

EIGHTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 26TH 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, Chief Minister, 15 Ministers and 23 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. Pu H. Rammawi to lay on the Table a copy of statement of action taken on Action Taken Report of the Public Accounts Committee relating to Power & Electricity Department.

DISCUSSION AND VOTINGS ON DEMANDS

3. Pu Tawnluia to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. Pu B. Lalthlengliana to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

SPEAKER : Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Psalms 34:13-14.

We shall take up questions. Pu P.B. Rosanga will now ask starred question no. 84.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 84 -

Will the hon'ble Minister incharge Public Works Department (PWD) be pleased to state -

Did the Mizoram PWD take over Ngopa-Mimbung section of Kawlkulh-Mimbung BRTF road from BRTF.

S P E A K E R : I now call Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga, PWD Minister.

PUR. TLANGHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question no. 84 is -
MINISTER

Ngopa - Mimbung section of Kawlkulh - Mimbung road had been taken by Mizoram PWD from BRTF since 5th May, 1999.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Supplementary question, Mr. Speaker Sir. There are many works to be done in this road like construction of side drain, culvert and black topping. Did PWD know about this while taking up this road and if yes, is there any proposal to complete this work ?

PUR. TLANGHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the BRTF have not finished this road and we told them to finish before we take it up but they said they have no more funds to continue. Since the BRTF could not finish it, we have to take it up. Necessary steps will be taken to complete this work.
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : Now I call upon Pu K.T. Rokhaw to ask starred question no. 85.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 85 is -

Will the hon'ble Minister incharge PWD be pleased to state -

The number of works given under PWD without call of tender from December 1998 till today and the amount thereof.

S P E A K E R : Now I call upon Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga PWD Minister to answer.

PUR. TLANGHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, this question had been asked thrice. I think we all have the answer of unstarred question in which we can see the detail. However, PWD had given works to 236 persons without call of tender since December 1998 and the amount is one hundred seventy six lakhs and thirty nine thousand five hundred eighty nine.
MINISTER

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Kawlchaw to Tawngkawlawng road is known as KT Road. We have Kawlchaw to Phura road and there is no road from Phura to Tawngkawlawng, I would like to ask - can the Minister do construction of road upto Tawngkawlawng during this financial year ?

DR. LALZAMA : Did the previous government allot work without call of tender under PWD? If yes, how many?

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Minister said they used to give works without call of tender on or below Rs. 15,000/- but in the paper we have, there are about lakhs and I would like to know what is the meaning.

SPEAKER : Now I call upon the Minister to answer.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, as the question regarding Kawlchaw to Tawngkawlawng road is not relevant with the main question, I cannot answer it today. However, the wish of the hon'ble Member will be noted.

As list of the works given by the previous Ministry without call of tender is not with me right now I can not give answer but I think I can give it as soon as possible. Regarding works given without call of tender, it depends on how the work demands - how urgent it is and it also depends on its location but this too had been regularised accordingly. We can see from the list that even YMA and Churches are given without call of tender. However, I would like to stress that we do not violate PWD code and CPWD Manual.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in Chapter III Section 16 of CPWD Manual it is written about allotment of works without call of tender, I would like to request all members to read it. According to this, Assistant Engineer can give upto ten thousand, EE upto 75 thousand, SE upto one lakh eighty thousand and CE upto ten lakh by his own power. Therefore, even if they give some, they do not violate PWD Manual and code.

I would like to ask - can the government make side drain at PWD road no. 3 at Electric Veng?

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, I asked supplementary question because the hon'ble Minister himself said in this House that above Rs. 15,000/- can not be given without call of tender. But in the answer of unstarred question, above Rs. 15,000/- are included and I asked about this. We may not read CPWD manual because the hon'ble Minister did not request us to do so. I would like to know whether the order issued by High Court in regard to giving works without call of tender during the previous ministry been cancelled?

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, to give works by calling proper tender is more economical. We raised this question because there are many works given without call of tender within this seven months of this ministry. Can the hon'ble Minister assure us not to give works without call of tender in future.

PUR. TLANGHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to request all members to be clear in their point if they want to ask question.

MINISTER
I said that upto Rs. 15,000/- can be given to those who are neither registered nor contractor and I did not say the amount which can be given for without call of tender. As permitted by court and our code, works can be given without call of tender and I would like to say that if it is for the interest of the government and public, our CE, SE and EE will make allotment. I do not think there will be an order from Court. I have not seen the order issued by High Court but I just knew that the previous Ministry was forbidden by the High Court. But as I had said earlier, as this government goes according to the rules, we do not face any problem and we shall continue to give works without call of tender if it is for the benefit of the government and public.

SPEAKER : To inform the Members - Pu Melai had filed a case against the previous government in regard to allotment of works without call of tender but withdrawn it again. After that as I was the Vice President of Contractor Association, we submitted the petition in my name but no final decision had been received from the Court.

Now I call upon Dr. Lalzama to ask starred question no. 86.

Dr. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 86 is -

Will the hon'ble Minister incharge Public Works Department (PWD) be pleased to state -

- (a) Only 27 m had been black topped for improvement of road from Chaltlang Lily Veng. It seems the fund had been fully used I would like to know why.
- (b) Is it because of shortage of fund that only 60 m of side drain had been made at Zemabawk Falkland Veng - Chite road from Central KG School to Hauhuklui which had been included in the work schedule? The amount of expenditure incurred for this? And the length according to estimate.

PUR. TLANGHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question no. 86 is -
MINISTER

- (a) Chaltlang Lily Veng road had been completely black topped.
- (b) It is not included in 1998 - 1999 work schedule, hence no side drain had been made in this road. As no work had been done, there was no expenditure. No estimate had been made.

Dr. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Improvement of road from Chaltlang Lily Veng according to the estimate made in 1997 was 100 mts. Can the government take necessary action for making only 27 mts.

