizawl City. Our geologists had said that the cause of landslide and sinking at Sihpui Ruam and Hunthar Veng are due to poor drainage system and lack of proper side drains. Besides, we also require side drain to decorate our city. When we look at our budget demand for construction and repair of Roads, it is not much. Therefore, I opine that additional fund should be made for this. In my constituency, I witness poor maintainance of roads and side drain between Bawngkawn and Zemabawk, the road to Zuangtui Godown and the road from Thuampui to Selesih. I also propose to make better road to Aizawl Theological College because some foreigners often visit this college.

Besides the above, my Constituency, Aizawl N-I greatly requires development. Zemabawk, Sihphir and other localities are declared city area. But they are included in the city area in name only. So, we greatly require better development. We require not only roads but also steps under LAD, for example, the lower part of Durtlang Ramthar, Leitan greatly require steps. All our required development cannot be included in PWD Work Schedule but if we can have additional fund I request our leaders to take care about the above places which I had pointed out. And, particularly, Zemabawk will be hosting KTP General Conference and Kohhran Hmeichhe Inkhawmpui 2000. Some foreigners will come to attend such conferences. So, I would like to request our leaders to care about development particularly in Zemabawk and its surrounding areas.

Next, in regard to Fisheries Department, we greatly require this Department for self-sufficiency in fish. So, our budget for this Department is not much. There are many fish farmer who are greatly interested in fish farming in my constituency and in our state. It is so important for our government to take more steps for the improvement of fish farming as it can be regarded as a permanent occupation. So, I propose to introduce loans for fish farming.

And, other things which I would like to point out is necessity of market to sell our agricultural products. Particularly, the people of my constituency produced many crops and they can be called feeder of our capital city. So, I propose to make markets as much as possible for various localities. I request our hon'ble Minister to remember this.

Thank you.

**ER. K. THANGZUALLA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me an opportunity to deliver speech. Here, our budget does not reflect our outlay from Planning Commission, so, I think budgets of various Departments can be re-estimated. First of all I would like to discuss about Demand No. 38, Fisheries Department. The budget for this Department is about Rs. 170.4 lakhs. About 70% should be used for direction and administration and about 50 lakhs remained for taking progressive steps. So, I opine that Rs. 50 lakhs is too little and I propose to revise this. Because fish farming is very important item for our state to implement economic self-sufficiency. I want to give priority to Fisheries Department. Therefore, I would like to give advice to this Department to calculate the

amount of fish we require and how much do we produce. From the above calculation, we can know how much do we need to produce, so that we can fix target to have sufficient fish. But, when we look at our budget we see many more steps to be taken such as multiplication of fish and farms, fresh water, aqua-culture, reverine fishery, etc. But our budget proposal for such purpose is too meagre. Therefore, I want to revise this if possible.

And, in regard to PWD, we see Rs. 2.2 crores for purchasing machineries and equipments. Usually, we adopt partly mechanised system in Mizoram for road construction. Regarding machineries I support privatization as we applied in other Departments like Agriculture and Horticulture. In this way we can use private machineries on hire system. So that we can save money which we used for repairing and purchasing huge machineries.

In regard to Medium Irrigation here we see about Rs. 2 lakhs, no particular project is shown. So, I would like to say that there is Irrigation-cum-Hydel-Project Scheme at Mat Valley, Investigation for this scheme has been done by CWC and they have submitted their Report in 1996. But it was not submitted to the Central Government till today. So, I am eagerly wanting to know whether there is any sanction for this scheme. In my opinion, that project is very good, it can generate electricity and it can provide sufficient water for Zawlpui farming areas. So, I want to take progressive steps for this project. And regarding furnishing, Rs. 12 lakhs is proposed, as we had listened in the question hour Rs. 12 lakhs is too meagre for this and I support to make additional fund.

Next, regarding Civil Aviation, no money is proposed but we need to continue construction of Terminal Building. So, I want to know where do we get money for this Terminal Building.

And, I would like to say about my constituency. Serchhip town has been declared District Headquarters. So, D.C. Office and other Departments are starting to function. But our town roads are very bad. I think, it is the town which have worst road among the District Headquarters. So, I would like to beg for more funds to make new roads and to improve the existing roads. Besides, there is one sinking area in Serchhip like Sihpui Ruam of Aizawl, many houses have been shifted from this area. PWD had made an estimate of Rs. 150 lakhs to reconstruct this area which has not been implemented till today. So, I beg for quick protection work for this sinking area. On the other hand, I am grateful to know some amount of money is proposed for Serchhip to Hriangtlang Road and Thenzawl to Neihloh Road. These roads are very important, Serchhip to Hriangtlang Road can go further to Kawlkuh and Thenzawl to Neihloh Road which can connect Kawlchaw to Buarpui. So, we can have good link roads there.

Also in Thenzawl, the road between Thenzawl and NEC is too bad. So, I request our Department to repair this road. I also request our Department authorities to repair Thenzawl to Buarpui road which is taken over by our State PWD from the hand of the BRTF. This road is very bad since PWD had taken over. When we look at our budget, there is only Rs. 82 lakhs in place of Rs. 96 crores last year. So, I request any possible change when revised estimate is made.

Thank you.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. It is too difficult for me to elaborate on our budget, I cannot understand it clearly because there is not any work schedule. There-

fore, we still follow our usual practice. This means our new Ministry is not different from the past Ministries. So, there is no new things in this budget. But, today, I would like to point out somethings. First of all let me say about PWD.

PWD is an important Department and I praise their works, I also want to request this Department to keep up their ability to do more works. But I would like to mention that if contract work is done without proper invigilation, the work is generally bad. Similarly, contract work without call of Tender is also suffered by the work itself. Therefore, I request our PWD to make more remarkable works for our state as much as possible. Particularly, in my constituency, PWD had done less works, we greatly need this Department. All our town roads in Lawngtlai are undertaken by the BRTF. The only road undertaken by PWD in my constituency is Diltlang to Chawngte Road, but this road is not fit for every vehicle. Therefore, I would like to request our new Ministry to think about area wise while making developmental works. We need to look at the whole part of our state for every Department to take progressive steps.

Therefore, I beg for new PWD Circle in Lawngtlai though not included in the Budget this year. And, in the southern party of Mizoram, construction of road is mostly convenient for East - West Direction. Therefore, I would like to make proposal for road from Diltlang to Chawngie P and to go farther upto Parva via Vaseikai, Chamdur P and Tuisen. In this way, this road will pass all potential areas and it will be good economic road.

Besides the above road, I also want to point out that we greatly require another road from Tuithumhnar to Hmawngbuchhuah via Sabualtlang and Zochachhuah, such places are the centres of various underground outfits. It is difficult for our security forces to have patrolling due to lack of means of communication. So, I request PWD to make this road, it is also important from the security point of view. Besides, it will be very useful economically.

