

SIXTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 22ND 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, 14 Ministers, Deputy Speaker and 20 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

2. PU H. RAMMAWI to present to the House the 28th Report of Public Accounts Committee relating to Transport Department.

DISCUSSION AND VOTINGS ON DEMANDS

3. PU F. MALSAWMA to submit to the vote of the House Various Demands under his charge.
4. PU AICHHINGA to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

SPEAKER : "These are the things that you shall do. Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgements that are true and make for peace, do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, says the Lord."

Zechariah 8 : 16,17.

The following members are granted leave of absence. Pu R. Lalziriana due to the passing away of his relative. Pu Sanghmingthanga H. Pautu due to cold and fever. Pu J. Lawmzuala, due to the passing away of his relative. Pu B. Lalthlengliana, due to fever.

Now, we shall take up questions, we shall call upon Pu L.N. Tluanga to ask starred question no. 54.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I ask starred question no. 54 to be replied by the hon'ble Minister of Local Administrative Department that :

- (a) How many Village Council have been dissolved between 1st December 1998 and 30th June 1999 ?
- (b) What is the main reason for dissolving Village Council ?
- (c) Some people build houses on the bank of rivers and on roadside. Is this agreed by the government ?

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall call upon Pu H. Vanlalauva, Minister in-charge Local Administration Department.

**PU H. VANLALAUVA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. The following are the answers to questions asked by hon'ble Members from Thungvel Constituency.

- (a) 46 Village Councils have been dissolved between 1st December, 1998 and 30th June, 1999.
- (b) The main reason for dissolving Village Councils is due to misuse of Development fund.
- (c) Some people built houses on the bank of rivers and on roadside. Their settlement is not under the permission of the government.

Thank you.

PU N.P. CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I and Pu R. Lalziriana asked Starred Question No. 59 regarding Village Council. Why don't they club together? (Speaker : Please wait for its own turn, we will discuss it further.) Yes, thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu Lalchamliana to ask starred question no. 55.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, this question is my own question. We share it together with Pu N.P. Chakma and Pu R. Lalziriana. I ask starred question no. 55 to be replied by the hon'ble Health Minister.

- (a) Is there any proposal to create new Primary Health Centre during 1999-2000? If so, How much ?
- (b) When will Borapansury PHC start functioning ?
- (c) When will 30 bedded PHC at Saitual be completed ?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu K.L. Lianchia, Minister incharge Health & Family Welfare Department to reply the question.

**PU K.L. LIANCHIA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the followings are the answers to question no. 55.

- (a) During 1999 - 2000, there is a proposal to creat one PHC.
- (b) The actual date for functioning of Borapansury PHC cannot be said.
- (c) 30 bedded PHC at Saitual will function when the construction work is finished.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, one supplementary question - The building for Borapansury PHC is constructed under BADP fund and the construction work is now finished. Can the government take step to have it functioned as early as possible?

PU C. SANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Where will the new PHC be created? Why the proposal is there for only one? And regarding the building of Saitual PHC, when will the construction work be finished?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu K.L. Lianchia to give answers.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to supplementary questions are as follows : There are many problems to start functioning for Borapansury PHC due to lack of staffs such as Doctor, Pharmacist and Technicians. Arrangement for such posts is still underway and this PHC would also be able to function when this arrangement is finished. Now, we have same problems in Saiha and Bungzung.

Regarding the creation of new PHC, the location is Sialhawk Village, where the existing dispensary is to be upgraded and the reason why we cannot creat more PHC is due to lack of money, this year our ministry inherit not only an empty financial box but we have too much deficit from the former Ministry.

And regarding Saitual PHC, the construction of building is done by PWD and I know nothing about the completion of the building. So, I cannot give the actual date when the construction work would be finished, but their progress is good enough.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have something to say before I ask my supplementary question that I want to use parliamentary words as much as possible in this House. I opine that some answers given by our Minister of Health & Family Welfare are ironical speech to some extend. For example, he said that the time to occupy Saitual PHC will be after completion of the construction of the building. Anyway, this is my supplementary question that when will the Primary Health Centre at Chhualung be started functioning whereas the building had already been constructed?

ER. K. THANGZUALLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, there are many hospitals in that region. Khawzawl, Biate, E. Lungdar, N. Vanlaiphai and Khawlailung have their own hospital. At the sametime a new hospital will be established at Sialhawk. Is there anyway to distribute them equally region wise?

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in my constituency, Kawrthah Hospital was proposed to be 30 bedded in 1987. But there is only 10 beds till today. Is there any proposal to make it to be 30 bedded Hospital.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I opine that I used Parliamentary words in my speech regarding the establishment of PHC. I would like to say that this government does not want to establish more PHC unless there is sanction to create posts. For example, in Lungchhuan Village, they were asked to build Sub-Centre building and was built voluntarily by the villagers, but it has damaged without functioning. Therefore, we do not want to make such thing happenings again. And, regarding Sialhawk PHC, the condition is just to upgrade the existing dispensary. So, that it can start functioning as soon as the construction of the building is finished. But in other places like Chhuarlung, Chakhang, Bungzung and Sesih, we cannot start functioning now because we have no sanction to create new posts for that. And regarding Borapansury PHC, it will start functioning when we can have sanction for the staffs and other necessary equipments.

And, the question made by hon'ble Member from Serchhip constituency is right, there are many hospitals in that region. So, Sialhawk village will not be the right place to establish new PHC. But we are going to upgrade the existing Dispensary which they have had since a very long time, that is before 1966.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, can our hon'ble Minister tell me that how many PHC are established as plan and unplan? And how many centres are built by the village people voluntarily? How many centres are maintained by the government as planned?

PU K.L. LIANCHIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the question asked by Pu K. Sangthuama, hon'ble member from Kawrthah constituency, we did not include Kawrthah PHC this year, but this year will soon pass away. So, we propose this PHC for next year's scheme.

And regarding PHC with plan or without plan, I have no preparation for this question. But some Health Centres were built by the village people where no staffs were posted. So, I said this because I have seen such deteriorating centres.

SPEAKER : Our next question is no. 56, but the owner of the question is absent and he authorises none to move it. So we shall leave this question and now let us call upon Pu C. Sangzuala to ask starred question no. 57.

PU C. SANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I ask starred question no. 57 to be replied by the hon'ble Minister of Local Administration Department, that -

- (a) What new steps have been taken for disposal of garbage between the last session and this session?
- (b) The harmfulness of polythene bag is often said now a days. Is there any proposal to dispose of the old polythene bags?

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you, the following are the answers to questions asked by Pu C. Sangzuala, hon'ble Member from Aizawl South - II Constituency.

- (a) New steps taken to dispose off garbage between the last session and this session are - we made disposal site near Tuirial river where construction of the burning chamber is still underway and the way to utilize the ashes is also being sought. Besides this, sanitation truck service is newly introduced to reach Thuampui, Zemabawk and Luangmual areas where such services have not been introduced before.
- (b) Regarding the disposal of old polythene bag, there is no proposal to dispose of and to prohibit the use of polythene bags from Local Administration Department.

PU C. SANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have supplementary questions. Now a days, it is said that our government alloted garbage disposal site within Chaltlang V/C area near Hrangbana Petrol pump. This area is very important as it is passed by Airport road. Are Chaltlang V/C consulted in this regard? It is said that Chaltlang V/C did not agree to this. If so, what more proposal should be made by the government. Besides this, in Ngaizel area, on the roadside garbage and loose soils are deposited. Regarding the disposal of such loose soil, does the government search for better way. And the other problem faced by almost all families is the improper functioning of side - drains in our town. This greatly disturbs those who live in the lower part of every locality. Can the government control such disorder?

DR. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding Sanitation Department, I would like to say that garbage disposal site is there near Tuirial Airfield where about three families had been settling under the jurisdiction of Zemabawk Village Council. Our Minister had visited that place and he proposed to shift them out. When can shifting be done?

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Regarding the question
MINISTER asked by Pu C. Sangzuala, our member from Aizawl South - II Constituency, Local Administration Department did not make garbage disposal site at Chaltlang Village Council area near Hrangbana Petrol Pump. And regarding the disposal of loose soil at Ngaizel. We, the Local Administration Department never dispose of garbage and loose soil there. Therefore, there is not any proposal to take steps regarding the disposal of garbage at Ngaizel.

And regarding proper maintenance of side drains, our society greatly requires awareness of this. Therefore, my fellow members in this House, Officers, Village Councils and Voluntary Organisations are all important in this regard.

Regarding the shifting of those who live along Tuirial road, near the garbage disposal site as asked by Dr. Lalzama, hon'ble Member from Aizawl North-I Constituency, I would like to say that, I have visited that place and it is not a village. They are few families who stay there to look after their gardens. So, government is not responsible for this. On the other hands, if they want to change their living place and if they apply for help, I opine that the government will take possible steps to help them.

PU C. SANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the disposal of garbage within Chaltlang Village Council area, now we just listened that LAD is not responsible and now I know that it is under the permission of DC and it is the fact. So, I would like to ask whether our leaders could have voice to the responsible authority?

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask whether the government make proposal to purify Aizawl New Market which is greatly unclean?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu H. Vanlalauva to give answers.

PU H. VANLALAUVA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Regarding the question asked by our hon'ble Member from Aizawl South - II Constituency - I will take any possible step to stop the disposal of garbage within Chaltlang V/C area.

And regarding the question asked by hon'ble Member from Kawrthah Constituency, I, myself, also want to make Aizawl New Market clean. But as we have listened yesterday, this New Market is jointly looked after by LAD, Trade & Commerce and Revenue Departments. LAD is responsible for the stalls in the main building only. The ground floor and sobji area are looked after by the Revenue Department. Anyway, we really need to clean this area. Now we have such proposal from these three departments and let us hope that we shall have good and clean market soon.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Zakhu Hlychho to ask starred question no. 58.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 58 that - How much does the government take for the cost of blood (blood-bag) during blood transfusion? What is the reason for the removal of such order?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu K.L. Lianchia, Minister incharge Health & Family Welfare.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, the cost of blood is not taken by the government. So, this question can be treated as meaningless. But I opine that I know what he wants. So, let me answer him as I thought and I beg his pardon if I am mistaken. The Government of India issued an order to have test on HIV, STD, Hepatitis 'B' and Malaria for every blood transfusion so that the patient could get clean blood. The average cost of such tests is Rs. 500/-. The Central Government advised every state to take atleast half of the total expenditure from the patients. According to which our state also make charge from 1st June, 1999. The total amount of money that we collected are Rs. 28,500/- from 61 patients. But due to the request made by voluntary organisation, the order is suspended for some time. The above money is kept by the Medical Superintendent, Civil Hospital Aizawl and it would be deposited to the Treasury for government's revenue.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have supplementary question, it is very difficult to ask this question because the reply furnished was not for the cost of blood bag, but it was the cost of blood. So, I put within bracket a cost of blood bag in my question. Besides this, through the notification issued by the government I know that the government had made proposal for the poor people, those who cannot paid this cost of blood bag. But the order is now totally cancelled. Is the scheme made by the government in this regard not good enough? And Mr. Speaker Sir, if the order is cancelled, can the amount of Rs. 28,5000/- be refunded to the people? If cannot be refunded, what is the reason?