Regarding construction of side drain at Zemabawk Falkland Veng, side drain had been made in fragments and the total length may be above 267 mts. If there is no estimate I wonder how it is made. Is it possible to verify this and take necessary action.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I am sure the hon'ble Member will know. But the department does not know beyond my answer. However, the department will check it again and necessary action will be taken.

SPEAKER : Now Pu P.B. Rosanga for starred question no. 87.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 87 is -

Will the hon'ble Minister incharge Public Health Engineering Department (PHE) be pleased to state -

- (a) Does the government have plan to supply water to Hnahlan Village?
- (b) When will the work be started and when will it be completed?

PU TAWNLUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question no. 87 is -
MINISTER

- (a) A sum of Rs. 1,37,00,000/- had been estimated in 1998 - 97 to supply water to Hnahlan.
- (b) Water supply for Hnahlan had been started and it is expected to complete the work within 2 years.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. For Saitual sub-town area, water pipe is being laid to take water from Tawitlang, I would like to know when will this work be completed. Secondly, it is heard that there is a proposal to supply water at Sihfa that it is included even in work schedule and I would like to know what steps had been taken so far.

PU C. SANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, some parts of Aizawl South - II are facing water problem and we had requested the hon'ble Minister incharge to make arrangement particularly for Saikhamakawn area and the Minister gave us affirmative answer but the department had not taken any step till today, I would like to know whether it is possible to supply water for this area before dry season begins.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Is there any intention to introduce metre system for water tarif.

PU TAWNLUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding Lawngtlai Water Supply, we have Accelerated Urban Water Supply Scheme and we consider we have completed this work and there is a proposal for Greater Lawngtlai Water Supply Scheme but we will not be able to start this work this year.
MINISTER

It is our wish to introduce metre system for water tariff. But the cost of a good machine is a bit high as far as the price we have collected from various firms. Even the Cabinet had considered this matter and permitted us to introduce to few people, we are expecting to practise this system very soon.

There is an intention to raise/increase water tariff which is Rs. 75/- now for all whether their water consumption is large or small. We had surveyed Aizawl town how we can get water equally. We are proposing to increase water tariff from Rs. 75/- to Rs. 100/- but we have not implemented it as yet.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 8 is -

Will the hon'ble Minister incharge Tourism Department be pleased to state -

- (a) The reason for not functioning of Tawipui Wayside Restaurant.
- (b) The number of Wayside Restaurant in Mizoram under Tourism Deptt.
- (c) The monthly income of such Wayside Restaurant.

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question no. 88 is -
MINISTER

(a) There is no water and power connections at Tawipui Wayside Restaurant though the construction of the building had been completed and we are urging the concern departments to do these connections. It will function as soon as these connections are done.

(b) In Mizoram, four Wayside Restaurants are functioning at present under Tourism Department namely Chhiahtlang, Thingdawl, Kawlkulh and Hnahthial Wayside Restaurants. We also have at Tawipui and Zero point Maubawk which have not functioned as yet.

(c) Since the hon'ble Member did not mention the year I shall give the average income during the months of 1992 - 2000. The average income of Thingdawl Wayside Restaurant is Rs. 2,852/- p.m.; Chhiahtlang Restaurant is Rs. 12,333.33/- p.m.; Kawlkulh Restaurant is Rs. 1,640.60/- p.m. and Hnahthial Restaurant is Rs. 799/- p.m.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, Zero point Wayside Restaurant had been completed since long time back but has not functioned as yet. I would like to know when will it function? Secondly, the former ministry made a proposal to construct Wayside Restaurant at Phura but could not implement it during their term. I would like to ask, can the hon'ble Minister construct a restaurant at Phura as proposed by the former ministry.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, mention had been made that construction work of Tawipui Wayside Restaurant had been completed. As it is located at the outskirts of the village, it needs to be attended. Can an M.R. employee been appointed to attend/look after Tawipui Wayside Restaurant and what steps had been taken so far for water and electric connections? At the same time, Tourist Lodge had been constructed at Darzo before the commencement of this ministry, its railings and window glasses are broken now, I would like to know whether an MR employee had been appointed to look after

this. I learnt that the contractor could not complete by the estimated amount and the revised estimate had been submitted. I would like to know whether the revised estimate had been approved and can the contractor get sanction according to the revised estimate.

PU C. LALRINSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, there are two big roads from Aizawl to Lunglei which can be said as Eastern road and Western road. At Eastern road, there are wayside restaurants some government buildings like bungalows under Tourism Department while there is none at Western road. Is there any proposal to construct such restaurant or bungalows?

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in regard to the question asked by the hon'ble Member from Tuipang Constituency, I hope it will function soon; even a waiter had been appointed, he only avails leave these days. State Tourism can implement its proposal only after it gets approval from Central and as that is the case, we cannot construct Wayside Restaurant at Phura since we have not get any clearance from Central Government.

There is an MR at Tawipui Wayside Restaurant to look after it. When we visited this restaurant we told him to make fencing by bamboo but I do not know whether he did it or not.

In regard to Tourist Lodge at Darzo, though the building had been completed, it has not functioned as yet and there is no MR to look after it, and the key is being kept by VCP and when I visited, the VCP was not at home so we broke the lock, it needs to be maintained and somehow we appointed one MR to maintain/look after it. Regarding the revised estimate, as I mentioned earlier it can not be revised as we depend on Central. Now our liability is Rs. 2,60,000/- and we are seeking a way to pay it from our State fund.

What had been pointed out by the hon'ble Member from Vanva constituency is correct. I have had thorough on the spot visit to Aizawl - Thenzawl - Lunglei Road with our Director when we heard that this road is to be constructed from World Bank's fund. To construct either Wayside Restaurant or Tourist Lodge on this road is under consideration, and it is in our mind to construct a Tourist Lodge at Hmuifang if this road goes through Hmuifang. Even the hon'ble Chief Minister gives importance to it. Likewise we are planning to take steps in this regard.