We also require better Building for District Administration Office since Lawngtlai became a headquarter of one newly declared District. So, I request for more fund for this purpose.

And, in regard to LAD, I also support my fellow members to put more fund for Housing Loans. I do not know whether the recovery of Housing Loan is good or not but I opine that it is a very great achievement for our state to help poorer section of the people to have better houses.

And, regarding Fisheries, some of our members had said that we are not self sufficient in fish here in our capital city. Also in Lawngtlai we never see any single piece of fish to buy. Therefore, I would like to request our Fisheries Department to take steps even in Lawngtlai Constituency. Therefore, I request our Government to think about District wise programme for all developmental works.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Our time is nearly over now, if we try to observe our usual programme, it is time to wind up our speeches, but we still want to discuss our Demands. So, I will take the opinion of the House. Shall we go on or not? (Members wanted to go on) Yes, we will continue discussion. And, one important thing which I would like to mention is that we have appointed Panel of Chairmen in the month of March. This is

still valid before we appointe new Panel of Chairmen. So, our Panel of Chairmen are Pu K. Thangzualla, Pu P.B. Rosanga, Pu H. Rammawi and Pu C. Thanghluna.

Now, let us call upon Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me a good opportunity to have speech. We are mostly interested in PWD, Demand No. 54. I opine that our state PWD has been making rapid progress since 1972. It has made many remarkable achievements particularly in Building Construction. But, I would like to request our Department to have improvement in road construction too. I know no other PWD better than our state PWD.

In regard to our city road I praise the work of PWD as we have good quality of Black topped roads within our city. At the sametime, I would like to request our PWD to do resurfacing of road from Bawngkawn to College Road. This road is very important.

I also want to request our PWD Minister to repair Electric Veng Road No. 3, which had been black topped in 1987. Now this road greatly requires proper repair. Besides, our Government promises every year to make Sihpui to Chite road but it has not been done till today. I think this road is the most neglected road in Aizawl City. The people who live in this area expect every Department to care for their development. Particularly, Electric Veng is one of the most important localities in Aizawl. Other areas such as Mission Vengthlang and Vaivakawn had good black topped roads within their area. So, I would like to request this august House to remember this problem faced by Electric Veng and its adjoining areas.

And, the other point which I would like to express is about our road-side Drainage System. I think we all know that most of our black topped roads are not long lasting due to lack of proper side drain. So, I request our government to make good side drain to make our black topped roads long lasting. We also require better Drainage System along the roads to dispose off our waste water. Some culverts had been damaged. Improper drainage system is particularly felt by those who live in the lower part of every locality. I do not know whose responsibility is this, whether it is PWD, PHE or LAD? Anyway, I request for proper drainage system to the concerned Department.

Next, when we go to rural villages we can see that they have great problems due to the lack of road communication. And, as said by our members no new steps are shown to be taken in the budget and we still use our old system regarding the budget. So, I would like to make proposals to make more roads for rural villages if such works are not included in the budget this year. I request for inter-vilage road as much as possible in the next year. Particularly, I support the speech of Pu Zira, hon'ble Member from Saitual Constituency, regarding Sihfa Truck road and Hmawngzarmawi to Sihfa road which were taken up by the PWD since a long time. I think road can be completed by using less than Rs. 10 lakhs. I request our Minister to note down this.

Regarding the western part of Mizoram, they have been neglected by the previous Ministries so, it is good for us to care for the welfare of the western corners. That region is convenient for the foreigners to come so, there are many infiltration there. I request our government to give special care to this region. Now,



the road from Kanhmun to Tuilut is very bad, repairing work was done during the last spring season but it was not completed till today. Particularly, the road between Tuidam and Tuilut Kawn is indeed a bad road. So, I request our Minister and PWD staffs to complete black topping works. This region is backward in every spere.

I also request our Minister to know the condition of Mamit to Tuidam road, it can cut-short the existing road by 40 kms. Such shorter road is necessary for emergency cases. So, I request PWD to work harder for the completion of this road. I made this request on behalf of the western part of Mizoram.

And, in regard to Fisheries, building had been constructed at Darlak Village to preserve fish seed but it can not function till today. So, I request our Minister to note down this. If we make fish seeds in this place, it will be very important for self-sufficiency in fish.

Thank you.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for calling me to have a speech. I would like to express about the notification of Election Commission before I go further to our demands.

SPEAKER : Now, our business is about demands. According to our Rules, one needs to submit his/her application to the Secretary if he/she wants to say about other subjects.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, from the notification of Election Commission, Ministers and other authority shall not announce any financial grant in any form or promise thereof, lay foundation stone, etc., project or scheme of any kind, etc, which may have effect or favour of the party in power. This is the model code of conduct. Mr. Speaker Sir, you are the guardian of the law. In this regard, Ministers and MLAs discuss about demand and we can make suggestions too. Is it allowed to make announcement of decision and policy for the Minister after Election Notification has been issued?

SPEAKER : Now, you have to discuss about Demands.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I will just start my speech. Firstly, I would like to mention about Demand No. 42, which is Cooperation Department. I know many things about this Department as I had looked after it for some time. Now, I want to make suggestion to be followed by this new Ministry. As said by Pu Lalthan Kunga, I also ask the reason as to why no fund is allocated in the budgt for Cooperative Society, Multipurpose Service, LAMP Service Society, Industrial Cooperative Society, Fishery Cooperative Society, etc.? Are not these societies important?

And this is my suggestion on agriculture and life sector, I want agriculture to be suited with Cooperative sector, otherwise, there cannot be development in this sphere. Our government always said about 'New Pattern' but they have not yet

decided the way how they would impart this New Pattern. Anyway, if we want to improve agriculture and allied sectors we need to follow cooperative society. Now we have bought some bulldozers which will require some amount of money for its maintenance. Our government cannot give money to an individual annually. So, we need to search for way through Bankable Scheme such as NCDC, NABARD, etc. I wish our government to know about the importance of Cooperative Society. If we look at MNF-MPC Joint Manifesto, we can see that they promised development for cooperative movement but no single money is kept for such movement here in our budget, I cannot understand this. Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish Apex Bank to change their normal practice and to give credit as much as possible for agriculture and allied sector.

And, in regard to ICDP (Integrated Cooperative Development Project) I would like to ask our hon'ble Minister what steps has been taken for this? And what is its present stage? Besides, I suggest to organise training programme for Cooperative Society as much as possible.