PU K.L. LIANCHIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, the government can suspend the order as we had done now. And if that scheme was to be continued we proposed that we will put the money for State Invest Assistance Fund, but the expenditure could be refunded to the poor people.

And regarding the BPL Family, their medical expenditure are refunded to them when they are admitted in the Hospital. So, we have to re-imburse the expenditure borne by the poor people for blood - bag. We made such scheme to fulfill the will of the Central Government. Being leaders of the state I hope we all know that we are asked to collect some amount of taxes. So, we made such scheme, but it was strongly opposed by the people and even YMA also request us to stop the scheme as our society could not afford such practice. As this is not real obligation, it rathers an advice from the Central government, we withdraw that order.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, only one supplementary question. There was a proposal to help BPL families during the previous Ministry. But we need to legislate it to come into force. Has that proposal legislated now? If so, can we get the copy to show it to the people of our constituency?

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it was possible to legislate that proposal during the previous Ministry. But now we carried out our scheme from our budget's provision. Fund collected from this is given to the State illness assistance. The Central Government also allowed the matching share of our proposal which is 50% of our plan. Now, we run

this scheme from that amount of money. Our main aim in this proposal is to help the poor people and we hope that greater assistance will come next year. And regarding the copy of this scheme, it is possible to distribute it to the members. But I cannot promise to give you by now. So, I will try to give you all before the end of this Session, or if not, I will try it at least at the end of this Session.

SPEAKER : Now, we shall go to starred question No. 59. This question comes from Pu R. Lalziriana and Pu Nirupam Chakma. Let us call upon Pu Nirupam Chakma to ask this question.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble LAD Minister be pleased to reply starred question no. 59.

- (a) How many Village Councils were dissolved during the past six months?
- (b) How many Village Councils were altered?
- (c) How many Members of Village Council had been changed during the last six months?
- (d) How many Village Councils were abolished by the Government of Mizoram since December 1998?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu H. Vanlalauva, Minister of Local Administration Department to answer the questions.

PU H. VANLALAUVA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. The following are the answers of questions asked by Pu Nirupam Chakma and Pu R. Lalziriana, hon'ble Members from Chawngte Constituency and Saitual Constituency respectively.

- (a) During the past six months 45 Village Councils were dissolved.
- (b) 74 Village Councils were altered without dissolving them.
- (c) During the past months, 71 nominated members of Village Council had been changed.
- (d) Since December 1998, 14 Village Councils were abolished.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know the break up of Village Council which were dissolved. Which party got majority in those dissolved Village Councils? How many Village Councils were with a majority of Congress party or P.C. Party or MNF Party or anything else among those dissolved Village Councils.

And regarding the change of Village Councils without dissolution? I also want to know party wise break up of those Village Councils and even the nominated members.

ER. K. THANGZUALLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask what is the difference between dissolution and abolition of Village Council?

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, has enquiry been taken and show cause notice given against those dissolved Village Councils? And regarding majority of Village Council, can there be Party Village Council? If I am not mistaken in the last Village Council Election, every contestant had contested as an Independent candidate.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, abolition of Village Council is very serious. What are the reasons for abolition of such Village Councils and I would be pleased if our hon'ble Minister can tell me the name of the Village where Village Councils are abolished.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu H. Vanlalaiva, Minister incharge Local Administration Department to answer the questions.

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Regarding Edenthar V/C, MINISTER the first accusation was misuse of development fund. But their account was checked and we found no reason to dissolve them. So, warning was given to them.

Another accusation came again and as it was another case we sent our officers to have spot verification and they recommended dissolution of this V/C. Regarding nominated seat, the one recommended by the Party Leader was given nominated seat, but it was found out that he was not there in the V/C Electoral Roll. So, he was replaced by a new one.

Regarding the Party-wise break up of dissolved Village Councils and nominated members I am not ready to give the list just now, but I will try to give him before the end of this Session.

And regarding the question asked by Pu K. Thangzualla, hon'ble Members from Serchhip Constituency, dissolution and abolition are different. Here abolished V/C means those V/C's which are confiscated by the government and their area is added to the other V/C. There are 14 abolished V/C, 13 of which are within Aizawl District and 1 is within Lunglei District. The list of such abolished V/C's are-Bethani, Thenthuan, Saipuilian, Hnahthialzawl, Falkawn West, Kawlalian, Kananthar, Dinthar-Bethel, Sarali, Mualthuam, Tuipanglui, Tlangkhang, Chumi and Dinthar.

The main reason for abolition of such V/C's is due to migration of most of the Village people. According to our Rules, atleast 30 families should be there to have separate V/C. Lastly, regarding the question asked by Pu Chama, hon'ble Member from Bilkhawthir constituency, show cause notice was given to every dissolved V/C's before dissolution. So, our department officers had spot verification. After getting inquiry report, the government dissolve such V/C's if the accusation against them is found to be genuine.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, when will the election be done for those dissolved V/C's? Is the government prepare for election?

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we hope that we can have Village
MINISTER Council General election during this year i.e. 1999, be-
cause we want to avoid any election during next year.
So, due to the preparation of General election for V/
C, there is no provision to have V/C bye - election for those dissolved V/C's.

SPEAKER : Now, we will follow our list of business. We will call
upon Pu H. Rammawi to present the 20th Report of
Public Accounts Committee (PAC) relating to Trans-
port Department.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission and as I am
authorized by the Committee I hereby present the 20th
Report of the Public Accounts Committee in this
august House.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed to the members. We will
go to the demand. Let us call upon Pu F. Malsawma,
Minister to move his Demand for various Departments
under his portfolios.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Gov-
MINISTER ernor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move
the Demand no. 1, 4, 12, 22 and 30 for Rs.
1,08,53,43,000/- only for meeting expenses during 1999 - 2000 in respect of the follow-
ing department.

Legislative Assembly	-	Rs. 3,19,00,000/-
Administration of Justice	-	Rs. 2,68,27,000/-
Parliamentary Affairs	-	Rs. 17,55,000/-
School Education	-	Rs. 100,19,86,000/-
Information & Publicity	-	Rs. 2,28,75,000/-

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu Aichhinga, Minister to move
his Demand for various departments under his portfo-
lios.

PU AICHHINGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Gov-
MINISTER ernor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I
move the demands no. 16, 34, 35 and 53 for Rs.
150,95,47,000/- only for meeting expenses during 1999 - 2000 in respect of the following
departments.

Civil Supply	-	Rs. 144,45,10,000/-
Social Security & Welfare	-	Rs. 70,00,000/-

Relief on account of natural calamities	-	Rs.	1,47,00,000/-
Other general Economic Services- (Trade & Commerce and Regulation of Weight & Measures.)		Rs.	4,33,37,000/-

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now hon'ble Ministers moved their demands to be discussed in this House. We shall start discussion. Let us call upon Pu Lalthankunga.

PU LALTHANKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. As we are going to discuss two demands today there may be many things to point out. First of all in demand no. 16 of page 113 there is no provision for rural godown programme, which is regularly there in other years with the amount of Rs. 46 lakhs, 48 lakhs, etc. I do not know the reason. Also in page 509 we see grant-in-aid of Rs. 80,800,00/- under the heading of Marketing, I request our hon'ble Minister to clarify this also.

Mr. Speaker Sir, under the department of Food & Civil Supplies in Mizoram, we have twelve principal Distributing Centre, sixteen sub-Distributing Centre and ninety eight Supply Centre. Their work is too heavy. I opine that it is good to install weight bridge in every principal Distributing Centre. When our Retailers draw rice from Zuangtui Godown, weighting is generally not accurate and shortage of rice occurred due to inaccurate weighting machine. To avoid this, I propose to install weight bridge and I opine that our budget does not reflect this. Next, I praise this department for their efforts to avoid adulteration of petrol and kerosene oil. But such adulteration had occurred sometimes. I propose stronger action to be taken against those who involved in such bad practice. Also in the previous days, we have heard about flying challan. I eagerly want to know new proposals of our hon'ble Minister to avoid such bad practice.

As we had listened some days ago, we have sufficient food supply since we have followed the right way and our Godown could no more accomodate the coming of our rice. So, I am sorry for the absence of Rural Godown programme in our budget.

Next, I opine that we greatly require to take steps in Marketing Research to sell our agricultural products such as ginger, turmeric, etc. There are many big spice processing company. It will be good to communicate such companies. I was told that the rate of ginger per kg. is Rs. 27/- at Calcutta nowadays. If so, we can sell our ginger at the rate of Rs. 15 - 17/- per kg. here in Mizoram. So, I wish to make possible ways to sell our agricultural products at higher rates.

Next, let me point out about my constituency, it is very important to place principal Distributing Centre at E. Phaileng because its location is very convenient for the whole constituency of Ratu and Suangpuilawn. And regarding Sub-distributing Centre here, we see Sakawrdai Village being selected for the centre. I opine that Darlawn is more convenient than Sakawrdai from security point of view.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I also want to speak about Education Department with few words only. There are many vacant posts of teacher for Primary School. In my constituency alone, we have 37 of such vacant posts but our budget reflects that only 10 posts are to be filled up. Therefore, it is important to add more fund to this demand.

It is known that about 11% of our budget goes to School Education. So, I would like to say that we need atleast 15% of our budget for this department. Our School Education had good record because we put much emphasis on education. In this sphere, I opine that our people run before the government. Mr. Speaker Sir, I have many things to say, I also propose three types of school such as Government, aided and Private and regarding the creation of posts, I propose to make proper Recruitment Rules. Mr. Speaker Sir, our time is too short and we cannot clarify its importance within 10 minutes only.

S P E A K E R : I go by the opinion of the House yesterday. Let this be folowed by the Members and I cannot change the opinion of the House. So, I request you all to understand me. Now let us call upon Pu Vanlalhlana.

P U V A N L A L H L A N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, the most important step for development of human life is education. So, I would like to discuss about Education Department though there are many other demands to be discussed. Here in Mizoram, our Education pattern is based on National Policy, after modifying some little things to suit our society. This is quite good to some extend. So, it is difficult to know what would be better for its substitution. But it is clear that we need to improve the existing system. So, I would like to express some points in this direction.

Firstly, some years ago, we had Pre-primary section attached to Primary School but nowadays such section has been abolished. Our Primary School pattern directed that children at the age of six year should start their schooling at Primary School. If so, below the age of six have no school of their own. Social Welfare Department has such type of school called Anganwadi Centre but most of them are not properly looked after as said by our hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare Department yesterday. Anyway, we need to establish new Education Centre for early childhood.

Secondly, we all like to learn English very much and it seems to be prevalent more and more. So, I opine that it will be good to introduce English subject better in our Government Schools. Many teachers do not want their children to be admitted to their school. So, I prefer English to our local language to be introduced in Government Schools. Besides, I also opine that we are not aware of the importance of Work Education. I feel that we often miss the spirit of work education. For example, students of Primary School are told to make Dust-span for their work education but it is rightly known that they cannot make such thing. Therefore, it will be better to give them other works which can be done with their own skill. We require better instruction in this regard.