S P E A K E R : Now Pu Zakhy Hlychho for starred question no. 89.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 89 is -

Will the hon'ble Minister incharge Secretariat Administration Department (SAD) be pleased to state -

- (a) Is there any peon reinstated under SAD during January 1998 - June 1999 who had been suspended or terminated?
- (b) If yes, on what grounds are they reinstated?

S P E A K E R : Now I call upon Pu Zoramthanga, hon'ble Chief Minister incharge SAD to answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question no. 89 is-
CHIEF MINISTER

- (a) In January 1998 - June 1999 four peons/IV Grade were reinstated.
- (b) They were reinstated on humanitarian ground.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. I asked this question because I feel the order of the government contradicts itself. Pu K. Lalduhawma asked Health Department to see the file of his suspension and he was reinstated. C. Vanlalruata said he was terminated by Under Secretary verbally and did not go to office for sometimes but he requested to reinstate and he was reinstated. Truly speaking he was not verbally dismissed, he was dismissed on 23rd June, 1989 and the order was signed by Secretary to the Government of Mizoram. Vanlalropuia said in his statement as follows - 'I worked in SAD as IV Grade and I was suspended as I sold office property'. This kind of people are reinstated by this government. In the first order issued on April 1999 by the government it is written as follows - No pay and allowances are to be given to him for the period of his absence'. But the second order issued on 14th June, it is written - 'his pay and allowances shall be paid to him during his absence period'. I would like to ask the hon'ble House Leader if he could look into this matter again. Can the government contradicts itself without taking even an enquiry?

S P E A K E R : Is there any one to ask more, if there is none I shall call upon Chief Minister to answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as mentioned by the hon'ble Opposition Group Leader this matter is very confusing. Those who had been terminated from their service were mostly MNF returnees. During the previous MNF Ministry, quite a number of returnees were given appointment as rehabilitation but when that Ministry was terminated in a mid-term election, many of them were also terminated without any reason. And when we formed this Ministry we tried to take an enquiry but we could not find those files, it seems they were all lost (Pu Zakhu : Mr. Speaker Sir, I noted out these from files after I prepared this question so they are not lost). So we decided to reinstate them. However, as mentioned earlier there are many complications in this regard; yet, the government decided to reinstate them on humanitarian ground.

Er. K. THANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it seems there is neither reasonable opportunity or natural justice, so besides reinstating them, are they eligible to take arrear for the period of their absence?

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, if they were terminated without proper proceeding, I do support what had been said by the hon'ble Member from Serchhip constituency to

reinstate them with full order. On the other hand, there are some who do not do their duty regularly. Can the government go according to the rules in such case. I also would like to know whether the hon'ble Chief Minister cancels the previous order?

S P E A K E R : Question Hour is over now. But as the questions raised by the hon'ble Members are important I shall call upon the Chief Minister to answer.

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A
C H E I F M I N I S T E R : Mr. Speaker Sir, our main problem is that the main documents/files are lost, but one file had been found after sometime. We are hoping that even other files will also be found. By somehow we decided to give their salary but their arrears will be pending for some time.

S P E A K E R : We shall take up our List of Business No. 2. I shall call upon Pu H. Rammawi to lay a copy of the Statement Report on Public Accounts Committee Relating to Power & Electricity Department.

P U H. R A M M A W I : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission Sir, I beg to lay on the Table of the House a copy of statement of Action Taken Report on Public Accounts Committee.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. Now Pu Tawnluia, Minister and Pu B. Lalthlengliana, Minister of State to beg leave of the House to consider various demands under their departments. I shall call Pu Tawnluia, Minister first.

P U T A W N L U I A
M I N I S T E R : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demands No. 7, 8, 14, 18, 27, 34, 53 for Rs. 1,05,75,74,000/- only for meeting expenses during 1999 - 2000 in respect of the following demands. Demand No. 7 - State Excise - Rs. 5,44,00,000/-; Demand No. 8 - Sales Tax - Rs. 1,48,00,000/-; Demand No. 14 other Administrative Services (Home Guard & Fire Service) - Rs. 4,80,00,000/-; Demand No. 27 Water Supply & Sanitation - Rs. 38,15,34,000/-; Demand No. 34 Social Security & Welfare (SS & A Board) - Rs. 90,00,000/-; Demand No. 53 Other General Economic Services (Firms & Societies only) - Rs. 5,00,000/-; Total 1,05,75,74,000/- only.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now I shall call upon Pu B. Lalthlengliana to move his Demands.

P U B. L A L T H L E N G L I A N A
M I N I S T E R : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 23 & 24 for Rs.14,37,88,000/-

only for meeting expenses during 1999 - 2000 in respect of the following Departments. Demand No. 23 Higher & Technical Education - Rs. 11,61,88,000/-; Demand No. 24 Sports and Youth Services - Rs. 27,600,000/-; Total Rs. 14,37,88,000/- only.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now we shall have discussion on these Demands. Each member will be given 10 minutes and I would like to request you not to exceed 10 minutes. Pu H. Rammawi.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. First I would like to say about Sales Tax. While a Sales Tax Act was passed during Congress Ministry, we wanted to take sales tax. Even till today no one is against just taking sales tax but there should be Trading Regulation before taking sales tax. To have proper Trading Regulation to protect us is its foundation. Otherwise it can be taken as a burning issue. While we want to have proper Trading Regulation to protect us, Inner Line Regulation needs to be mentioned.