In regard to Demand No. 54, Public Works Department, we had informed department authority to complete Chawngte-Borapansuri road as emergency work due to the coming of Election during the previous Ministry. But bills for the work has not been released till today. So, I wish this bill to be released as early as possible. Further, I also propose to construct Diltlang - Chawngte Road. This will greatly solve communication problem between Chawngte and Lawngtlai. Otherwise, the road in use now first go through Lunglei which makes the road too long. We can have very good short cut road if Diltlang - Chawngte road is constructed and I also wish this road to be constructed for truckable road.

And, in regard to Work Schedule, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to make proposal although I do not know the idea of our ruling members. I suggest to categorize our roads under the PWD as District Road, Town & Village road and so on. In this way, some roads were taken up by the NEC to become National Highway during the previous Ministry. Therefore, I suggest to make more major District roads by up grading some District roads. For example, Lungsen - Chawngte Road is very important, so, I wish this road to be upgraded from Major District Road to State High way. I also propose to upgrade Chawngte - Diltlang Road too. I said the above roads, just for examples only. There are many more roads to upgrade. Consequently, we can make financial arrangement on the basis of its categories.

And, Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding LAD, I would like to read out House Proceeding of 14.4.1995 to know the idea of our hon'ble Chief Minister on Nomination Members of Village Council. It was written here on page No. 378. "And, they are busying for Nominated Seat and they monopolise it. This is very troublesome. So, let us abolish Village Council. Nominated seat in our new Law as there has not been such system in MLA also...". Therefore, I ask how many nominated seats are being filled up by this new Ministry?

And, regarding Housing, I also want to express my thanks to my fellow members. But, I request more quota for Housing Loans if possible. I also want to say something about Urban Development. Can this Department make shopping complex, Housing complex and vehicle parking place? These can be implemented by taking loans from LIC or HUDCO.

And, in regard to Demand No. 38, Fisheries Department, we need seed farm.

**S P E A K E R** : Please keep quiet, now it is nearly 4:00 P.M. and you exceed your time. So, we need to take the opinion of the House. How shall we do? Shall we extend our time or shall we put it to be continued tomorrow? Yes, we all agree to continue our business so we will go on till we finish. Now, we shall call upon Pu L.N. Tuanga.

**PU L.N. TLUANGA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding Demand No. 54, Public Works Department. I rather want to discuss about the Department than its works. There are many registered contractors under this Department for their livelihood. But, since about 15 years they became poorer and poorer, because our Government had given most of all the contract works to non-registered contractors. We all know this. In the morning session, our Minister replied some questions that he will try to give contract works through tender-calling system. I thank for this. According to our Rules, contract works should be given to registered contractors even in case of emergency works. But our government and this Department greatly misused this rule. In fact, this Department became a centre for injustice since a very long time. Some contractors were favoured and they had done more than Rs. 100/500 lakhs of works, while, some class I & II contractors had not done even a single works during the past 10 years. Although we know this Department is very important we have not yet had PWD Rules for our state. Some officers used Assam PWD Rules and some others used Central PWD Rules. It is very shameful for our state not to have PWD Manual of our own. We have more than 1000 registered contractors but we gave contract works to non-registered contractors. This is very bad. But I appreciate our Minister's explanation today. In fact, from my experience, the work done by registered contractors are generally good and long-lasting.

And, we became UT and then full fledged state without having proper Manual of our own. Does this government know the sufferings of our State contractors? They registered themselves to their respective status. But, the Department favoured only few contractors. They tried to make Paradise for such few contractors by increasing the amount of Deposits for Class I from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 3,00,000/-. They also demanded registration of those who had done the work costing atleast Rs. 50 lakhs in the class I category. Meanwhile, most of our contractors had not done even a single work during this 10 years. How can they engage in such volume of work? I am amaze to know such order from the Department. But this order is delayed by our new Ministry. So, I am happy to know this.

Also in regard to Demand No. 19, 28, 29 and 38 I would like to discuss only few points. A new locality called Lungsen Veng emerged within the village area of Sihphir and the people of Sihphir did not like this and they cleared the place. Similarly, a new village called Phunchawng was also emerged within the village area of Chaltlang. Now, within the village area of Sesawng those who fled from the above mentioned place formed a small locality. Our government urgently provided school and water reservoir for this very small locality. This is also opposed by the people of Sesawng. The emergence of new small village is not good. Now we have two examples. Now, the people of Sesawng will use force to abolish that small locality emerged within their V/C area if the Government takes no action. So, I wish our LAD to prohibit such emergence of new tiny locality and I wish to enlarge the existing villages and towns as much as possible.

In regard to Cooperation, in Mizoram, we have Financial Institutions such as ZIDCO, MAMCO, ZOHANDCO, MIFCO, MAHCO and ZENICS. When we examine these corporations carefully, we know that those who have small establishment

lost less and those who have greater establishment lost greater. They all lost while we expect them to be profit making institutions. Therefore, I wish this new government to help such institutions by providing proper experts, advice, guidance and consultants. Otherwise, I propose to abolish them all.

Thank you.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. I have some points to raise regarding our demands. I am not sure of the allocation of fund in the budget because we know the figure only now, but there is no specific allocation in our budget. Therefore, I would like to request our Ministers to make annual reports on their respective Departments. Otherwise, it is very difficult to discuss budget. Here in this House we have five Subject Committee to justify the budget demanded by various Departments, so that they can make Supplementary demands in the Revised Estimate if required. I wish to utilize such committee.

Next, I would like to discuss about fisheries, I want to make some proposals. We inevitably require permanent fish ponds in place of one - year based ponds. Besides this, we also require to verify the exact quantity of our imported fish seeds as well as its quality. So, I request our Department to promote the native experts to produce sufficient fish seeds of better quality. And, one thing which I suggest to solve the problem often faced by the fish farmers is to make proposals to insure fish ponds. This will greatly help the fish farmers in case of natural calamities. So, I request our Minister and Department Officers to note down this. And regarding the Department, it has no Director. So, I wish this Department to have Director of its own for better functioning.

And, there are different points of view, while some people blame our government for dissolving Village Council, the people of Bilkhawthlir constituency praise our government for its kindness. No single VC has been dissolved in that constituency though reports had been submitted against almost all Village Councils. So, If I am not mistaken, I think our government had dissolved less than one tenth of Village Councils. But, on the other hand, I opine that the status of our Village Council is needed to upgrade. Some years ago, while Assembly Session was held at Mac Donald Hill, our hon'ble Minister Pu Lalrinchhana's private resolution had been passed to upgrade the status of V/C's. But it has not been implemented till today. So, I request our government to implement that resolution as quickly as possible. Meanwhile, I also support the introduction of Municipal Body for Aizawl City in place of V/C. I request this MNF - MPC Ministry to introduce this system.