And regarding Middle Schools there are 111 Private Schools, 332 Government Schools and 283 Deficit Schools. I feel that, it will be better to provincialize every Middle School as written in the Directive Principle of State Policy in our Constitution. Under the article - 45 of our Constitution we can see that "the State shall endeavour to provide within a period of ten years from the commencement of this Constitution for free and compulsory education for all children untill they complete the age of fourteen". Therefore, providing education until they become the age of fourteen is the duty of State government. Here in Mizoram we still have 111 private Middle Schools where the students regularly contribute monthly fee. So, I propose to take up such private Schools under the responsibility of the Government and I hope that this will

make better education standard. In some villages private Middle Schools and High Schools are established but they are pityful.

Next, as said by my fellow Member, I also feel about scarcity of teachers, especially in Primary Schools. It is written in the norms that there must be atleast 4 teachers in the Primary School, but there are many schools which have less than 4 teachers. In this regard let me point out some Schools. In Hmunzawl Primary School there are 122 students but they have 2 teachers only, in Rullam Village, there are 103 students and 2 teachers, in Sentlang Village also there are 114 students with 2 teachers. Besides these, Thinglian Village, Vanchengte Village and Lungpho Village, all have two teachers each. I think there are many other schools of such condition in various places. In this regard it will be good for the government to acknowledge such problems. Education is the back bone of our future so, it is very important. The most common manifesto of our candidates in MP Election is Human Development. So, education is very important for the survival of our nation and we need to pay proper attention from its basic foundation - Primary School. Most of our Primary Schools in rural areas are badly furnished. If we want good thing for our state we have to try our best problem faced due to scarcity of teachers particularly at the Primary level. I wish our government to remember this when revised estimate is made.

And regarding High Schools, now we have Secondary Schools, but when we look back last year there were many students who could not take admission. However, due to the efforts made by our Education Minister, some private Colleges can accomodate classes XI & XII. We will require some amount of money for this purpose, but this year our budget follows last year's budget due to the improper allocation of fund from the Central Government. Anyway, in the revised estimate, I wish Education Department to be cared for as it is the basic foundation of our future. But now we can put 11% only from our budget for this department. We require to care for this department to maintain our education quality.

Thank you.

DR. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to express some few points. Let me start from Food & Civil Supplies Department. I am aware that food supply is available due to the efforts of our Minister and I am happy. But I am worry about accumulated transportation bill which has risen to 6.10 crore rupees as we had listened in the question hour. I seriously want to know the reason for this. So, I want to make more fund for this in our budget. In Aizawl District only such credited bill amounts to Rs. 250 lakhs. This is too much. So, as mentioned by my fellow Member Pu Lalthan Kunga we must be careful about flying challan. Also in Silchar godown, there was such thing happening. They received the materials verbally where in practical it goes to maruari merchants. Our state really needs reformation from the lowest level to the highest level. Do we know that our state quota arrive in Manipur? We must remember to take preventive measures. Such bad practice can disturb our progress.

And regarding relief for natural calamities, our fund is quiet less than I expected. Rs. 147 lakhs is not much because it is so often that we face such calamities in Mizoram like sinking ground, landslide, burning houses, etc. So, when we look at our whole state we require more fund for this and I propose to increase this fund in the Revised Estimate.

Next, there are many things to discuss in Education Department. My first point in this regard is the condition of teachers in deficit High Schools. They are looked after under CCS Rules. So, I wish them to receive benefits such as MR, TA,

DA, HBA, LIC from the government. Therefore, I propose to allocate funds for such purpose.

Besides the above, in January 1990, Death cum Retirement Gratuity was published in the Mizoram Gazetted but this has not been implemented till today. So, it is good to implement this scheme and need proper service condition as there are many deficit schools and non - Government schools. For example, 8% from their basic pay is reserved for contributory Provident Fund, but the Government has not fulfilled its contribution to cope with this since the time of the previous Ministry. I am aware that this has been fulfilled in Deficit College only. Therefore, as we had listened yesterday, it is good to take steps for the benefit of such employees during this new Ministry. So, it is good to remember this when Revised Estimate is prepared.

And next, I am aware that appointment of teachers for Higher Secondary School is to be done but the order is not yet issued till now, this is very important as we have limited number of teachers in the Plus two level. Some students sought admission in some private colleges, such as J. Thankima College, etc. So, I opine that we need some more schools which can accomodate Plus two section. And, while expressing some undesirable things I also want to point out that we have three types of Headmasters in the Government High Schools. Some Headmasters have DDO powers, at the same time some Headmasters have no power to sign the salaries of his staffs. Nowadays, KM High School, Central High School and Republic High School have such problems. It seems that they have two Headmasters each. Is there any way to upgrade the existing Headmaster to the post of Principal. So, it is good to set aside some amount of money for this purpose.

Besides the above, there are some Private Schools which greatly need Aided Status. They are generally looked after by the community with much efforts. For instance, in my constituency, let me point out Zuangtui area, they have no High School, Playground, fountain and Health Sub - Centre. But the area is inhabited by about 600 families. They hardly looked after Private Middle School. Besides this, Chawngliani Middle School Kolasib and Willow Mount Middle School Durtlang also greatly require aided status. We need to consider such schools carefully.

Lastly, I would like to say that some Primary Schools also require building grants. So, it will be very difficult to look after all our institutions from this little budget. It is too little to meet our requirement. Education Department in particular has problems and I suggest that measures be taken to solve such problems.

Thank you.

PU H. LALTANPUJA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I would like to say first about Food & Civil Supply Department. I also request our Ministers to listen to us carefully because we require to speak hastily as our time is limited.

Regarding Supply Department, I do not know what were our condition in the past years, but this year, as we had listened, we have too much amount of food grains even in the rural areas, the supply of food grain is sufficient enough and in some places food supply is well beyond the accomodation of our godowns, especially in my constituency, some villages cannot be communicated during the rainy season, but they are not worry about food supply this year. So, I thank our Minister for his efforts.

As we had listened yesterday, the bills of carrying contractors are high

enough in some places, so we search voluntary retailers in some places. Also in my constituency we have such Voluntary Retailers who never have gain in carrying food grains. Therefore, I request our hon'ble Minister to introduce higher rate of carrying Bill especially for the retailers as soon as possible. Next, as said by our hon'ble Member from Ratu Constituency, my constituency is a remote area and communication is poorly developed. Therefore, if there is proposal to establish new Principal Distribution Centre at Khawruhlian, I think East Phaileng would be more convenient than Khawruhlian for such centre because its location is good enough for Suangpuilawn and its adjoining villages. And regarding distribution centre, we have such centre at Phullen in my constituency, but this village can never be communicated from Vanbawng and its nearby villages during the rainy season. Therefore, can we establish new distribution centre at Suangpuilawn? I expect to have a black topped road for this village this year due to the efforts of our hon'ble Minister of Public Works Department.

And, regarding demand no. 53, I would like to mention about disposal of gingers. This year, we can sell it at the rate of Rs. 15/- per kg. due to the efforts of our government. And now, many people again started ginger cultivation for their occupation. I think that it is good to give incentive to the growers by telling them that their ginger product will be sold atleast at the rate of Rs. 15/- or Rs. 10/- per kg. Therefore, I would like to ask our hon'ble Minister what our future plan for ginger is?

Next, I also want to speak about School Education. If I am not mistaken, it is stated that Educational Curriculum and text book of Primary level and Middle level will be handed over to SCERT. If so, why does not they conduct their examination also? So that, our MBSE will concentrate in HSLC and Plus two Examination only.

And, in Education Department, our main problem in rural villages is transfer of teachers as it is generally accompanied by transfer of post. In my constituency, Suangpuilawn, many teachers were transferred along with their posts stating HPC movement as the reason. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask that, can this department make proper Transfer Rules? If not so, such problems will be increasing in future. In fact, I often said that this department has a greatest number of Church Elders but it is one of the dirtiest departments. Again I want to raise another question that there are some students who are weak in Science and Mathematics. So, is there anyway to introduce typing, shorthand or computer course in place of Science and Mathematics subjects? I hope that, the introduction of such substitute subjects other than Science and Mathematics will make better results in HSLC Examination.

And regarding Public Examination, we still send Class - VII to face Board Examination. But I opine that this Board Examination is to be done in Class - VIII standard as practised by other states in India. Besides this, I opine that it is better to change our School Session as a National Plan, otherwise, we can have problems to join higher education in other states after passing HSLC and Plus two here in Mizoram.

The other point that I would like to raise is, Mr. Speaker Sir, I want separate Academic Cell, Planning Cell and Statistic Cell under the Directorate of Education. I hope that such separation will solve most of our problems. Lastly, as said by some of my fellows members, we still have many Private Schools where shortage of teachers is acute. Therefore, we have to reform this bad system for the success of our Education Policy. Some schools have no Hindi Teacher, but Hindi is considered as compulsory subject. This led to bad percentage of result in the examination. According to the answer given by our hon'ble Minister, new 206 Hindi teachers will be appointed, I would like to request our hon'ble Minister to take urgent action in this regard.

And, our requirement of Education Department is inevitably very much as we all have problems in our respective constituencies. But when we look at our Plan Budget, we cannot fulfill our desires. Therefore, I propose to set aside atleast 15% of our whole Budget for this Department. And I hope that we will all be happy if we put more budget for this department in the Revised Estimate.

Thank you.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me an opportunity. Today, we are going to discuss demands for 9 Departments under the portfolios of two Ministers but each of us has only 10 minutes. First of all I would like to say about Education Department. In my constituency, we have private High School at Longluighat to accomodate students from Bru, Chakma and Bawm who live in Vaseitlang and Bawmtlang areas. The school is ran by the community voluntarily, their HSLC result was good enough last year. If there is a proposal to upgrade some Private Schools to deficit status I request our hon'ble Minister to include this Private High School. Besides this, I also request the same status for Lungrang High School as requested to me by the leaders of the village.

Next, I would like to request our Minister to explain as to what is the condition of Residential Schools? What steps are taken to look after Residential School? I wish our Minister to remember the necessity of Hostel for the students from rural villages where High School is not there.

And, regarding Hindi teachers, our Minister had said while replying questions of my fellow members some days ago that new 206 posts should be created. He further said that Chakma District Council had not applied for but the government had earmarked 10 posts for them. I think he is mistaken on this information. Because, Chakma District Council had applied for this so many times before the former Prime Ministers, Deve Gowda and IK Gujral. This is because, all the Bengali Medium Schools are converted into English Medium Schools. So, they need to introduce one Major Indian Language other than Bengali, and Hindi is used as one compulsory subject. But on the other hand, it will be meaningless if there is no Hindi Teacher. Therefore, I request atleast 10 posts of Hindi Teachers for Chakma District Council and even more than ten posts if possible from the above 206 posts to be created.

Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding Adult Education, we said that Mizoram got first position in literacy percentage. But, among the minority communities such as Chakmas and Brus, literacy percentage is too low and we still require Adult Education policy very much. I request for atleast one year of Adult Education campaign for these remote areas. Actually, the existing policy in this regard is not well enough. So, I request our Minister to take stronger actions especially for such backward communities of Western Mizoram. And, now, Mizo is our state language along with English. So, we need to learn Hindi also in lieu of Bengali as Major Indian language. For such major languages I wish to introduce Mizo in the Chakma villages in consultation with leaders of District Council and two Chakma MLA's. Because many Chakmas, including I cannot speak Mizo fluently. Being a resident of Aizawl City, I learn some important words but now, I don't know what percent is correct in my speech. Therefore, I wish our younger generations not to face this language problem in future. So, I request our government to consult our District Council to improve our state language.

And, regarding Information Department, I know many things to say as

I had looked after this Department. It greatly requires motor vehicles including motor cycles if possible. Besides this, I wish to have web - site and Internet for this Department since we are passing through information ages.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I request for frequent awareness seminar on Administration Justice for Lunglei and Chhimtuipui Districts as we have had in Aizawl.

And, regarding Food & Civil Supplies Department, many members said that food grain is available, now, it might be true, but I would like to say that most of our food stock in various godowns are of low quality. Regarding food stock, quality is more important than quantity. We need to think carefully what the quality of our rice is? Is it edible for human being? Also in my constituency, no rice has reached Parva, Damdep and Vaseitlang Villages this year. Godowns are there but no rice, even 1 kg. has not reached there, why? In Borapansuri village, carrying contractor directly gives food grain to the retailer due to the irregular presence of store keeper. What rule is to be followed in this regard?

Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding Trade & Commerce Department, I would like to discuss about ginger marketing. Some members said that the rate is Rs. 15/- per kg. this year, but as far as my knowledge is concern, Rs. 15/- per kg. is the existing rate at Bagha, it is not Rs. 15/- here in Mizoram. I also want to ask our Minister how many collection centres are established by the government? What is the district wise break up of collection centre? I still have many things to point out regarding Relief on account of natural calamity, Social Security R/R, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs. But Mr. Speaker Sir, my chance is over now. So, let me stop my speech here now.

Thank you.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to state first about demand no. 16 as it concerned every family. Due to efforts made by Supply Department, we have stocked enough food grains for this year. So, I want to express my thanks to this department. On the other hands, I have some points to raise for reconstruction of this department. Firstly, I want to say that the quality of our rice is not good enough now adays. So, I would like to ask our Minister that is there any way to buy better quality of rice?

Secondly, when our Retailers brought rice from the go down, a bag of rice is generally considered as a quintal of rice under the witness of store keepers or Inspectors. This system might never happened here in Aizawl but it is commonly practised in other villages. This leads the Retailers to follow wrong habits while selling their rice to the people. The people are the victims of this bad practice. So, I request our hon'ble Minister to search the way to stop this bad practice.

Thirdly, I opine that we need to introduce better system on carrying Bill. In some rural areas, the Department staffs are generally carrying contractors. This may lead to flying challan. This is rightly a loop hole for corruption as there may be many convenient ways to practise corruption in this system. So, I request our Minister to search for preventive ways. I opine that weight bridge is very important to remove such bad practice. I, therefore, demand our government to make budget for buying weight bridges.

Next, I also want to speak about head load system. There is a good chance to practise corruption in this system. Some food grains are recorded as carried by human being and this can lead to corruption while making carrying bills. Therefore, some staffs of Supply Department become rich within a short period. But here I do not

mean all the staffs, there are many good and perfect staffs in this department. Anyway, I request this new government to introduce preventive measures for this department. I have no time to speak about other departments.

Thank you.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to mention about Education Department. I convey my thanks to this department for their achievements during this six months. I praise their draft plan to promote education.

Now adays, our state, Mizoram got first position in the Educational Development Index, prepared by Central Government. Some people considered this as literacy percentage. This is not only literacy percentage, but development in Education also. There are many important criteria to prepare this index, which includes financial expenditure, administration, achievements and the results of our efforts. Under such critical criteria Mizoram got first position among other states in India. So, I praise the efforts of such hard working staffs of this department.

Besides this, I want to say that public participation is very good for this department in Mizoram. Many people contribute some amount of money to run private schools. This is really too great. As we know that, almost all hill tribe communities live together in Shillong, Mizos are less than Nagas and Garos in number, but we are the first community to have High School of our own called Mizo High School. This shows that we are interested in education. Before 20 years ago, while this House was named District Council Hall, we had sent an important request to the Government of India that we want to emphasize on Hindi Education. Patashkar Commission came to Mizoram in this connection. But today, after 20 years had passed, I am sorry to hear that there are some schools without any single Hindi teacher. Besides, we cannot provide grant-in-aid status to all private schools ran by the community with their own resources. I point out this not to blame our leaders but to show that our government cannot provide all our requirements. Now adays, there is a proposal to aid some Private Schools. In my constituency, Khanpui High School had been ran for ten years and Tlangnuam High School had also been ran for six years by the Village Community. They are unhappy as they know that their school seems to be excluded in this proposal. They can give Rs. 700/- each only to their teachers this year. I wish that these schools be uplifted and improved.

Education is required by every family. I have nothing to say whether our budget for this department is too much or not as there is no detail break up for its expenditure. Therefore, I request our government to put adequate fund. I also request our government to provincialise some private schools properly maintained by the Village Community or if not so, their basic needs be provided by the Government.

And regarding demand no. 17 and 41, there are many things to say. But, I rather want to point out the achievements made by our hon'ble Minister on Border Trade, adulteration of Petroleum oils and stock of food grains. Mr. Speaker Sir, while we have such amount of rice there are many people who have not got enough food in Khawruhlian, Hmunnghak, Lailak and Khanpui villages in my constituency. They are selected to receive NLUP fund in 1997 - 98 and they abandoned jhuming, but NLUP scheme had been stopped before they had received. Therefore, they still have big problems. I request our government to give immediate help to these people.

Thank you.

PU C. SANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, let me speak about Education Department first. I have seen most of the problem faced by this department. They are pityful because we the people often made pressure on them and their efforts cannot fulfill our desire though they try their level best. On the other hand they have made many remarkable achievements. As we have often used the word "New System" I would like to say that this department has the best chance to fulfill our new system. But we provide inadequate facilities for the success of new system till now. Therefore, let us hope that this would be considered by our leaders when Revised Estimate is done. Because, education is very important to develop our culture and social life.

As said by my fellow member from Tlungvel Constituency, I also know many hard working private schools who have had good achievements. So, I want bigger plan for grant-in-aid scheme, because the existing plan fund seems to be little and I am afraid that some private schools which I wish them to receive this aid are not included in this scheme. For example, in my constituency, Venghnuai High School, which had produced good result in HSLC Examination for 8 years is still private. So, I favour this school to receive grant-in-aid. Other private schools are also there in Saitual Constituency too.

And, regarding Higher Secondary School, our main problem is lack of teaching staff, I support the speech of our hon'ble Member from Aizawl N-1 Constituency. Therefore, I wish DP & AR or any other department to issue appointment orders to the teachers of Higher & Secondary Schools to meet our requirement in this sphere.

We also know that we have new 206 posts for Hindi Teachers. Although this is not enough, we eagerly wait for this new posts and I request our leaders to fulfill this as soon as possible. And, one thing, but I am not sure whether there are Middle Schools which have two IV-Grade staffs or one staff or no such staff. It is good to verify this.

And when we introduced Higher Secondary Schools, there are some pityful students such as repeaters, generally, such students could never get admission in the same school. Is there any way to solve such problems?

And, according to the answer given by our hon'ble Minister during the question hour that transfer of teacher is inevitable to some extent. If so, I would like to request our leaders to carry out such transfer of teachers not along with their posts, especially for transfer from rural areas to Aizawl whatever the reason may be. And, regarding an application for transfer, as often applied by some teachers, I request our leaders to examine carefully the reasons quoted thereof.

And, now we are trying to revive our education, I opine that we must be careful in this regard and our new programme should be suited with our culture and identity.

In regard to demand no. 30, Information Department, this is very important department. I do not know whether the functioning of this department satisfied us or not last year. But this year, their budget seems to be the same with that of last year. So, I wish this department to have higher budget so that they can work more. The function of this department is very important as they publicize the works and achievements of the government to the public.

Regarding demand no. 16, I wish Supply Department to stop all mal practices from now on. Lastly, I also felt our budget for relief is too meagre, some undesirable things can happen at any time because our land is geologically weak. Therefore, I wish to have more fund in the budget for this so that relief work can be done at the right time. If nothing happen luckily, fund can be diverted where necessary. Mr. Speaker Sir, I used longer time than my fellow members.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, we will have break and our meeting will be resumed at 2:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER : We will continue our business, eight members had stood up in the discussion. Now, let us call upon Pu K. Thangzualla.

ER. K. THANGZUALLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, firstly, those who watch our session through television said that it is nice to see our duty staffs who wear white suit. But yesterday, no one wore uniform. I am still thinking the reason. (SPEAKER: Let me answer you from this side, they washed their uniform yesterday.) When I look at our budget provision I see Rs. 15 lakhs only to purchase motor vehicles for MLAs. I think this should be added in the Revised Estimate.

And regarding Civil Supplies Department, there is government godown at Serchhip. From that godown, they sold a quintal of rice at the rate of Rs. 1000/- for special permit while the exact rate as fixed by the government is Rs. 940/-. Similarly, sugar is also sold by Rs. 15/- per kg. When I asked the staffs they told me that they did not see such things. Anyway, I request our department authority to investigate this. Besides this, retailer from Keitum Village told me that they bought rice from Serchhip godown and the rate is the same with that of Serchhip retailers, but they require extra charge for transportation from Serchhip to Keitum. So, I beg relief for Keitum retailers.

Next, regarding Education Department, Bungtlang High School has a teacher called Thangliana. They told me that he cannot take up his duty as a teacher for more than two years due to his addiction to liquor. So, he employs someone in his post. At the sametime, Mr. L. Surchandra Singh is attached to this school to teach Mathematics. Can we appoint him permanently?

And regarding Information and Public Relation Department, our Chief Minister scarcely appears in the news though he had done many good things. For example, Economic & Statistic Department organised Training cum Seminar at Aizawl Club some days ago, I also attended the meeting and our Chief Guest spoke many good things, but such thing never occupy news headline. I don't know whether our Chief Minister does not want to publicise himself or not.

Next, I would like to point out one thing in regard to Social Security. Nowadays, there is one pityful child of 5 year of age. His parents had divorced and he is looked after by his step mother and his own father. They treated him very badly. He sleeps on the floor and is not allowed to watch TV while his family watches TV he is

forced to stand in position to look at the wall. Sometimes, he is tortured by his father and his step mother. Their neighbours are truly touched by his crying at night. So, the owner of their rented house asked them to vacate their house and they started to live in Khatla. In Khatla also, they continued to behave in the same manner, and VDP had warned them. Such was the condition of this piteous child. Is there anyway to do something for this child from Social Security?