While we were District Council, Central Government made The Mizoram Trading by Non-Tribal specially for us and that was good enough while we were Tribal Area Autonomous Body. But we faced a problem when we got UT and now it's been 27 years since the Government of Mizoram is functioning. We have to think carefully whether we are sincere to have trading regulation which can protect us like the one we had during District Council. While we talked about Trading Regulation in 1991, I proposed to think this matter by consensus in this very House. Though we passed it by consensus, no prior assent had been taken. In my opinion I do not think we will never have Trading Regulation as wish. Because in 1998 Sixth Schedule amendment during Congress Ministry at Central Government, trading by non tribal and the word 'other than Schedule Tribe' had been omitted. Even 10 paragraph of Sixth Schedule had been amended. As that is the case, we can not prevent the entrance of non tribals just like that. We have to find another way out. It is regretting that we used to politicise this matter. I myself strongly opposed the introduction of Sales Tax Act because we may not be able to prevent tax payers in the registration. As that was the case, even the previous Congress Ministry put it in - operative. However, we have to operate this act and we, the operators are important. Therefore, whenever we talk about Sales Tax, we must know that it is not like Inner Line Regulation or Chin Hills Regulation. If we look at Articles 251 & 254 of Indian Constitution if there is inconsistency between Trade Rules and Rules made by Parliament, the latter should be considered. So if we, any member of this House speaks and if we do not know the remedy of the problem faced by our state, we should at least try to find out the remedy

Mr. Speaker Sir, a private resolution was moved as follows - 'As our Inner Line Pass is not sufficient to protect sons of the soil, let sales tax be not taken'. We must know that Inner Line Pass is only for the individual, it is not to safeguard our state. Pu Zakhu, in his resolution said a good rule/Act to safeguard the people of Mizoram. But it is not possible to make such rule as we wish because Article 301 of Indian Constitution prevents us. Therefore, I would like to request all members to speak in this House considering whether we will ever have a rule as we wish.

Thank you.

PU LALTHAN KUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, today we have various Demands from two of our Ministers. In Higher & Technical Education there is no improvement comparing to the previ-

ous year. Though there is Central University in the heading, I find no fund allocation, I wonder why there is no fund for research and I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to explain this. In Sports & Youth Services, it is disappointing that Demand for Sports Council is diminishing.

I would also like to say few things regarding Sales Tax. As mentioned in yesterday's discussion, Sales Tax will be taken only on luxury items. If it is first point of sale, it is necessary to have Central Sales Tax (CST) and in order to have CST, two year valid permit is required. According to Inner Line Permit (ILP), that permit can be issued for one year only, so those who are not sons of the soil will not pay sales tax. At the same time, as sales tax is to be taken only on luxury items, the public will not pay sales tax as a whole. It is also meaningless to say that if a person's annual income is Rs. 20,000/- or more he can be registered because we are not going to take from last point of sell/sale.

I would like to make some points regarding Police. The pay of Police ASI revised by various Pay Revision is not just. Their status was better than Senior Gramsevak, UDC, Steno Grade III etc. in 1986 but in the revision of 1989 and 1991 they were under the pay scale of the said grades and it is worst when we determine the pay of several government servants. Truly speaking it is disheartening for those who are in service to be under below our rank. They are also clubbed together with Havilder while the feeder post of Havilder is ASI. This may create problem in the case of promotion and discipline which can effect their pay. I, therefore, would like to request the Minister to consider this matter. I also would like to request the government to create a permanent out post at Vaitin as it is border area. I also would like to request the government to set up Police Station at Ratu.

Regarding PHE, if we look at our Demand, stock suspense had fallen down to 50 lakh and I hope it will have positive result though it needs an expansion. I wonder why demand for machinery & equipment had risen upto 170 lakhs which used to be 4 lakhs 2 years before.

I am glad that budget for Rural Water Supply had been increased. At the same time how much can we get from CSS. While taking about PHE, I asked the expected date to commission for Zohmun Water Supply and the answer was 'it will be commissioned within a short period from now', but this work is not continued till today and I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note this. I also would like to request the department to verify Sakawrdai Water pipeline which is done by gravity line and Vaitin Water supply for which all pipes were lost.

In Excise, budget allocation for machinery and equipment had fallen while they need modernisation. Taking as a whole budget for our State, Excise and Sales Tax are not increased to improve them. This matter should be considered in the revision.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Today we are discussing important budgets. One of the important keys to see the condition of a state/country is how they maintain their police/forces. That is why I also give importance to them and I would like to request the hon'ble Minister and Chairman of the Advisory Council to note my points.

In every district, we have to depend on our police to maintain law and order. Though there are SPs, we do not have enough Additional SP to assist them; sometimes SDPO used to take charge. This creates some problems as order of

precedence is very important in force particularly. It is heard that there is a proposal to create SP post and I would like to request the hon'ble Home Minister to take immediate steps in this regard.

MPRO is an important wing in Police organisation. There are 4 trades in MPRO - Radio Mechanic, Cypher, Fitter and Operating Staff for which matriculate is necessary. As all workers of MPRO are working very hard, their pay should be revised and the pay of operating staff is less than their counterparts which also needs a revision.

Regarding Excise Force, I myself see how the constables work hard. But it is not fair that their pay is lower than police constable, they even do not enjoy allowances enjoyed by police constables like ration allowance, clothing allowance, washing allowance, maintenance allowance etc. I would like to mention that this matter should be considered.

Coming to Higher & Technical Education, Mizoram is high in literacy. It is the responsibility of Higher and Technical Education Department to make/produce quality. I feel we do not give importance to Higher & Technical Education while it is a backbone of our state. Therefore, it will be good if more fund could be allotted in Revised Estimate. In our modern age, we have to emphasize more on Technical Education by seeking more seats in technical institutions for our bright and talented students I would like to urge the government to consider this matter and reflect it in Revised Estimate Budget.

Thank you.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. First, I would like to make some points regarding demand no. 27 - Water Supply. Is there a way to re-employ those MR who were terminated from their service in PHE Department as this creates water problem particularly in rural areas. I would like to point out that water pipe lines laid along the roadside which according to the estimate are to be buried should be looked into for the safety of the pipes and the public as well. I think it will be more economical to purchase syntex to harvest rain water.

Regarding Home Guard under Demand no. 18, the pay of Home Guard is fixed at Rs. 1,500/- and they do not have any ration while they had undergone proper training. As Rs. 1,500/- is too meagre to run a family I would like to suggest to raise it at least by Rs. 4,00/-.