And regarding PWD, there is a wide gap between rural and urban areas. As said by my fellow member Pu Auva, we have not heard about re - surfacing from rural areas. We just beg for all - season road only. But, there would be no sufficient amount of money. So, I would like to discuss about some important routes for quicker construction. Regarding economic road, the road from Kolasib to Buhchangphai via Saibapui passes through various paddy fields, fish - ponds and good quality of sand not worse than the sand of Jatinga & Bagha. So, I propose to construct all season road for this area. This road is not only economic road but also political road. Therefore, this road is very important as it can go upto Hailakandi. Although I know that as 34 lakhs is estimated for this road during this year. I hope more fund will be there when Revised Estimate is done.

And, I also want to request our government to reserve some amount of

money from our peace bonus of Rs. 50 crores to construct more truckable roads for the people. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I have many things to say but I have no time to discuss them all. So, I support Demand No. 42, 54, 19, 28, 29, 38 and I want to pass them all in this august House.

Thank you.

PU C. LALRINSANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. Fortunately, we can discuss our Demand and we can avoid vote on Account. Although today's business is only two portfolios there are but many things to say. But our time is too limited, so, let me discuss demand - wise.

First of all I would like to discuss about Demand No. 42 regarding Cooperation Department. This Department is very important for the poor people. There are many points to discuss and many of its importance, but I want to point out one of its branches, LPG section. As we know that we still have problem on LPG supply. According to my investigation, the reason for scarcity of LPG is because of irregularity in sending Demand Draft. The money received from selling of LPG is mixed together with other section. It takes a long time to wait for sanctioned money for LPG Section. But now, this new Ministry tries its level best to improve this system. So, let us hope better condition will prevail due to the efforts of our hon'ble Minister in this sphere.

Then, regarding Demand No. 54, PWD, we have discussed about Furnishing. There are many important things to say about furnishing. Anyway, some years ago before 1998 there were some furnishing materials for those who stayed in their own house. I would like to ask whether those furnishing materials still Department's property? If so, have we collected them? Is there any investigation on those materials?

Here we see that Rs. 82 crores is allotted for PWD this year. Although the amount is high, I think it is quite meagre considering schedule of works but one important road in my constituency Haulawng to Pangzawl Road is not included this year. Anyway, I hope this road can be included in the additional budget. I want this august House to note this.

Regarding Demand No. 19, LAD, there are many things to discuss about in tender works, but I rather want to discuss about Demand No. 28 regarding Housing Loans and HBA (LIC). During this six or seven months, HBA seems to be distributed twice, this is very great. But I am aware that it is not convenient for the staff of Corporation Bodies to avail it. Anyway, they are looked after by their respective parent Departments and they got their salaries from the government. So, I wish them to get such beneficial facilities. Besides this, our government distributed Housing Loans to many people. There can be serious problem for those who build their houses with wood - timbers due to restriction imposed on timbers. So, I wish my fellow legislators in this House to try our best to solve such problems.

And, regarding Demand No. 29, Urban Development, we know the necessity of Municipal Board for Aizawl City. Therefore, I support the proposal to introduce better administrative body for Aizawl City.

Lastly, I would like to make suggestion for Fisheries Department. Most of our Fish farming systems are too poor, they can be destroyed by rains and floods during the rainy seasons. So, I wish Fisheries Department to make proper

guidelines for better fish - farming. Besides, this, I am grateful to know that our budget aims at production of fish seeds within our state. I want to develop this system till we can stop our imports of fish seeds from other states. Next, I would like to make proposals to develop cold storage to keep our fish products for longer periods, which will solve most of the problem faced by our fish farmers.

Thank you.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me chance to have a speech. I opine that our budget for this year is very difficult to discuss because there is a contrast between the speeches of our hon'ble Governor and our hon'ble Chief Minister. While our Governor said that priority should be given to PWD, our Chief Minister said that top priority should be given to social reforms. Anyway, if there is some mistakes in my speech I would like to request you all to understand me first.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to say that we are in the India Union and the constitution of India directed all our administrations. We had UT Status in 1972 and we became a full fledged - state in 1987. We have had different Ministries, in my point of view this Ministry is the most to ignore our Laws. According to our existing Rules, Demand should be discussed first in the Subject Committee and such Committee should finish up every inspection within four weeks. But Subject Committee is not yet called and we directly discuss Demands here in this House. Do we neglect our Rules? Besides, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, this Ministry had given many contract works costing more than 176 lakhs of rupees without call of tender. This is announced in the morning session by our PWD Minister. And one thing which I would like to point out is that tender was called for contract work under Kawrthah Division. But the work was already given to some one before the tender was published. The one who got this work was a close relative of our Adviser to Chief Minister. He then sold the work to other person. That was the system followed by this Ministry and it was very bad. Therefore, it will be good for our hon'ble PWD Minister to make better way in this sphere.

And Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it is widely publicized that the former Congress Ministry had left financial deficit of more than Rs. 400 crores. Some people emphazizingly said that this Ministry inherited an empty treasury. But I have examined the situation and I found out that the previous Ministry had kept Rs. 313.40 lakhs to develop Aizawl City and the money is actually used by this new Ministry during this spring season. Is this right? If so, I opine that the truth should also be publicized to the people.

Next, the previous Ministry also took steps to make better roads by using fund from World Bank. It was already cleared that Rs. 1,000 lakhs was to be sanctioned for survey and investigation. In our last session also, our Minister had declared various proposals to be implemented from World Bank. But today, no single proposal of World Bank Project is included in our budget. What is the reason for this?

And, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, this ministry eagerly wants to make a transparent government. This is very good and it is suitable for Christian State like Mizoram. But this morning, my question was answered and that our Ministers had drawn more than Rs. 1,00,000/- each for making security Barrack and Security Fencing. When I visited some of our Minister's residence I saw that most of them did not make proper fencing and proper Barrack. At the sametime those who made such security facilities extravagantly used our state budget. The reason why I point out this is that

if we want to make a transparent government it must be started from Minister level. So that our people will have faith on them.

And, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, as said by some of my fellow members MNF - MPC Election Manifesto promised a government of "New Pattern". But today, when we look at our budget I see no single step of such new system. My question on the definition of new pattern had not yet been answered. Therefore, when is new pattern going to be introduced by this, Ministry? Is this ministry for the people? If we compare this budget with last years budget, most departments have lower budget provision and at the sametime some few departments have extremely higher budget provision. I was very surprise to know this. Anyway, I would like to point out that one Minister had higher budget than the sum of other five Minister. For example, the budget of Food & Civil Supplies Department is increased by more than Rs. 4000 lakhs while some departments had lower budget than last year.

Regarding the repairing works of roads within our capital city, Aizawl - the work is mainly concentrated on Bawngkawn to Kulikawn Road only which most people treat upon. Other places like Zotlang and its surrounding roads are too bad. So, I would like to say that our new system is really deceitful.

And, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to express only one thing about fisheries. While our Chief Minister of today was the then Opposition Leader of the previous Ministry he strongly proposed to build Crab Farm. But today, we have not yet seen such proposal. Is our speech different according to our place of seating? At the same time, I would like to convey my thanks to our LAD Minister for giving me quota on Housing Loans.

And, when I read one newspaper some days ago, it was written that our LAD Minister searched for a place for disposing of garbage. If so, I thought that our Minister would be tired soon. But if they are active to do so, I request them to check our side - drains and mal - functioning culverts every morning. Lastly, I would like to ask about our progress on Master Plan for Market Centre introduced by the former Ministry for various newly emerged Districts. I also want to point out that contract works under LAD are generally given to those who did not bid tenders though tender was called for such works. I opine that this system should be abandoned. There are many other things to say, but our time is limited. So, let this be enough now.

Thank you.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it can be seen that Co - operation Department takes progressive steps and Mizoram State really needs Societies. Cooperative Societies may be more important for the people of rural areas than the people of Aizawl City, many people can buy things with cheaper rates through Cooperative Societies. So, I opine that our plan money for this department is too little considering its importance. Big schemes cannot be made or implemented. Anyway, I think this department will bring about happiness for the people. Therefore, I really support this Bill and I would like to say that past is past whether there was something wrong or not, let us forget our pasts and let us look towards our future with great hope.

And, regarding Demand No. 19, LAD, I would like to express that this department is the only source of income for the people of rural areas like Land use policy of the previous Ministry, I praise any policy which can be a source of income

for the rural areas whether the policy is fully implemented or not. Therefore, on behalf of the rural people, I am sorry for less amount of money for LAD, than the previous year. This department has many important works to do in rural areas such as construction of steps, side - drain, etc.

Lastly, I would like to discuss Demand No. 54 which had been discussed much by our members. I give full support to the speech of our member from Lungpho Constituency. Do we still remember the interview of the newly elected members on the night of Election results was announced. About 98% had said that they urgently require good communication facility within their respective constituencies. This shows that we all have good hope from PWD. But I am afraid that Rs. 82,67,61,000/- (Rupees eighty two crores sixty seven lakhs and sixty one thousand) cannot afford the hope of every MLAs. On the other hand, I praise the works done by PWD in Aizawl City during this 2 - 3 months. They made better standard of road surface and new design of side - drain. But if we search for something wrong, there must be something to criticize. So, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I wish that our new budget covers not only the constituencies of the ruling party, but all. As this department is looked after by the former General Secretary of YMA, I hope he will take steps for the constituencies of other parties to show this Government is the Government of the people. But I opine that the plan money for this Department is too little as they had many works to do. And, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I have one question that the PWD had constructed some Inspection Bungalow from fund of the RD Department, who will maintain those Bungalow? Lastly, I would like to request our PWD authority to appoint permanent staff to maintain Zawlsei to Khuangthing Road of 9 km long which had been inaugurated by our hon'ble Minister of Rural Development on July 1, 1999 and was recommended by our Transport Minister for the route of MST Bus. If not so, the road will be deteriorated soon.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu F. Lal Thanzuala.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I will not use too much time. Firstly, from my point of view I do not mind the system of giving contract works without calling of tender or not. I am more interested on how the work is done which I think more important than the system of the tender itself. Budget is generally viewed as that of the fund for the rich people or the poor people. From such point of view our budget is good enough. But I opine that the most important thing is to verify the work whether it is good or bad. Otherwise much money can be used meaninglessly. To make the state prosperous we need righteousness and faithfulness. We know some great nations such as the Germans, the Americans and the Japanese for our examples. Here in Mizoram, we all try to work less and get more. So, our work is generally bad. When we go to Bombay for ginger business, one ginger buyer told us that ginger coming from Mizoram is not pure. Therefore, I would like to say that inspection is needed in our works to revive faithfulness which had been our tradition.

Some days ago, when I visit Hnahthial, I saw one fountain. It is a little fountain but the cost of construction is Rs. 5000/-. If we are not strict in our works, our state will perish. Less income is not the reason for our state to perish but unfaithfulness and lack of righteousness can cause our downfall. So, I would like to request our Ministers to have strict inspection on every works. If not so, while we appear to make progress in physical, our moral will be decayed and we will suffer the outcome.



I also opine that we are the God's chosen tribe and He gives us special position to spread His Gospel. At the sametime, if corruption and other invisible bad behaviours increase in our society we cannot avoid sufferings as said by the Prophets. So, my main subject for today is righteousness.

Now, I will speak about my constituency. There are many reasons to give thanks to our PWD Minister. But I rather want to make request. We are eagerly waiting for the Bridge across the river of Tuichang. Now we enter into the monsoon season and we have not yet stored rice in many villages during the spring season. So, there are many people who cannot take their ration quota. I am sorry for this but there is nothing to do. Therefore, I would like to request again our PWD authority to complete Tuichang Bridge before the coming of 2000 rainy season. The other thing that I would like to request is to make truckable road beyond the place of Khawthlir Kham. I also request to make communication road within my constituency especially from Khawhri to Maicham Project - II. road of about 5 - 6 km only.

Lastly, there is allotment of fund for Hnahthial town, it is too little. We require much more fund to make better road within the town. As the town is growing every year, widening of road will be more difficult next year than this year. So, I request more fund for this purpose. And, I request better inspection on any works, which is very important for our state.

Thank you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, in other times we used to have tea break and the concerned departments provide us tea. But today we have no such tea - time till now, we are so hungry.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will use no longer time. Now we shall call upon Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma which will be followed by the Minister.

PU N.K. CHAKMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. In regard to the Demand No. 54, here, I would like to draw the attention of the hon'ble Minister regarding the terrible condition of Rotlang - Chawngte PWD road. If no immediate step is taken, the road will become from bad to worse. At present, MST Buses are plying with great difficulty. At the same time, Tlabung - Borapansuri road which was constructed by the BRTF many years back needs repairing. This road is also not properly maintained. I expect hon'ble Minister - incharge PWD will give importance to those roads for the benefit of the people as it is considered the life - line of the people living in these areas.

In regard to Demand No. 42, Cooperation Department. It is considered the most important department. During the British and Assam periods, Tlabung had been the third most important town just next to Aizawl and Lunglei. But now, it has lost its position because of its backwardness. Therefore, for the benefit of the people, Apex Bank may be established at Chawngte (L) and Tlabung. At the same time, MIZOFED out station may be established at Tlabung and I expect that the hon'ble Minister will give us a special hearing for that.

In regard to Demand No. 128, i.e., Housing, I would like to convey

my thanks to the concerned Minister for giving us 15 quotas for Housing Loan. I hope and request to increase our quotas due to heavy demand.