And, regarding Natural Calamity, some two years back there was great landslide in Serchhip. Estimates for relief was already made by Geology & Mining Wing, Soil & Water Conservation Department and PWD. But no practical help had reached to the victims till today. I had already pointed out this some days ago while we were discussing about demand for PWD. Therefore, I think some amount of money will be there for relief on account of natural calamity in demand no. 35. If so, I request our government to care for the landslide victims of Serchhip.

Next, regarding demand no. 53, Trade and Commerce, I would like to praise our Chief Minister for his efforts to make the rate of ginger higher. In this sphere, tender is called to buy ginger from the farmers, this made competition among the buyers of ginger, which resulted in the rising of rate. So, I would like to convey my thanks to our leaders.

Besides this, I also praise our budget as we set aside Rs. 230 lakhs for agriculture market. This will be benefitted by the farmers and I never heard such budget for Agriculture market before. I opine that this is very great.

Thank you.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am happy to know that our Education Department makes good achievements and I praise the officers of this departments. Although every part of our body is important our brain is the most important, similarly, Education can be said as the most important department. So, more fund is needed in the budget.

One important thing I would like to point out is the recruitment system and quality of our teachers. Some people said that examination to recruit teachers is generally conducted after secretly selecting the candidates. There has been complaints of such bad practice since the times of District Council. Therefore, I want our government to be careful in this regard, because teachers are the builders of our future, quality is very important for this post. For example, there is one teacher in my constituency. He is a deaf man and he cannot speak clearly. He is a senior teacher now, and he is proud of himself but students are not fond of him. No school likes him. He is a great problem in my constituency and I think such type of teachers who have no quality are our main problem in Mizoram. Nowadays, we try to emphasize on English, but teachers are important. Our High Schools are English Medium Schools, English might be used as a medium of teaching in our capital. But, English can never be used in many High Schools in rural villages. This is our problem in language. Therefore, I would like to request our government to force our teachers to use English as much as possible. English is very important language especially for a small community like Mizo. Therefore, we must be careful to recruit teachers who can teach English.

I also support the speech of our hon'ble Member from Chawngte Constituency as he asks for teachers to teach Mizo language in the Chakma District Council. This is very important because language can bring about fraternity and even unity. Therefore, I also request our government to fulfill his demand for the success of national integration.

Next, I would like to point out one serious thing in the sphere of education. According to my information from the office of this department, the general pass percentage of HSLC examination is just above 30% every year. This means there are about 70% of unsuccessful students in every examination. Only some few students repeat their course and most of them became frustrated and follow the path of bad habits like drug abuse, etc. One information which I got from Madras some years ago told me that the pass percentage of HSLC under the Board of Tamil Nadu was 60%. They were disappointed and they established Inquiry Commission immediately. So, I request our government to think about this carefully and even to introduce better marking system if required. I would like to make one suggestion in this sphere, I think that Mathematics is the biggest cause for failure among the students. I opine that, Elementary mathematics upto CI-IX level will be good enough for compulsory subjects. Because CI-X Mathematics has no more importance in the college education. So, the results of HSLC examination will become better that way.

Next, one important thing which I want to point out is sanctioning of Rs. 1 crore from the Central Government on March 4, 1998 for establishing Residential School from CI-IX to IX under the Department of Social Welfare. The sanctioning letter has reached to our Chief Secretary on February 20, this year. The letter directed that the money should be released to the Social Welfare Department under the article 275. But nothing has happened in this regard till today. Social Welfare is the concerned Department for this as practised in other states. So, I make request to our government for the success of this proposal.

In regard to Food & Civil Supply Department, I inevitably praise this new Ministry for inaugurating godowns in some villages in my constituency where the people carried their ration by foot. So, I really convey my thanks to our hon'ble Minister of Supply Department. But I want to remove from our mind the idea of expecting Store Keepers and Supply Officers to become rich. And regarding issue of Family Ration Card, dishonesty is commonly practised. This is very bad and shameful for the state. So, let this bad practice be checked and take remedial measures.

Thank you.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say about Education Department first. Here in Mizoram, there are many Private Schools established by the Village Community where some people work as a teacher voluntarily. In some schools, such teachers had worked for more than 20 years. But when the government provincialised such Private Schools, the existing Headmasters of the concerned school are generally replaced by new ones from other government schools. This is often accompanied by decreasing of their salary if they had reached the maximum ceiling. I opine that this system might be suited to some Headmasters who have working experience of about 5, 6, 7 or 8 years. But it is needed to review this system for those who have working experience of about 20 or 15 years as Headmasters from humanity background. They may not even equal to LDC or UDC of our Capital City as they had been staying in the remote areas but in the sphere of teaching, they would be qualified enough to hold their same post.

And, Mr. Speaker Sir, I also want to mention about the name of Education Department. I propose to change its name to be called as Human Resources Development. Now, it is time to teach our students to be aware that their calibre is good enough to study modern science and technology. Therefore, this Department is very

important. Although our state got the highest position in literacy percentage we need to take more step to get higher position. I am also aware that the experts from Planning Commission suggest us to allocate atleast 15% of our Plan Fund for Education. This year, I have no information on allocation of our Plan Fund. So, I do not know what percent is set aside for Education. Anyway, if we cannot raise it up immediately, it will be good to implement it next time.

Next, regarding Food & Civil Supply Department, Mr. Speaker Sir, there are great amount of food grain stocked in the godown in my constituency. But, the people have no money to buy such food grains. I think such also problem exists also in others constituencies. Therefore, it is necessary for the Government to find a solution to this problem.

Another thing which I want to point out is this, we have Store Keeper which means the one who has to look after store, another staffs called Sub-Inspector and Inspector are also there above Store Keeper. While we expect our Inspectors to inspect the functions of Store Keeper, they sit in the store to look after the store/godown instead of looking after the functions of store keepers. Therefore, I wish store keeper to sit on his right seat and he would be invigilated by Inspectors for better functioning of Supply Department. Besides this, it is not good to keep money for store keeper for a very long time. I request our hon'ble Minister to note down this. There has been circular in this regard, but Mr. Speaker Sir, one village in my constituency, there is supply centre and a bank is also there. The staffs of Supply Department do not want to deposit money to the bank of their locality, they rather use banks of other villages. I do not know the reason for this. I think this might lead to a path of corruption. It is good to fix the period for a store keeper to keep supply money in their own hand.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I have one thing to point out in regard to Supply Department. When I visit Khawhai constituency some years ago, one of the staffs of Supply Department told me that he deposited money to the bank regularly, but I ask for bank receipt. He had no receipt to show me. Therefore, I told him to show me his receipt on the day after. When he came, his receipt showed that he deposited his money totally on the same day. This means that he had never deposited money for sometime. Therefore, I request our government to prevent such wrong practice by introducing more practicable instructions. On the other hands, I praise Supply Department for keeping sufficient food grain although we have no money to buy it.

Lastly, I would like to request Weight and Measure Department to work harder. So that they can act as a vigilator for all retailers. Although I have many more to say, let me stop my speech here.

Thank you.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to ask question regarding Supply Department, that there is a provision to give rice to BPL Families at lower rates since 1996 but it is not implemented in Mizoram till today, what is the reason? I request for immediate implementation of this scheme.

Next, I support the speech of hon'ble Member from Lawngtlai Constituency in regard to some wrong practice in Supply Department. To avoid some of the problems, I propose to introduce weight bridge in every Public Distribution Centre. I also suggest stronger action to those who practise corruption. This can prevent failure of submitting sale proceed or late submission of sale proceed. Many staffs, especially

Supply Inspector and Store Keeper are very rich. Besides this, some people told me that some retailers, who belong to Ruling Party do not want to perform their duty properly, if so, I request our government to tell such retailers to do their duty well.

Regarding Relief & Rehabilitation, I would like to convey my thanks to the government for introducing new scheme to help poor people. This new scheme had bore fruit in two villages in my constituency. When we face problems due to natural calamity we firstly ask Relief & Rehabilitation for help. I was happy to know that the government gave immediate help to the victims of landslide and sinking at Hunthar Veng Aizawl, which was pointed out by the hon'ble Member from Tuipang Constituency. But, we see in the C & AG Report that Rs. 12 lakhs is used to help the people who live in other states and Rs. 106 lakhs is also used unnecessarily to buy silpouline higher than its normal rate. So, I request the government to prevent such bad practice in future.

Next, I would like to mention about Education Department. I am not going to say about its importance. I rather want to say about its fund especially for Plus Two Education. Limited number of teacher is one of our biggest problems in this regard. I am sorry to know that appointment order for about 50 teachers is still being retained somewhere. At the sametime, I convey my thanks to some private colleges for they can accomodate plus two students. I opine that more fund should be set aside for Plus Two Education.

And one thing which I would like to request is equal distribution of teachers in various schools. In Bilkhawthlir constituency, there are 21 Primary Schools. Among which 2 schools have a single teacher each and 9 schools have two teachers each. Therefore, I request our government to distribute teachers equally.

And regarding recruitment of teachers, applicants from Aizawl are generally higher in number than from the rural areas. But, when they got appointments they do not want to work in rural villages. Therefore, I would like to request the government to favour applicants from the concerned village if they attain minimum qualification. Besides this, during the summer period, the climate of some villages is too hot and it is not pleasant to attend schools due to hot weather. Therefore, I beg for atleast one ceiling fan in each class room so that children can study better under good weather.

Now adays, there are many Private High Schools. If I am not mistaken, there are about 127 Private High Schools in Mizoram. In some villages, they sell their reserved forest for raising fund and some develoment funds are also diverted to maintain their school. If permission is granted to establish schools, I opine that the government has responsibility to some extend. Therefore, I request the government to search for ways to help those Private Schools. It is a burden for the village people to run Private High School with their own sources. Let us pay attention to those private High School which had been ran for more than 7 or 8 years. Now, 11.34% of our Budget is set aside for Education, this is not too much. If we can implement their hope by allocating 13.4% of our budget this department will become progressive.

Next, I have some few points to raise on Information Department. There are a good number of Newspapers and their main source is from advertisement. So, I request this Department to distribute advertisement equally to each newspaper. I also want to make a proposal to merge some 3 or 4 small newspapers to make a bigger one if the government can provide help for such newspaper so that their role in the society may be more effective. Lastly, I also request our government to search ways for better printing instruments.

Thank you.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Firstly, I would like to discuss about demand no. 22 School Education Department. Although we never have enough fund for building grant and furniture, I request the authority of this department to distribute such grants equally. Generally, the western belt of Mizoram is backward not only in education but also in development, there are some schools with dilapidated building. So, I beg for equal distribution of grants for every school.