In regard to Demand no. 14 - Police, I would like to urge the government to give importance to Police Housing as it is important to keep up discipline. It is also my opinion that it will be better for Ministerial Staff of Police Department not to wear uniform as it is quite expensive for Police Department. It is not appropriate that female police are wearing men's wear and I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note this. If I am not mistaken we still do not have Mizoram Police Manual Act and I would like to request our able Minister to take steps to have Police Manual Act of our own.

I would like to say few things in Demand no. 23. The previous government proposed to construct Saiha Government College building in concrete which had not been done till today and I would like to request the concern Minister to take steps in this regard. And in Saiha College, lecturer posts of the following department are lying vacant - Geology - 2, Economic - 1, Chemistry - 1 and Mathematics - ; it will be

pleasing if these posts are filled up as soon as possible. At the same time, there are 11 posts vacant in Saiha Secondary School and the students are suffering a lot. I, therefore, would like to request the hon'ble Minister to fill up these posts.

Regarding Sports, I would like to suggest to employ non - Mizos who have experience for any disciple as Coach.

Regarding Excise Department, in Mizoram those who died of drugs overdose are taking proxyvon as we do not have any rules to charge either the drugs seller or the addicts. I, therefore, strongly urge the government to make rules to arrest both drugs sellers and the addicts.

Thank you.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. In Police Department allocation for out post is a bit less and it is good to allot more for this. I would like to support what had been pointed out by the hon'ble Member from Ratu Constituency regarding the pay of police ASI. If I am not mistaken, the pay scale of Excise ASI is Rs. 5000/- - Rs. 8000/- while the pay scale of police is Rs. 4000/- - Rs. 6000/- while their educational qualification is the same. I think this matter should be revised. Budget for police which can be used even in the newly opened Districts had been reflected in the budget. In my opinion it will be good if fund could be allotted for training facilities. At the same time, 1 lakh rupees had been allotted for their medical facilities which in my opinion is a bit less and it will be good if more amount can be allotted.

As pointed out by the hon'ble Member from Tuipang Constituency, the pay of our Home Guard i.e. Rs. 1,500/- is too meagre now. It will be good if it is raised atleast at Rs. 4,000/-.

Regarding Water Supply, when we saw fund allocation for Rural Water Supply, we the MLAs from rural areas are very happy because water is a big problem even for rural areas and I would like to urge the hon'ble Minister to take immediate steps to implement various schemes of the government. And for Rain Water Harvest, as tin and tanky do not last long, I would like to point out that it will be more economical to buy syntex and I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note this.

In Higher & Technical Education, only Rs. 50,000/- had been allotted for Central University. If we are going to have University we have to allot more fund because we can mark 80% of the staff for our state and I would like to request both the government and the Minister to be alert in this matter. Though fund allocation to upgrade our private colleges is not up to our satisfaction it is quite sufficient for the time being.

In regard to Sports, I feel that fund/budget allocation for Youth & Welfare Programme is too meagre and I would like to suggest to allot more in Revised Estimate. In my opinion, the government needs to approach sport itself with a new mind/outlook. It will be good to open District office in every District to promote sports and to unearth the talent of our youths. If we can provide sport facilities, it is clear that most of our youths who indulge in drug addiction will be saved. Therefore, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note this and even our leaders in their Cabinet meeting to allot more fund for sports.

Thank you.

PU C. SANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Since we do not have much time I shall say my point only in brief.

In Demand no. 7 - Budget allocation for Excise had increased by only one lakh rupee. As pointed out by hon'ble Memebtrs, Excise force are working very hard as we are enforcing Total Prohibition and there are many works to be done as we are facing drug problems. Therefore, it is my opinion that it will be good if budget allocation for Excise can be increased in budget Revised Estimate.

Regarding Police Department under Demand no. 14, budget allocation had fallen down by lakh. In our modern age, it is important to modernise our police both in moral and various equipments. At the same time, as mentioned by the hon'ble Member from Kawnpui Constituency, we need our police in every corner of the state and I feel budget allocation for direction and administration is a bit less, so I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to consider this.

I am glad to see fund allocation for newly opened Districts. As security is one of the important things for these new Districts, I would like to request the government to revise budget for these Districts. It is also heard that we are going to have new IR Battalion but there is no fund for this in our Budget book and I will be glad if this could be clarified.

Regarding other Administrative Services under Demand no. 18, I feel pity for the Home Guards even on humanitarian ground, there is no incentive. If we are not going to terminate Home Guards it is necessary to consider their case.

I think fire service should be among the police but it is under other Administrative Services. We need their service very much. It is important to have 4/5 stations for fire brigade vehicles and they have some problems in their pay comparing to their police counterparts. So I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note these two points regarding fire service.

Circuit House is mentioned under other Administrative Services. It had been mentioned that Mizoram Houses at Delhi and Shillong need extention but there is no allocation for this in our Budget and at the sametime VIP rooms should also be furnished equally.

I would like to mention that budget allocation in Water Supply and Sanitation is less than last year inspite of water problem we are facing. I also do not find allocation in the Budget for Sewage and Drainage system phase II and I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to clarify this.

As PHE Department has only about 10 Divisions, they have many works. I think it will be good to have more Divisions and Sub-Divisions so that this Department can work faster. Training of Supervising Assistants (S.A.) is not conducted by PWD this year and this effects even PHE. Can this be revised? If a plan is made to supply water by vehicle during dry season, our water problem will be solved to some extend.

Budget allocation for Higher & Technical Education had fallen down by 40 lakh rupees and by 68 lakhs in sports. I support what had been said by other hon'ble Members and it will be good to revise in Revised Estimate.

Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. In today's newspaper we read about the appointment of Aizawl College Principal. UGC norms had been accepted by the meeting of Council of Ministers on 28.5.99 and since we accept, it is important to follow rules and regulations laid by UGC. Even if a state has its own rules and regulations UGC expects to amend such rules and regulations according to its rules and regulations. For College Principal, minimum qualification required is Ph.D or equivalent and those who do not have this qualification should not claim. I would like to request the government to go according to the rules.