In regard to Demand No. 19, LAD it is very sad to say that our VCP's have no financial power. Therefore, it is my suggestion that let us introduce Panchayati Raj System in Mizoram, so that the power directly rests with the local people.

Lastly, regarding Demand No. 38. In Tlabung, there is possibility of developing fisheries. So, I expect the concerned department to give financial help to the local people for such purpose.

Thank you.

**S P E A K E R** : Almost all of us had made speech. Therefore, we shall call upon our Ministers to wind up our speeches. Now, let us call upon Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga.

**PUR. TLANGHMINGTHANGA:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to convey my thanks to our members for actively taking part in the discussion of Demand. I know that I have noted down all important points raised by our members. All these suggestions and requests will help us in implementing our Demands. But if I point out all of them I will take a very long time. So, if I do not go into detail it will not mean I neglect them and I will try my best to have them implement all that which requested when the work is taken up.

Firstly, let me clarify about Cooperation Department. Regarding LPG Connection, we made provision for each MLA to have quota for 10 connection to help the poor people, but this is not to be claimed as Right. I had already told this to our MIZOFED Officers. I am sorry to hear that there were problems in Saiha in this regard. So, I think it is good to investigate this. Let us hope that our problems would be solved.

And, regarding Labours Union under the Cooperative Societies as said by our member from Ratu Constituency, it is possible to form such federation to take up some works under the PWD. This type of Cooperative Labours Union had been formed in the past. For such Union, atleast 15 Cooperative Societies are needed to work together. But due to some reasons, let us hope that this type of Federation can be revived and it will be convenient to give some contract works to such Union without call of tender for the benefit of the people.

And, I think Pu Nirupam Chakma had wrong information on ICDP as he said no steps are taken under this Project. Therefore, I would like to say that progressive steps are being taken from NCDC for this movement. It is proposed that this project is to be completed during four years. Now, Aizawl District and Chhimtuipui District had completed their third year and the fourth year has started which will end in December 1999. But in Lunglei District, its second year is now to be started. The steps taken in this regard are as follows : In Aizawl District Rs. 2,48,51,500/- had been given to 172 societies. In Chhimtuipui District Rs. 1,37,00,080/- had been given to 53 societies. And in Lunglei District Rs. 2,99,200/- has been given to 44 societies.

And, regarding Cooperative Society, whether it is State Level Cooperative Society or District Level Society or any society, we have good quality in our social

life to work together but we often failed to maintain cooperative society life due to some reasons. So, we need to educate the public for the improvement of our cooperative societies. For implementing economic self-sufficiency, our Government also try to use our State Level Cooperative Societies like MUCO and Apex Bank as the main agency to give loans to the people for financial assistance. So, we take steps to improve our State Level Cooperative Societies. There may be many things to say about Cooperation Department but I think it is enough now.

Many of our members had discussed about Demand No. 54. As we see in our Budget book, we are directed to make plan for Rs. 333 crores from the Finance Department and the Central Government. At the sametime, I cannot give complicated answer to define new pattern as asked by our Opposition Group Leader. In the previous years there has often been too much money to be cut off from the plan money such as Rs. 333 crores. So, we cut off some of our proposals which greatly made our Department Officers disappointed. For instance, we can slice off about Rs. 280 crore from the plan of Rs. 333 crores. Let me call this system as Old Pattern. But today, we call new pattern or whatever we like that we are firstly informed to make plan for Rs. 333 crores but we are informed again to make plan for Rs. 360 crores and we have no time to include in our budget book. Similarly, we are informed again that Rs. 20 crores would additionally be given to us by the Prime Minister from PMS. Besides, another Rs. 20 crores is also to be added for Draught relief and we are told again to receive Rs. 50 crores as peace bonus. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not hesitate to call this as New Pattern.

Now, let me clarify some important points raised by our hon'ble Members. Pu H. Rammawi had mentioned about Sangau to Saisihchhuah road, we proposed Rs. 5 lakhs for this purpose. Today, there is one thing for which I feel sorry. I always oppose passing of Budget without Work Schedule, you can see it if you read our old proceedings in the past years. So, I told our Department Officers to prepare work schedule and it is already done. The copy for 40 members of us are given to Finance Department and I hope this will be distributed by the Finance Department today. But, I am sorry that we cannot have the copy of schedule of works today. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg your pardon for this. But I would like to say that it is not totally my fault. I, myself had done my duty to make the copy for each and everyone of us. So, let us hope that we will get them soon, it will be given to all of us.

In regard to World Bank Aided Loan as asked by our Opposition Leader, I would like to say that the plan would be made by the Central Government and the loan will come from World Bank. So, it is not included in our plan and it is not shown in this Budget book, the amount is Rs. 10 crores. Also in regard to question asked by Pu K.T. Rokhaw, Rs. 7 lakhs is proposed for 3.50 km of Mawhre - Chapui Road. We will see much more in the work schedule. All suggestions made by our ruling members are jealous of our opposition constituencies. For example, many new works are being done in Saitual constituency by NEC. At the sametime, another works are proposed to be done in Maite and Mualkhang. So, I would like to request our hon'ble Member from Saitual Constituency to know that we give priority to his constituency. But I think he got wrong information about the entering of Truck and Bus before this coming Christmas. Anyway, the above villages are given priority as they have great hope from this MNF Ministry. So, sufficient amount of money is sanctioned for widening of road upto Mualpheng village. But regarding the road to Maite, the existing road is too bad, so survey should be done first which will be followed by construction of roads.

And regarding vehicle parking and crowded trafficking within Aizawl,

proposal is still going on to solve such problems. Our Chief Minister is also interested in this way. So, he takes steps to re-estimate and to make new plan for on-going construction of Auditorium to spare more places for vehicle parking. Besides, another parking area are to be made. We also have been thinking to utilize Assam Rifle area when they move out. But regarding maintainance, out of Rs. 29 crores ear-marked, we can have Rs. 13 crores. So our budget is quite meagre and I am sorry about this but we have great hope.

We also mention about stock suspense this year. Our stock suspense is increased by 1% only. This is very important and we cannot avoid this system because we need to stock some materials such as Cement, GCI Sheet, Steel iron, Explosive and Bitumen. We want to stock such materials as much as possible. We have some problems now due to lack of Bitumen for re-surfacing our roads which we want to do during this spring season. In the past years, we used bad quality of bitumen and our roads suffered very much. This is found out by our Engineers so we try to stock good quality of Bitumen though higher in price. Therefore, we cannot avoid stock suspense.

And, regarding agency charge of 11.75% we submit this to the Revenue Department. Now we try to have revise agency charge with the help of our Finance Department.