And, regarding transfer and posting of teachers, I request our government to favour applicants from the concerned villages as said before. For instance, one teacher is newly appointed for Kawrthah High School. On the day after he joined his post, he left the village for Aizawl and he applied for transfer. I did not agree with him if his post is not occupied by others. It can be seen that if we appoint the teacher to work in his own village we can avoid heap of applications for transfer, otherwise, if all vacant posts are filled up from Aizawl, transfer problem will be going on and education will not get progress in the rural areas. Therefore, we must try to recruit those who are interested in teaching rather than having better certificate and marksheets. I also wish this House to be aware of such problem which we pointed out today.

Next, I also want to mention about Selection Test for HSLC candidates. This can be a controversial matter. But we have been practising Selection Test for about 20 to 30 years. So, I request the authority of this department to think carefully about Selection Test by consulting the teachers and the parents of their respective views.

And, one thing which I would like to propose is to introduce Mizo language among Chakmas and Reangs. There are many people who do not understand Mizo language in my constituency. Therefore, I think that the introduction of Mizo will give us better fraternity and even national integrity. So, I request our Minister to note down this.

Besides the above, I also want to emphasize on Hindi Education. Hindi will be more important so long as we belong to India Union. Let us try to make progress in this sphere. So, I propose better training for Hindi teachers.

And, in regard to Private School, there are many private schools waiting for government's help. Although I know that there is financial problem I request the government to remember Kawrthah Private High School and to take any possible step for its progress. This school is voluntarily established by the village community.

And, in regard to demand no. 30, Information & Publicity Department, I would like to request this department to take quicker steps. This Ministry had made many achievements but publicity is not good enough to the people.

In regard to demand no. 16, Supply Department made notable achievements. So, I convey my thanks to this department. But I have one important thing to point out, that I request store keepers to remain in their place of posting. In the western belt, the places are too far from our capital city, many store keepers are frequently absent from their respective posts.

Lastly, I would like to discuss about falsity in weightage of rice, which has been mentioned earlier. Honesty is truly important. One of the retailers I know told me that he has to fine extra fund of Rs. 2000/3000 whenever he draws allotment from the godown, as a result of which he abandoned his retailership. A store keeper is

involved in this case. It is the people, not only the retailer who suffered. Therefore, we need to try our level best to abolish such bad practice. I also request our hon'ble Minister, Officers and every staff of Supply Department to take preventive steps from such falsity in weightage in the future.

Thank you.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on our demands. Firstly, I would like to speak about demand no. 16, regarding LPG Home delivery is not implemented in Mizoram. So, I propose the selling price of LPG to be Rs. 150/- instead of Rs. 160/- per cylinder.

Secondly, I am aware that the Central Government allows our state to have about 53,000 BPL Families. But the list of BPL Family has not been made till today. So, the schemes for the benefit of BPL family has not also been implemented. Therefore, I request our Government to make final list of BPL Family as soon as possible. I further want to ask the government that how will they do the coming of 5300 quintals of rice for BPL Family at lower rate?

Besides the above, we had distributed mid-day meal to students last year. Although sanction has been coming, distribution is not continued this year. The sanction is 2460 quintals of rice monthly. So, I request our government to continue distribution of mid-day meal. And, regarding rice stock, I opine that it is good to stock rice as much as possible but our people have no money to buy it. Although rice is there at Godown, people have no money. I wish this Ministry to care for the people and not to favour their party men only in contract works and other beneficial schemes. I also request our Minister to take actions to clear the deficit of Rs. 2 crores for carrying bill in Chhimtuipui District.

Hon'ble Minister said that they had sent back some quantity of rice because of its low quality. But, today I would like to submit this rice for House property, its quality is very bad and it is taken out from Godown.

Next, I would like to discuss about demand no. 22. Now adays, there are many High Schools which have no Hindi Teachers of their own. So, there is no hope for the progress of Hindi Education. I wish every school to have Hindi Teacher. I also want to point out one important thing. Many teachers employ others in their post and they live in Aizawl and Lunglei to do other business. I propose strong action against such teachers.

Now, we have introduced Plus two education, there are 8 schools in Aizawl District, 3 schools in Lunglei District and 2 schools in Chhimtuipui District for such system. But our demand is very high. So, I propose plus two schools to be introduced in each MLA Constituency. I also request our Minister to favour only those who can perform their duty well among applicants for the post of teachers, especially applicants from the concerned village where the post is lying vacant. Otherwise, or if we take those who applied from other villages, poor attendance of that teacher will effect our students in their performance.

It can be assumed that deficit schools are preferred in getting building grant and other facilities to government schools. This can lead to limited seats in plus two education in Government Higher Secondary Schools. Therefore, I wish government schools to be favoured more than Deficit Schools. So that they can have bigger building to accomodate more students in the higher section. Besides this, Mr. Speaker Sir, I am

aware that the government tried to employ temporary teachers for plus two education with a monthly salary of Rs. 1500/- each. If this is the fact, it is absolutely unjust on the part of the government. They are Post Graduates. This can be taken as a type of exploitation. Therefore, I request our government to give them more and to make permanent post for them.

Lastly, I would like to discuss about Information Department as seen in demand no. 30. This department is very important. Our Ministers expect them to accompany them in their tour. But their main problem is lack of vehicle, so, I propose to buy atleast 2 or 3 vehicles for Information Department.

Thank you.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. About demand no. 22, there is School Education. As we all know, Education is considered an important factor for all progress and development of human beings. And it is primary responsibility of the government to establish, maintain and ensure the growth of Primary Education. Here I would like to draw attention of the government to the miserable condition of Primary Schools within Tlabung Constituency. Most of the schools are ran by single teacher and their buildings are also very bad. There is no furniture to sit, students use to sit on the floor. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know how can a single teacher look after a Primary School where there are more than fifty students. For the information of the department I would like to mention some of the Primary Schools within my constituency which has a single teacher. They are Devasora Primary School, Bandesora Primary School, Khojoysuri Primary School, Puankhai Primary School, etc. Again, in most of the schools in my constituency, there is no Hindi teacher. The Hindi teachers at Sardar Vallabhai Patel (SVP) Memorial Middle School Tlabung and Tuichawng Middle School have been transferred to Lunglei and Aizawl respectively but the replacement has not yet been made till now. I do not know what the reason is. I hope our hon'ble Minister will see to it. How will students face their examination in Hindi? Again, another teachers of Nunsuri and Tipperaghat have also been attached to SDEO Office, Lunglei, the reason is not yet known. I hope the hon'ble Minister will see to this to solve our problem as early as possible.

In regard to mid-day meal, the government should take better initiative for the development of Primary Education. Since Tlabung is considered the most backward region in education, Mr. Speaker Sir, I request the hon'ble Minister to take the following initiatives :

- (a) Introduction of Plus-two education at Government High School Tlabung.
- (b) Taking up of Lungrang High School, Modern High School Tlabung and Khojoysuri Middle School.
- (c) Creation of new post of teacher at Khojoysuri Primary School.

Mr. Speaker Sir, what we need most is the quality of education not the quantity. It is very much regretting to say that the salary for the month of February, 1998 for Tipperaghat Government aided High School has not been received as yet, I do not know the reason. I request the hon'ble Minister to take personal initiative in this regard for immediate payment.

In regard to demand no. 4, which is Administration of Justice. Tlabung Sub-Division is considered the oldest Sub-Division in Mizoram, but the SDO at Tlabung is not given First Class Magistrate Power. He has no power to issue even Scheduled Tribe Certificate and Birth Certificate. As there is the saying 'justice delayed is justice

denied'. It is requested to issue necessary instruction for empowering SDO Tlabung with a First Class Magisterial power.

In regard to demand no. 6, which is Civil Supply Department. Here I would like to point out problem created by the authority of this department in my constituency. Recently, one notice has been issued, according to which, those who take ration from the retailers of Tlabung I & II, Chawilung, Tuidam, Lamtlai, Chilui and Kawrpui are notified to take their ration from the godown of Tlabung. The notification has no letter no. and is based on the direction given by DCSO Lunglei on 17.4.1999. How can they issue such type of notification. This is absolutely anti-people. I hope the hon'ble Minister will have to reply to this House why this type of order is issued, it is against the interest of the people. How can the people draw ration by walking about 20 kms to get ration. In case, one dies who will take the responsibility? Is it the department?

Lastly, in regard to demand no. 35, that is Relief on account of Natural Calamities. Since most of the villages are situated on the banks of the river within my constituency, there is every possibility of natural calamity, therefore, the government should take all the initiatives in order to prevent such calamities and should come forward to help when necessary.

Thank you.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I have many things to point out but let me try to use little time. Firstly, I would like to discuss about demand no. 22, which is Education Department. Under this department we see Rs. 60 lakhs only for Disable children. I opine that this amount of money is quite little I wish to have atleast Rs. 100 lakhs for this purpose. Anyway, we have to be careful in spending the money and we should think the best way to make use of this money. Besides this, I also want to point out about SCERT. In the past, they used to go out of Aizawl to give various useful trainings. But nowadays they never conduct such activities due to lack of fund. Therefore, I request our government to allocate more fund for SCERT for reviving such useful trainings.

Next, I would like to discuss about Information and Public Relation Department. As said by the hon'ble Member from Tuipang Constituency, they require better facilities, especially when they accompany VIP on tours. It is also good to organise tour programme for the press to upgrade their quality. I also wish to distribute advertisement equally to every newspaper.

And, regarding demand no. 22, Education Department. Some teachers told me that they want to draw their salary from the nearest Bank. So, I propose to revive this system as we had done in the past. But I hope the concerned department will know which is better. There are many things to point out such as lack of Hindi Teachers, etc. But I wish that we will not favour only our own constituency or relatives for the betterment of this department. I am afraid that we would become an obstacle for the progress of this department.

Lastly, let me discuss about Supply Department. We do find falsity if we search for it. But, today, I would like to praise this department for storing large amount of food grains in every godown. This is, infact, beyond my hope. But, there may be a little problem in the head load area, this can easily be solved by the department. So, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to praise various steps taken by every department under this new Ministry.

Thank you.

PU C. LALRINSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I have many things to say since we have been adopting new system. We are all interested in Food & Civil Supplies Department. I also praise this department for making progressive steps. This year, we have Rs. 19,67,00,000/- (Rupees fourteen crores) for transportation in our budget. I wish this amount of money to be circulated in Mizoram. Now, under the guidance of our hon'ble Chief Minister, steps are being taken to produce more food grains and other cash crops.

In the month of May, we had MLA orientation course at New Delhi where the Prime Minister told us that Peace Bonus would be given to us. Therefore, I wish my fellow members who sit on the left side to know that we have to take progressive steps by using peace bonus and our budget provision. We are now entering into the initial stage of self sufficiency.

And, regarding LPG, our hon'ble Chief Minister had brought home very great number of Gas connection from the Central government which will be useful for the preservation of forest in our state. The other point which I would like to express is our liabilities in Supply Department. So, I request our Minister to note down such liabilities made by Store Keepers, Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors and to think about its solution.

And, regarding demand no. 34, Social Security & Welfare, demand no. 35, Relief on account of Natural Calamity and demand no. 53, Trade & Commerce, our budget might not be sufficient enough. So, I wish this House to know that additional fund will greatly be required.