Budget allocation for Sports & Youth Services is too meagre and in plan it is only 79 lakhs. The hon'ble Minister used to say that 3 proper fields will be constructed but it is clear that even one can not be constructed from our plan fund. We have to provide sport facilities to our youth in order to prevent them from indulging in drugs and other social evils. Sports goods like football and volley ball which we distribute can not cover Mizoram. I would like to request the government to take steps to open District Sport office and also to allot more in Revised Estimate.

In Demand no. 14 Police Department as we all know is very important as they are there to safeguard lives and properties. As they can not show their grievances by strike like other government servants, it is important for the government to consider their pay and other allowances. As pointed out earlier by other members, it is not just clubbing together, ASI works as Head Constable while their nature of duty is quite different. This matter should also be considered.

There was a proposal in the previous ministry to introduce Photo Identity Card and I do hope that even the present ministry will give importance to it and take immediate steps.

In Demand no. 7, Excise Department purchased a plot of land at Bawngkawn by 69 lakh rupees while the owner agreed to sell for 45 lakh rupees. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to clarify this.

I will combine Taxation & Home Department. When ever our leaders go to Delhi for plan discussion they said Central asked us to take tax. Even the previous ministry was asked to take tax by Central Government but refused it. I wonder why does this ministry afraid of Central Government. It is not that State Government is very much in need to take tax; it is being taken only because of the pressure of the Central Government. I do not like this motive.

Coming back to Police Department, we had non Mizo IGP only for a short period. But now we are having a non Mizo IGP and I would like to know the reason for this while there are eligible Mizos. As Police Department is important to maintain law and order and as the safety of our state lies in their hands it is important to have a Mizo IGP.

Thank you.

PU VANLALHLANA
DEPUTY SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. As mentioned earlier by hon'ble Members, Police Department is very important and even the government knows the importance of it. At the same time I would like to mention that the

way we give importance should be meaningful. I would like to point out that if we look at our Demand Book page no. 93 under Sub-head Direction, 70 lakh rupees is allotted for vehicle while it was 85 lakh rupees and 60 lakh rupees in 1998-99 and 1997-98 respectively though vehicle is important for their work, I feel but it is too much for vehicle alone. I think this should be justified.

In regard to Sales Tax under Demand no. 8 at present the Government of Mizoram is taking tax in Mizoram basing on five rules. It is also heard that The Mizoram Sales Tax Act 1989 which had been suspended for a long time will be revived and impose tax. If this is implemented, it will be in the hands of Taxation Department. If we look at the strength of Taxation Department, I wonder will they be able to manage to collect taxes as there are only 148 staff in the whole of Mizoram. Though they are only this much, their performance is very good. So I would like to suggest to strengthen this department so that they can work more efficiently and that even the government could get more revenue.

In Higher Education, in my opinion it is better to improve the standard of our colleges in order to have quality education. For this I would like to suggest not to allow to open anymore college but try to improve the colleges which we already have. Even our science colleges need improvement and better facilities.

SPEAKER : It is going to be 1:00 P.M. We will now have recess and take group photo. We will resume our sitting at 2:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned. Recess till 2:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER : We will continue our Business. Now Dr. Lalzama.

DR. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. First, I would like to say few things in Sports under Demand no. 24. Fund allocation for Sports is Rs. 2,76,00,000 and fund for Sports Council is too meagre. As already said by other hon'ble Members, there are many who have good talent in sports among our youths even some had participated at the International level. I would like to urge the government to promote sports and to allot more fund in Sports Council in Revised Estimate. There is a proposal to improve some playgrounds at Aizawl and I would like to urge the government to take immediate steps in this regard.

In Demand no. 23 there is Higher Education for which fund allocation is 39 lakh rupees for Residential Science College, for B.Ed Training College, etc. As the present B.Ed Training College is not sufficient for the whole of Mizoram to improve education quality, it is important to take steps to develop and open branches in other cities.

We do not have adequate seats in Science College and it is important to have a true Residential Science College. I would like to know whether a separate fund can be allotted for this. Many Colleges had been opened to meet the demand of our young students inspite of financial problems. As that is the case, there are many Colleges who need funds/grants from the government. In this regard, mention may be made about Lalhmingthanga College which was opened in 1992 which needs upgradation.

Even Aizawl North College had not received Furniture Grant, Library Grant and Building Grant for the past some years. I would like to mention that we do not develop our Deficit Colleges enough.

Regarding PHE under Demand no. 27, it is pleasing to see the fund allocation for Rural Water Supply as water problem is faced in all parts of Mizoram. At the same time I would like to express my gratitude to the hon'ble Minister for making efforts to supply water to my constituency. Meanwhile, I would like to request the Minister to take stern measures in this regard.

In Demand no. 24, we see Police Department. We had listened that the pay of Police ASI is lower than that of Excise ASI. I would like to suggest to consider this matter and revise their service conditions.

Thank you.

PU C. LALRINSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I will start with Demand no. 23 - Higher & Technical Education. Besides higher education, there is technical which includes polytechnic and other technical institutions. Hence it is time we have separate directorate. Though fund allocation for Demand no. 23 is 11 crore 61 lakh rupees, it is not that much because private and other colleges in Mizoram need development/improvement and 285.28 lakh rupees for private and other colleges is in fact unsatisfactory as colleges require huge amount of fund for building and other facilities. At the same time, we have some Government Colleges and I feel we neglected our Science Colleges in particular. Some of our Science Colleges do not have equipments for practical as there is no sanction from the Government. It is important to have proper plan to improve/develop our Science Colleges so that talents of our bright youths could be unearthed.