And, from the speech of our member from Suangpuiawn Constituency, bridge has been completed and now it is still used. And, regarding the fake Medical Re-imburement and bad instrument and Vanlalsiam's Bill of Rs. 1,20,000, I will note down these for further investigation.

Regarding the speech of Pu C. Sangzuala, hon'ble Member from Aizawl 'S' - II Constituency, we did not want to neglect his constituency, but we opine that road from Sikulpuikawn to Kulikawn is still better than others so we start our works first in other areas. And I would like to mention that we repair bad roads between Kulikawn and Saikhamakawn and our next step will be from Kulikawn to Sikulpuikawn.

And, our hon'ble Member from Ngopa Constituency had mentioned about Kawlkulh to Mimbung road, this year we estimated Rs. 25 lakhs for 15 kms of this road. Regarding Ngopa to Mimbung road, we will take over this road after the BRTF had completed their work as specified.

Regarding drainage work between Bawngkawn and Zemabawk as said by our hon'ble Member from Aizawl 'N' - I, this road is maintained by BRTF. We told them to work quicker. And regarding the road to Durtlang, we had discussed about this with Pushpak Chief Engineer, he wants to look for himself along with our Engineers to black top all the surface of the road by covering every floor of the road.

And, regarding budget estimated for Civil Aviation as said by our hon'ble Member from Ratu Constituency, Rs. 300 lakhs is estimated for the said Terminal Building. And I also want to say that we greatly care about Sakawrdai - Zohmun road, we try to do improvement, widening and soling of this road.

And, regarding the speech of our hon'ble Member from Serchhip Constituency, we estimated Rs. 20 lakhs for Serchhip Town Road and Rs. 20 lakhs for re-surfacing of Thenzawl - Buarpui road which we took over from the BRTF. And, regarding privatization of machineries, we support this, but this year we put Rs. 220

lakhs for machineries to repair our machines and to buy new road rollers, hot mixed plant, etc. We still have problems due to lack of machines and we will apply hire system if an individual has such machineries.

And, from the speech of our hon'ble Member from Lawngtlai Constituency, we estimate Rs. 10 lakhs for Diltiang and Chawngte, we also estimate Rs. 13 lakhs for Lawngtlai Town Road, but his suggestion to construct new roads cannot be done this year due to lack of fund, but we greatly care about this.

And the proposals made by Pu K. Sangthuama on behalf of all constituencies in Western part of Mizoram are very important. So, we estimate Rs. 25 lakhs for re-surfacing Kanmun to Tuilutkawn. And regarding Mamit, Tuidam and Langkaih, these areas are to be covered by National Highway 44 A, more sanction will come for its maintenance. And re-surfacing of roads in Aizawl Electric Veng are also included in the work schedule.

And, regarding the speech of hon'ble Member from Chawngte Constituency, Rs. 5 lakhs is estimated for improvement and widening of Chawngte - Borapansuri road. And we have to investigate uncleared liabilities.

And, regarding the speech of hon'ble Member from Bilkhawthlir Constituency, Rs. 35 lakhs is estimated for metalling of Bubchang road, so that we can have truckable road all through the seasons.

Regarding the speech of Pu C. Lalrinsanga, we made new system on Home furnishing for our Ministers who live in their own house. We fixed the life period of furnishing items and we calculated the value of such items, those who would like to keep the items can buy with such calculated values. If not so, it should be returned to the government. I would like to tell our House about this.

And, regarding Khawhai - Chhingchhip road via Lungpho, we know that this is very important and we want to have survey work first. So, we estimate Rs. 2 lakhs for this. We also estimate Rs. 30 lakhs for resurfacing of Lungsen - Chawngte road.

As I had mentioned above, I have noted down every suggestion and proposal made by our members. But we do not have enough time to point out all of them. And I would like to say that we cannot take steps in every important work due to lack of fund, but we have good hope for our future. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass my Demand No. 42, Rs. 2,83,95,000/- for Co-Operation Department and Demand No. 54, Rs. 82,67,61,000/- for Public Works Department totalling Rs. 85,51,56,000/-.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Do we agree to pass? Yes, we all agree. Now, our Minister's Demands No. 42 and No. 54 are passed in this august House.

Now, let us call upon Pu H. Vanlalauva to wind up our discussion on his demands and to ask for leave of the House to pass his Demand.

P U H. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Firstly, I would like to

express my thanks to our Opposition Group Leader and other members for supporting my proposed Bill regarding the abolition of V/C nominated seats which is to be discussed the day after tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I have noted down all important points mentioned by 21 of our hon'ble Members and I would like to tell this august House that our Department Officers listened all their speeches and we will try our best for the implementation of their proposals. Therefore, I am not going to discuss in detail now and I will speak about the general points. So, let me discuss first Demand No. 19, 28 and 29. While we are busy making laws and work for development, I am sorry for taking inevitably action to dissolve some few Village Councils. In the meantime, as said by our hon'ble Member from Bilkhawthlir Constituency, we have dissolved only less than 10% of our total Village Councils. On the other hand, our little action cause disappointment to our ruling party units.

Generally, we all are interested in normal Housing Loans, HBA and LIC and we generally want to increase the amount of loan and the loanee. This new Ministry had increased the amount of loan as follows :

Name of loan	Previous amount	Increased amount
(a) MIG	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 80,000/-
(b) LIG	Rs. 30,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-
(c) MIG-I (HBA, LIC)	Rs. 1,50,000/-	Rs. 1,75,000/-
(d) MIG-II	Rs. 1,00,000/-	Rs. 1,25,000/-
(e) LIG	Rs. 75,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-

I also request our members to know that we are trying to issue the above loans twice a year. We also think about the staffs of semi - government Institutions & Corporations, but we opine that, it is not convenient to give them loans because there can be some problems in the recovery. In the meantime, in the Autonomous District Council they can get HUDCO loan directly. I further want to say that we still search ways for them. In regard to recovery of loans, Normal Housing loan is poorest in recovery. So, I would like to invite all f our members in this House to take steps for better recovery of loans taken by our people. Proper recovery of loans is the duty of loanees. Poor recovery of loans can make problems for our Department Staffs. Therefore, we will require more staffs if we try to increase the number of loanees.

And, regarding the financial institution, Vijaya Bank is used when HUDCO is introduced. But now, we have another loans such as HBA, LIC, etc. We also use State Banks and from this year we also use Mizoram Rural Banks. Since we have used Rural Banks, we know from their acknowledgement that Mizoram Rural Bank got first position in the North East region, so this led to the appointment of one member from Mizoram Rural Bank in the National Level Committee. I also congratulate them and I think it is good to use them again in future. And one thing for which I request our members to know is that we deposit our money not to have any interest but to draw it out whenever we like some people thought that our deposit would have interest, but it is not like that. If we have any more questions beyond this, it can be asked further even in the office.