Next, I would like to discuss about demand no. 22, School Education Department. We, the Mizo people, are unfortunate since we use to live in separate villages. We all need to educate each and everyone of us, although this department works very hard, it cannot cover all the villages. Therefore, I propose to increase our budget for this department from the existing 11% to 13% or even upto 15% of our budget. So that most of our problem due to lack of money can be solved.

Again, in regard to Education, I wish the fear of Mathematics to be eradicated. Now, we live in Computer Age. So, I request this department with the support of Finance Department to emphasize on Mathematics as much as possible.

Now, let me express about my constituency. We have 3 Middle Schools, 2 High Schools and one Private High School. This year, one of our Middle Schools is upgraded to adhoc aided school. I would like to convey my thanks for this but we still have some more steps to be taken. I request our Minister to find a way to provincialise our deficit schools.

In one of our schools in my constituency, we employ one teacher under fixed pay system but students are large in number. So, I told one man to work there by promising him pocket money only. But, luckily, our Minister and our Director gave him an appointment of officiating teacher I would like to express my thanks for this.

And, regarding Hindi teacher, we had listened that 220 posts are to be created due to the efforts of our Chief Minister. In my constituency also, there are many schools without Hindi teacher. So, I hope that our problem will be solved soon. Besides, I also want to say that the Central government want to emphasize on Hindi and there is good opportunity to generate employment in this regard. So, I propose to take any possible advantage for this.

Next, in regard to Information & Publicity. Some Information offices in the rural areas greatly require better facilities. At the same time, staffs (PRO) working at the same village for more than ten years are longing for transfer to better place. And to promote our press we need to revise our existing Press Rule and to send them out of our state to have press tour, so that they can have better idea. So, we need to reflect such idea when Revised estimate is made. Next, in regard to distribution of advertisement, we need to care about equal opportunity for every newspaper. I think that it is good to care for the betterment of our journalists as they are important body to publicize our works to the people.

Lastly, I propose to establish State official news bulletin under Information & Publicity Department through which other states can be aware of the achievements made by our state government.

Thank you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. In this Session, when I have speech our House Leader is always absent from the House, so, I am sorry for this. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to discuss about our budget and how priority is given. For example, our hon'ble Governor said that priority should be given to Education but our Chief Minister, in his budget speech, absolutely excluded education. While our budget for Supply Department is increased by Rs. 1,62,00,000/- (Rupees one hundred sixty two lakhs). Our budget for education where we have to give priority is not increased. Therefore, it can be seen that we use to mix up priority and non-priority in our budget.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the other point which I would like to say is demand no. 13, Information Department. As said by some of my fellow members, the existing rate of advertisement is too low. Is there any way to increase this? Besides this, it is good to care about equal distribution of advertisement among newspapers. Therefore, I request our government to remember this. Also in regard to government press release, nowadays we frequently see some little things in the government press release even the acknowledgement of some persons. So, I want better standard in this sphere to have more meaningful press release. And, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say that we never get the copy of government press release nowadays. Is it possible to get the copy of press release as we are under the transparent government.

And, Mr. Speaker Sir, I also want to beg for better vehicles for the officers of Information Department. Because, they always accompany our Ministers when they have a tour, their old vehicle cannot keep up with the speed of better vehicles used by our Ministers.

Next, I also want to discuss about demand no. 13, Education Department. In this connection, we all are aware that our state got the highest rank in literacy percentage in India. But, I am sorry for we never want to express the reason for this. The real reason for this achievement is due to the efforts of the previous Ministry. It is good to discuss not only the bad things but also the good points. Therefore, our achievement in literacy percentage is the result of various steps taken by the previous Ministry.

When we look at our budget, we set aside only 11.03% of our whole budget for education department and only 5.65% from our Plan Fund. I opine that this is quite meagre to maintain our position and to make progress in education. So, I would

like to ask for greater amount of money for this Department. Besides this, I also want to express the grievances of our teachers especially Post Graduate teachers. Their salary is quite little. When our House Leader summoned teachers, he promised adequate facilities for the teachers. But I opine that the emolument for Post Graduate teachers is quite little, they greatly require better salary.

The other thing which I want to say is the decision of Cabinet Meeting regarding education. They decided that text books for Classes I - XII should be under the authority of SCERT. But the examination should be conducted by MBSE. Are these two things contrasting each other? Can this be revised by this government? Again, this government gave direct appointments to five LDC's and two peons of MBSE without going through Employment and even personal interview. If we want to make transparent government, this practice is not good and I would like to ask our hon'ble Minister to revise this.

And, regarding Supply Department, I would like to express that there is a great difference in the population of Mizoram maintained by the Retailers and the Census record. Therefore, I request this new Ministry to maintain the exact number of population. Lastly, Mr. Speaker Sir, many Members said that rice stocked is sufficient enough. This might be right, I saw large quantity of rice stocked at Zuangtui godown yesterday. But I want to say that those rice stocked in the godown are generally of bad quality I am afraid that if we eat such rice, it can deteriorate our health and it can be more dangerous than cancer or OD. Therefore, I beg our Minister to send back all bad quality of rice and to exchange them with good quality of rice.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : If we have nothing to say, let me now call Pu F. Malsawma to wind up our discussion and beg leave of the House to pass his demand.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to convey my thanks to our Members for their speech, which mainly reflexed their concern for the betterment of the whole state rather than their particular constituency. First of all, in regard to demand no. 4, Law & Judicial, I would like to say that separation of Judiciary is the desire of this government, but it cannot be fulfilled at once because our amendments have not yet been approved by the High Court. Therefore, I, myself told the Chief Justice of the High Court to approve them and to confirm the required staffs as early as possible. Besides this, I also want to say that High Court Division Bench has now started functioning in Aizawl in place of single Bench for immediate disposal of cases. The government also takes step to have Mizo judges in the High Court.

The government wants the people to have legal awareness. So far, lawyers have been provided with for more than four thousand people. The government now launches legal awareness by establishing forum in every district. Steps are also taken for protection of consumers, the ground work for this has been completed, besides this, the government also had taken steps to build necessary court buildings. And regarding 1st Class Magistrate for Tlabung as said by one of our Members, this is very serious matter and we will look at this. But, Mr. Speaker Sir, giving magistrate power to non-judicial person might not be convenient so we cannot make any promise in this regard, but this is very important due to its location. Therefore, we will keep its importance in our mind.

And regarding demand no. 30, Information & Publicity Department, I am happy to hear its importance from our Members. It has been a pityful department since sometimes ago, now we try to revive its importance and popularity. So, we made arrangement to buy four new vehicles from present budget in addition to the existing proposal to buy two vehicles. And, Internet and E-mail system facility are also to be installed soon, which will be the pioneering work to develop this department. This department also takes various steps to publicize the achievements of the government through news paper. So, we post Press Officer who is one of the most efficient and senior officers in Mizoram to carry out this work. But publication of speeches of the hon'ble Ministers or MLA in the headline of the newspaper is out of our control. Anyway, we will take progressive steps.

And, Mr. Speaker Sir, now we are trying to make Information Service Rules which has not been made in the past. The drafting is finished by the department but it requires to go through DP&AR, Finance and GAD. So, we hope that we will have proper rules soon. And, after holding this Ministry we have made a good number of accredited Journalists. We also made arrangement for accredited Journalists to entitle various Circuit Houses under the government of Mizoram when they travel within or outside Mizoram.

And regarding the rate and distribution of advertisement to newspaper, the rate is now still being revised and the government try to follow equal distribution as much as possible. Steps are also being taken to publicize our state through various media like Doordarshan, Local TV, Serial films, etc. All these things are what I can say in regard to Information Department and Administration of Justice.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I also want to express my thanks to all our members for their cooperation to study our budget and I also agree to give credit to our Opposition group in our great achievement in Educational Development Index. But I would like to say that this is due to the efforts of every Mizo people since a very long time and a blessing from the God. Especially, I thank the staffs of Education Department. Again in the sphere of Literacy, now our record is 95%. This is very great and many developed countries stood below our state.

Next, I would like to discuss one thing which is not pointed out by our Members, now we try our best for the success of our election manifesto to provide free school uniform and text books to the poor families from any possible source. Last year, we spent more than Rs. 10,000/- for this purpose and we are not sure how much we can have for this purpose this year. And regarding Hindi teacher, we can hope bright future. But our proposals are accepted verbally, so we cannot make posting before we get written approval from the Central government. If there are schools which have no Hindi teacher, we will discuss it with the authority of examination and we will not allow to effect their examination results. Now, we take steps to develop human being from education, we will emphasize not only on academic achievement but also on human development to avoid drug abuse and other intoxicating things.

And one new thing which we started from this year is preparation of compartmental exam for Class-XII along with HSLC Supplementary exam to avoid year lost. Besides this, Educational act has been prepared but this subject lies in the concurrent list, so we refer it to the Central government. When this act can come into force we can have transfer and posting rules, we also keep this in our mind. And regarding appointments of teachers, we will give preference to an applicant from the concerned locality as requested by most of our members from rural constituencies. I also got advice from our hon'ble Chief Minister to stand firmly in this sphere.

Mr. Speaker Sir, for those who live in District Council area I will call meeting with CEM and EM i/c Education of each District Council to discuss about language as requested by hon'ble Member from Chawngte Constituency.

And regarding Public examination system, Class-VIII is not convenient because Class-VIII is in High School section so, we afraid that the whole student and teachers of Middle School will neglect their respective duties when there is no public examination in the Middle School section. Again, it is not convenient for SCERT to conduct all the public examinations because their jurisdiction on curriculum development is upto elementary stage only. So, High School stage is out of their jurisdiction. And, regarding contributory provident fund, the government estimated Rs. 5,00,000/- (five hundred thousands) in our budget but we never get contribution from the Managing Boards. So, this system cannot be fruitful. Anyway, steps will be taken in this sphere.

In regard to Pre-school, we search for co-ordination with Social Welfare Department. Education Secretary had called a meeting twice but we got no response from them. Now, one class for Pre-school is to be attached to Primary School in which English rhymes, chorus and ABC are to be taught along with our mother tongue. This system will be very helpful for the poor people who cannot afford English Medium School. This new system will be implemented soon.

And regarding drop out problem due to Mathematics, we are searching for what would be the best. Therefore, this is still under active consideration. Besides this, our Work Education system is not applicable as mentioned by some of our members. We cannot provide adequate facilities and we have craft teachers only. We have discussed this in a meeting. Therefore, new post has not been created since a long time, we still think about how to do. We make proposal for vocational employment in its place. Such proposal is submitted to the NEP and the Government of India. So, we will introduce this for classes XI and XII to help themselves for higher education. Also in regard to unequal number of staffs among various schools, step is taken to minimize this problem. And in regard to school inspection, now we have made new principle, according to which inspection is to be carried on with new proforma.

And regarding Private Schools, it is very difficult to provincialize them due to financial problem. But, we try to give grant-in-aid to some private schools. Eighteen Middle Schools had been upgraded to grant-in-aid schools some days ago. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say that we have great financial problem especially for Secondary Section. This problem had also been faced by the previous Ministry, it gave a lumpsum grant of Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand) each to about 100 schools. But this new Ministry try to multiply this grant by ten times. So, we try to give Rs. 100,000/- (hundred thousand) each. This scheme is declared by our hon'ble Chief Minister yesterday.