It seems the Government can not give stipends to both technical and non - technical students. As some students depend on their stipend, they face a great problem because they are not getting their stipend. I, therefore, would like to mention that stipend of our students of particular subject should be considered. It seems that in some of our Science Colleges there are no students but only lecturer and this matter should also be reviewed.

In my opinion, Sport & Youth Services Department under Demand No. 24 is being ignored though it is an important department. We should know that Sports Department is a mean to check various social evils among the youths. We have plans at the top like opening several de-addiction centres which are mostly ineffective. It is rather important to start from the children through Sports & Youth Services Department. In my opinion, if we can give sufficient cash prize in major games to give incentives to young ones, it will be a good way to prevent them from taking drugs. Sports & Youth Services Department also plays an important role for social reformation. I also would like to mention that fund allocation for National Service Scheme is also a bit less which is only 23.05 lakh rupees.

Regarding Sales Tax under Demand no. 8, if we are going to take sales tax it is necessary to enlarge the strength of staff. I would like to mention that we have to educate the public that when we give sales tax we are giving to none but to ourselves.

In regard to Supply & Sanitation under Demand no. 27 it is important to open more divisions as we have only 10 divisions now. While water supply is in the

hands of PHE, I feel we do not have awareness that sanitation is also in their hands, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to clarify why there is no budget fund for sanitation. I feel budget for Rural Water Supply is unsatisfactory and I hope it will be reflected in Revised Estimate.

In my constituency, a big proposal had been made for composite scheme at Haulawng, but steps could not be taken now as our fund is very limited. If this scheme is completed it can feed 7/8 villages, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note that if we have a big Scheme, that can cover other small schemes that will be more economical.

Thank you.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I won't take much time. Regarding Demand no. 18 Home Guards, they are with uniform and do various works yet fund allocation for them had not increased. While other government servants are expecting higher pay, Home Guards do not take even half pay of their ranks. I, therefore, would like to urge the government to upgrade the pay and status of Home Guards.

Regarding Demand no. 27 Water Supply & Sanitation, it is known to all of us our water problem. In my opinion, budget allocation for Water Supply is quite sufficient to supply water to public. I appreciate the steps taken by the department for rain water harvest and water pumping system. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to take more steps in this regard to solve our immediate water problem while doing big projects.

In regard to taking tax, be it Sales tax or any tax, the government is lenient to the public as the people of Mizoram are poor in general. At the same time, it is my opinion that it will be good if the government takes 25% - 30% tax from those who have more than one house so that our revenue could increase.

Regarding State Excise, though we have a good Act to prohibit liquor and to punish those who illegally sell liquor and drink it, and good Forces to enforce this Act yet, it seems we can not prevent it. While Excise Department seize many liquor and drugs there are many which are not seized. As that is the case, it can be thought that it will be better to allow to sell and drink liquor freely.

I appreciate what had been said by other hon'ble members regarding Sports & Youth Services under Demand No. 24. We are very proud of boxer Zoramthanga and archer Lalremsanga. I would like to develop and unearth our young talented boys and girls in various disciplines.

Thank you.

Er. K. THANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I will start from Demand no. 7 State Excise. Budget allocation for this Department is 544 lakh rupees which is divided for Administration and direction. Considering the organisation and nature of works of Excise Department, I do not understand the need to allot 383 lakh rupees for administration and I would be grateful if the hon'ble Minister could explain this. We used to know that Prohibition Council considered Total Prohibition as quite successful and according to the report of Excise Department, the number of liquor and other prohibited items are many. As mentioned by the hon'ble Member before me this shows the need to make more efforts.

In regard to Police Department under Demand No. 14, the pay of police ASI had been determined equally with the pay of Constable and Havildar which are lower in rank while in the guiding principles of pay determination of Fifth Pay Commission it is clearly written equal pay for equal work. But the pay of Police ASI is lower than that of Excise ASI while their work, duty and responsibility are much heavier. I, therefore, would like to request the hon'ble Minister to consider this matter. It is also heard that there is an intention to form new IR Battallion but it is not reflect in the budget. It is also heard that there is an intention to shift SDPO Quarter to be built at Thenzawl to Serchhip and I would like to request the hon'ble Minister not to shift.

Regarding other Administrative Service under Demand No. 18, Mizoram Houses at various cities need furnishing specially Delhi Mizoram House. It is heard that there is an intention to rebuild it but the budget allocation is very meagre. It will be pleasing to know what steps had been taken so far.

In regard to Demand no. 24 Higher & Technical Education, we have learnt from newspaper that Engineering College will be established in Mizoram but nothing had been reflected in the budget. I would like to know the reason for this.

Science subject had been opened at Serchhip College since some times back and appointment had been made for Science lecturer but they do not have students for a long time. The reason for this is there is no feeder institution. So those Science teachers were attached to other works. Bearing this in mind, the government opened 10+2 for Science at Serchhip. But as there is no facilities, Principal of Serchhip College allowed them to occupy room and use their laboratory. However, they do not have enough equipment at laboratory and as Science teachers are attached to other works they do not have Science teacher, even one science teacher undergone training for Forensic Science who may not join again. I, therefore, would like to urge the government to take necessary steps so that Serchhip College can function as Science College.

In regard to Sports & Youth Service under Demand no. 24, it is heard that there is an intention to turn Serchhip field no. 1 into a Market Complex. As it is not easy to construct a field, I would like to urge the government not to do this.

In regard to Water Supply, Serchhip Water Supply Scheme had been commissioned and inaugurated but the construction has not been completed, even Kolasib Water Supply Scheme, the construction had not been completed. To inaugurate and commission this kind of important water supply scheme without full completion creates problem. I, therefore, would like to request the concern department to look into this matter and take necessary steps and not to commission and inaugurate without full completion.

Thank you.