And, regarding Municipality, all other states in India had Directorate of Urban Development or Directorate of Town Planning. But in Mizoram although we have 22 towns we have not yet had such Directorate. So, it is difficult to look after our

towns properly. Therefore, we take steps to create LAD into two Directorates we hope that this will be successful soon. According to our proposal, we try to make Directorate of Urban Development and Housing and Directorate of Local Self Government. For this purpose we already had The Mizoram Urban and Regional Development Act in 1990 to look after our Capital City, Aizawl and other towns. And in the year 1998, Rules were made for our state in accordance to Model Law made by the Central Government which rules were laid in this august House by myself. According to which there is a provision to form Mizoram Urban Planning and Development Board under the Chairmanship of our Chief Minister and proposals for this purpose is still going on. I hope Notification can be issued soon. I hope we can have proper guideline to look after our towns even before we have Municipality. On the other hand, we have to be careful about Municipal Board as it is an autonomous body. Municipality Bill is now under consideration. It is carefully studied by our Department by looking at other states. We also sent some of our officers to other states to study about their Municipal Boards. I hope this Bill should be introduced soon in this House. But we are not so hasty in this way, we have to be careful as far as possible. Panchayati Raj System is also like that we know that we really need such system but we need to modify it to suit our culture. So this system is also being studied carefully by our officers.

And, regarding remuneration of Village Council it has been increased and can be revised again if required. In the meantime, regarding their position, new Bill is to be introduced the day after tomorrow as I have said earlier, where we try to abolish nominated seats and also to avoid Drawn result. We try to make the number of seats in odd numbers like 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 in every village. And as said by our members, we often give sub - village committee and even Village Council easily to some newly emerged small locality having about ten houses. In this way, every political party is responsible as we want to make Village Council of our party as much as possible. This led to disorganised Villages in our State. So, we try to make restrictions on such situation. I also noted down the speech of our members regarding the victims of landslide and sinking in Hunthar Veng to give loans as far as possible.

And, in regard to Sanitation, progressive steps are being taken as proposed by some of our members but I would like to say that we have poor facilities and due to shortage of working staffs, our hard working may not be effective enough now. Anyway, we try our level best in this sphere. One important thing which we are undertaking is the construction of burning place for our disposal garbage near the river Tuirial, and we make plan to utilize the ash products as done by other states. Regarding disposal of our garbage I would like to request all of our members to teach our people not only to depend on Sanitation Department but to help this Department also by burning flammable garbages and by making disposal pit near our houses so that we can dispose off our own garbages, this is helpful to keep our locality clean.

And, regarding budget for Urban Development, only Rs. 561 lakhs is proposed in the budget book, but more fund will come in the Revised Estimate. This budget is drafted mainly as last year but we hope to get more fund from the Central Government as said by our hon'ble Chief Minister. And regarding LAD contract works without bidding Tender as said by our hon'ble Opposition Group Leader, I was amazed to hear such thing. So, I would like to say that I will investigate this if he can tell me that there is such bad things happened.

Next, in regard to Demand No. 38, I admit that fish is a healthy food to keep us wise. Therefore, we need to be self sufficient in fish and improvement in our fish farming is really needed in our state. Now many steps are being taken in this sphere. The important steps to be taken for self - sufficiency in fish are creation of fish

ponds and proper maintenance of seed farm and good market. Now, through the efforts of our hon'ble Revenue Minister there has been a proper place in the New Market Aizawl to sell fishes of Mizoram products. The other important thing in this regard is the Cold Storage and Ice Plant which is being constructed at Aizawl Bawngkawn and Kolasib. We hope that we can use this plant very soon. I also request all of our members to give us suggestions for the betterment of this Department.

And, regarding financial assistance from the Government, there might be somebody who got assistance from the government in the past but do not engaged in fish farming. Therefore, I would like to say that we will give aids to those who are really engaged in fish farming from now on. We also opine that it is good to have compact area without poorly covering the whole state. For example, we try to improve fisheries around the areas of Zawlnuam and Bilkhawthlir this year but not neglecting other areas too and we will choose other areas in the next year and so on.

And, as said by our hon'ble Member from Serchhip Constituency, our budget of Rs. 1.704 lakhs is too little to make much headway in development. So, we hope more funds to come.

And, lastly, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to discuss about New System of government to reply the question made by our Opposition Group Leader and other members. Although our hon'ble PWD Minister had already expressed about this I also want to say about this. Every Ruling MLA and Opposition MLA had equal quota for Housing Loans and HBA this year. I do not hesitate to call this New System of government because we have not yet know like this. Besides this, I opine that we had applied Bingtaii Policy in the past years, we had eaten all our important seeds without practically working. But from today onwards we have to follow Mauruangi Policy by sowing every seed that comes from the Central Government for Developments. And, as said by our hon'ble Member from Hnahthial Constituency, we try to make good remarkable works inplace of some bad and poor implementation of works and we prepare ourselves to work faithfully and to keep in our mind the spirit of ownership.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass my Demand No. 19, Rs. 4,03,00,000/- for local administration, Demand No. 28, Rs. 27,32,25,000/- for Housing, Demand No. 29, Rs. 5,61,58,000/- for Urban Development and Demand No. 38, Rs. 1,70,40,000/- for Fisheries totally Rs. 38,67,23,000/-.

Thank you.

**S P E A K E R** : Now, our Minister Pu H. Vanlalauba begged leave of this House to pass his Demand of Rs. 38,67,23,000/-. Those who agree to pass may say 'Yes' and those who disagree may say 'No'. Yes, it is passed. Now, we will call upon our House Leader and let us listen to him as he has an information to give to the House.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. We have prepared work schedule. While it is completed for most of the departments there are some others departments which have completed lately. And we compiled in one book, so, it is not convenient to distribute separately. Now, we have been doing correction for some printing mistakes and it is nearly finished. So, we hope that we can distribute it before the end of this session. Today, I would like to say that we make our budget of



Rs. 333 crores on the basis of last year's budget. But on the other hand we have to receive more than this. So, our work schedule will be quite different from this budget book, because the Central Government had approved Rs. 360 crores for our state. Besides this, we can add another fund from PMS, Drough Relief and Peace Bonus. So, it can cross Rs. 450 crores. Also in regard to Non-Plan Budget atleast 100 crores will come from CSS. Therefore, we can expect Rs. 700 crores in addition to our budget. Mr. Speaker Sir, there is no time to explain this in the General Discussion but questions had been raised from our members. So, it is inevitable for me to give this information in this late hour.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Our business for today is over now, meeting will be resumed on Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at 6 : 35 P.M.