And in regard to the other problems pointed out by our Members, for example, drawing of their salary through Banks, our desire might be different from each other. Therefore, we are still searching for the best one and we will follow the decision of our department authority, we have no particular preference in this sphere from the side of this Ministry. Anyway, we will continue what is good and drop or discontinue what is not good.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to raise only one question in regard to the Lumpsum grant, Can this

grant be received by the same school which had got it during the previous Ministry ?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we will give this grant to the needy
MINISTER schools. Now, Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, I beg leave of the House to accept my demands of the following :

Demand No. 1 - Legislative Assembly	-	Rs.	3,19,00,000/-
Demand No. 4 - Administration of Justice	-	Rs.	2,68,27,000/-
Demand No. 12 - Parliamentary Affairs	-	Rs.	17,55,000/-
Demand No. 22 - School Education	-	Rs.	1,00,19,86,000/-
Demand No. 30 - Information & Publicity	-	Rs.	2,28,75,000/-
Total	-	Rs.	1,08,53,43,000/-

S P E A K E R : Now Pu F. Malsawma, Minister has begged leave of the House to accept his Demand of Rs.1,08,53,43,000/- (Rupees one hundred and eight crores, fifty three lakhs, fourty three thousands). Those who agree may say 'Yes' and those who disagree may say 'No'. Yes, it is passed. (Pu F. Malsawma's Demand is being passed).

PU AICHHINGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for inviting me to have
MINISTER wind up speech of my demand after being discussed. Today, most of our Members had discussed Department Administration than expressing the points of our budget given under various headlines. Therefore, I think we need to learn our budget heads systematically. In this sphere, demand no. 16, Food & Civil Supplies Department has three main heads, all of them further have each break up. But, our hon'ble Member from Saiha Constituency said that budget for buying rice is greatly increased. This is because the rate of rice has increased. Therefore, we need to increase our budget for this purpose, otherwise, we cannot buy sufficient food grains.

And regarding Rs. 1400 lakhs for carrying rice, our Finance Department allowed this great amount of money since it can be re-imbursed from FCI. Besides this, we also set aside Rs. 660 lakhs to carry rice from our main godown to rural godowns. Although this estimated budget is less than last year's budget. We hope to get some more money in the Revised Estimate for this purpose. Now, we also made a demand of Rs. 610 lakhs from Finance Commission for paying debt of carrying bill, we hope this demand to be successful. If so, we can clear all our debt accumulated since 1994. In regard to Supply Department, we made many new things to be introduced. As we had listened, there can be so many falsity between the main godown and the retailer's shop. We all know this. Therefore, our Department Officer's take various steps for the betterment of our existing system. After I took the charge of Supply Department, I asked the Officers and DCSO's and they told me that the former Ministers had never visited their offices, they only performed from the table. Therefore, there are many new things to be introduced to improve our supply system.

For the improvement of our Supply system, we try to install weight bridge in all 12 Public Distribution Centres. We also made proposal to put W/T Set in every PDC. Such proposal has been agreed. Therefore, every godown can communicate to each other and I hope flying challan and other falsities can be checked soon.

Further, I would like to point out that most of our godown buildings are bad. Now, we try to build more scientific buildings for godown by copying the style of FCI. Besides, we also opine that we need to improve the organisation, we had listened that Inspectors sit in the store and Storekeepers have no works to do. To remove this system, we proposed that Storekeepers will be in the store and Inspectors will have their respective circles to be guarded. We also propose a post to collect the sale proceed from the storekeepers. We have all these proposals to solve our problems. But now, falsities are there even from the initial stage. Under such circumstances, we cannot expect fair service on the part of Retailers.

At the sametime, we know the miserable condition of our retailers. Therefore, we made proposal to increase the rate of carriage for them. And in regard to BPL family quota, Local Administration Department and Rural Development Department have made the list, but the final list would be made by General Administration Department which we have not yet received. So, we cannot select the beneficiaries as yet. We only ask the concerned department to make haste and we hope the final BPL family list would come soon. When we have the list, we should give their quota at lower rate.

The hon'ble Member from Tuipang constituency said that rice of bad quality was given to him in the godown. I got information in this regard that he went to Zuangtui godown yesterday where he collected bad rice from the floor of the godown. He seems to be happy with bad rice. Anyway, we also dislike bad rice. Mr. Speaker Sir, we are sorry for the coming of rice of low quality. Therefore, I would like to say that we never distribute such bad rice collected from the floor of godown, we rather try to avoid such bad rice. (K.T. Rokhaw: We dislike such bad rice in my constituency, I rather request him to send them back as soon as possible) Yes, we want to distribute good rice only, but if you search for bad rice on the floor you will find it.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say that MLA quota is also bad. It is of a very bad quality.

PU AICHHINGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we know that there are bad quality
MINISTER of rice. This is called URS. Under this, FCI told every state that they give 10% of such rice to every state. However, we too objected such bad rice and we told them that we have received much of such bad rice. Now, we are still trying to solve this problem.

Regarding the building of new godown, some member said that there is no budget head for this purpose. But I would like to say that there is some mistakes in the printing of our budget book. Here, we have Rs. 46 lakhs for rural godown and additional sanction of Rs. 2.5 crores for minimum need, we can use such amount of money to build new godowns and staff quarters. Besides this, we are now applying for more funds from the Central government for this purpose and we hope that we will be successful. Therefore, we are now preparing to built new godowns.

And, regarding Rs. 30 lakhs under the head of Storage Godown N.E, we estimated the money for taking measures to prevent deterioration of rice in the godown by purchasing tarfelt to lay on the floor of he godown. And also in regard to

the order given by DCSO Tlabung, I know nothing about this but I think there is some particular problems from the retailer's side. So, this order is issued in connection with rice supply to the people. Anyway, I will enquire this to know the reason.

Regarding shortage of rice supply in Vaseitlang and its nearby villages, they all lie in the headload region. So, they need to carry their quota as done in the previous years. However, I think they have particular problem from the people to carry their quota. Anyway, I am aware that rice is available in the godown where vehicles can reach.

And regarding the contrast in Retailer's census with the record maintained by the Census Department, we know that our census record is made in 1991. Now, almost ten years has passed. Therefore, it can be presumed that our population would be increased. Last year, our former Chief Minister had reported that the total population of Mizoram according to family ration card was 11 lakhs and 10 thousand. But today, Pu Zakhu Hlychho, in his written statement said that it is about eight lakhs. We try our best to minimize falsities and we have found out many fake cards. Besides, when we distribute 3 kg of rice per head many families need no more extra cards. Therefore, we hope that this falsity would be removed soon. Let the above points be enough in regard to Supply Department.

Next, in regard to demand no. 34, Social Security & Welfare, when we look at page number 304 of our budget book, Rehabilitation for HPC Returnees, evacuation of population and ex-gratia grant are under the charge of Relief and Rehabilitation. The total amount is Rupees 160 lakhs in which my portfolio carries Rs. 70 lakhs only. Under this head, there is no proposals to take new steps, our budget is mainly for the salaries of staffs.

In regard to demand no. 35, Relief on account of Natural Calamities, here we can see Relief Funds. For this purpose, we set aside Rs. 140 lakhs and 7 lakhs for other charges. So, the total budget estimated is Rs. 147 lakhs. In this regard, I would like to say that our relief fund is quite meagre as said by our members. Now, we still have a debt of Rs. 80 lakhs for purchasing Silpouline and some amount of money has also been used for landslide victims at Hunthar Veng and for condolence of our Police Officers who met an accidental death. We have also bought some silpouline for emergency purpose. Regarding the rate of Silpouline, we used Rs. 1140/- per piece for GSN No. 90 last year. But, this year we opine that GSN 70 can also meet our requirement, the rate is fixed at Rs. 725 per piece. In this regard, we offered to the lowest bidder at the rate of Rs. 580/- but they cannot supply with such low rate. So, we fixed at Rs. 725 after calculating from company rate. We are not trying to distribute them from our office, we will put them in the hands of every DC and we also reserve some others to be kept by the MLA's for emergency cases in their respective constituencies. Further, we also received Rs. 20 crores from Prime Minister's Fund as a relief for drought. From this fund we have made proposals for spending about Rs. 1.5 crores. Therefore, we still have many more. Let these be enough in regard to Relief.

Next, demand no. 53, which is other General Economics Services. This is divided into three main heads such as Regulation of Weight and Measure, Trade and Commerce and Regulation of Firm and Society. The first two are under my portfolios. Here I would like to say that we called Weight and Measures as Legal Metrology. Besides, our previous ministry also paid little attention to this department, they made it as a tiny department. But from this year we aware of its importance for the people to protect the rights of the consumers. Therefore, we made proposal to enlarge this department.

And, Mr. Speaker Sir, one thing which I would like to express is the importance of Trade & Commerce Department. This Department is created during the first MNF Ministry in 1987. But, the previous Congress Ministry looked after it at its initial stage during their period of ten years. It is infact an important department. It functions as a resource mobilization department. Some years ago, our ginger was sold at the rate of Rs. 2.50 per kg. but due to the efforts of this department, the rate seems to be increased. The Chairman of MAMCO now visits various markets in India to dispose off our ginger with better rate for this coming ginger season.

Regarding the rate of ginger, we hope higher rate when Border Trade with Bangladesh can become functional. But we have no agreement with particular firms for this purpose till now. Our desire is higher rate for the benefit of the farmers. Now, we take steps for this purpose. We also care about pottato of our own product. Potato is not in a large scale production. We think that we can dispose them of in our local markets. Therefore, we banned the import of pottato from other states. Besides the above, we also made new rates for other items such as chicken, pigs, etc. for the benefits of the people.

Again, in connection with Trade and Commerce, proposal for market centre is made at Khawnuam near Zokhawthar, we got Rs. 2 crores for this purpose from the Central Government. The BRTF now still operates this scheme. Another proposal for Trade Centre is also made at Tlabung to carry on Border Trade with Bangladesh. Such proposals are for the benefits of the farmers to sell their agricultural products at higher rates. So, Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass my Demand as given below :

Demand No. 16 - Civil Supply	-	Rs. 1,44,45,10,000/-
Social Security and Welfare	-	Rs. 70,00,000/-
Relief on account of Natural Calamity	-	Rs. 4,47,00,000/-
Other General Economic Service	-	Rs. 4,33,37,000/-
Total	-	Rs. 1,50,95,47,000/-

SPEAKER : Now Pu Aichhinga, Minister begs leave of the House to pass his demand of Rs. 1,50,95,47,000/-. Those who agree to pass may say 'Yes' and those who disagree may say 'No'. Yes, I declare that this House passed the Demand of Pu Aichhinga, Minister, which is Rs. 1,50,95,47,000/-. Meeting will be resumed tommorrow at 10 : 30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 5 : 05 P.M.