PU TAWNLUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in Demand no. 18, Mizoram House and Circuit House are mentioned under other Administrative Services. I would like to inform the House that Home Guards and Fire Service are under my Demand. Which is at no. 18 while others are to be put under the Demand of Chief Minister.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as we all know, both the public and

government servants are having high hopes in this government, I would like to start with Demand no. 14, I am happy that budget estimate had increased this year by 227.55 lakh rupees. Yet we said we need to have peace bonus, peace pays. In order to maintain law and order police force are important, because of this I am not satisfied with the budget allocation for police. I, therefore, would like to request the government to increase fund allocation in the Revised Estimate to modernise the police particularly for police housing which had fallen down to 171.80 lakh rupees. At the same time, while I have high expectation to modernise our police force, budget allocation for this is only 11 lakh rupees while it was 18 lakh rupees last year. Therefore, I would like to request the government to allot more in Revised Estimate. I also would like to request the government to create either a Police Outpost or Police Station in my constituency to maintain law and order.

Regarding Demand No. 8, Sales tax is going to be taken now only on selected items. However, public will be given awareness to give tax and the items on which sales tax should be given will also be increased. But as the strength of staff in Taxation Department is small, they can not function effectively. Therefore, it is important to strengthen this department and other revenue earning departments to work more effectively. It is also worth to mention that Taxation Department used to exceed its target every year. Even last year it exceeds its target by more than 100 lakh rupees. I, therefore, would like to stress the importance of Taxation Department and other revenue earning Departments and the need to strengthen them.

According to our Budget Book, there is only 6 lakh rupees to purchase sports material in Sports & Youth Services under Demand no. 24 which is too meager. Therefore, I would like to urge the government to allot more in Revised Estimate.

In regard to PHE & Sanitation, if I am not mistaken 15 lakh rupees had been allotted for Phullen Water Supply. But I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note that it is not possible to supply water. But I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note that it is not possible to supply water by 15 lakh rupees. This project will need more than 100 lakh rupees. Let this 15 lakh rupees be considered as a starting point and I also would like to request not to improvise the one around Khawhai Village.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now I will call upon Pu Zakhu Hlychho. A Committee of General Purposes Committee had been called for after our sitting as there is urgent agenda. Our discussion will be wound up after Pu Zakhu speaks.

P U Z A K H U H L Y C H H O : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. In Demand no. 27 PHE I would like to express my gratitude to the government for supplying sufficient water in my constituency Saiha. Meanwhile we do not have enough distributor tank and I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to give us more distributor tank.

In regard to Demand no. 24 - Sports & Youth Services it is regretting that budget allocation for this department had fallen down. I would like to point out that Indoor Stadiums constructed at various places in Mizoram which costs 10 - 30 lakh rupees should be made multipurpose. I also would like to request the hon'ble Minister to be aware of our talented youths and that sports in various discipline is worth to earn

a livelihood. It is also important to choose sport item according to the mentality of our society. Another point I would like to make is while 1 crore rupees had been allotted for drug addicts it is too insignificant to allot just 5/6 lakh rupees for the good ones to develop their talents. This clearly shows Sports budget has no meaning and I would like to urge the government to re-consider this matter.

Regarding Higher & Technical Education, though we are progressing in this department we are still very low comparing to other states and it is important to make more efforts. I feel that stipends given to our technical students is not sufficient and I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to increase their stipends. Besides this, now we are at computer age. When we said technical line, we generally mean MBBS and an Engineer lines but there are many other technical lines. It is important for the government to find out such lines for our youths. I also would like to point out that we are not careful enough in our College Education System, it is clear from the way we send our children to other states for education. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to take steps to improve our education system so that students from outside Mizoram could impart education from Mizoram. In this regard I would like to point out that there is not much improvement even after Saiha College had been taken by the government and I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to rebuild its building.

Regarding Taxation, we had said much in my resolution, I feel taxes to be taken is too much. It is not good to take tax from the poorer section. Truly speaking, those whose income is about lakh rupees in a month do not pay income tax.

In regard to Demand no. 18 Home Department - Home Guards are assigned for various duties but their pay is too meagre and I would like to urge the government to consider this matter.

I would like to point out that under this government, the condition of Law & Order is very bad. I am glad to hear that the hon'ble Minister said he will try to make the best Police in India. In the meantime, it is important to think as to how will law and order be maintained in Mizoram. There are 15 incidents after this Ministry is formed, that is within 7 months only. Truly speaking, while one PSO killed a civilian, compensation had been given to the victim at the same night but no compensation/ex-gratia were given to the police men who were killed by miscreants. If we defend the police who misbehaved like this, it will not be possible to have the best police. At the same time, I also would like to request the government to re-consider the pay of Police.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : As we still have a committee after this meeting what shall we do? Anyhow, I now call upon Pu K. Sangthuama and then Pu Nirupam.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I shall start with Sports & Youth Services under Demand no. 24. As mentioned by other hon'ble Members, budget allocation for Sports is too meagre. As mentioned by the hon'ble Member from Saiha Constituency, I too agree that it is not proper to allot less fund for the good ones than to drug addicts. I, therefore, would like to request the hon'ble Minister to make proposal for more fund in Revised Estimate. Otherwise we will not be able to promote sports.

Higher & Technical Education which is under Demand no. 23 is an important department. We have many colleges in Mizoram hence it is important to improve the quality of our colleges. In some colleges, there are only few students while there are 20/30 lecturers. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to look into this matter.

In Demand no. 27 Water Supply & Sanitation, there is 2865.34 lakh rupees in the plan fund. Although there is water problem even in urban areas, it is much more acute in rural areas. While making water tank by GCI sheet is also good it is important to make more pump points because there are sufficient water to be pumped. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister and the department to take steps in this regard as this will relieve most of our water problem. A composite scheme had been made with an estimate of 16 crore rupees which could supply the constituency of the hon'ble Minister but this is not included in the budget. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note this.

Regarding Sales Tax which is under Demand no. 8, it is important to have a sense of ownership. It is also important to give awareness to our children the importance of giving tax.

In regard to Police under Demand no. 14, I do support to allot 70 lakh rupees for Police. As my constituency is in the area where the insurgents used to cross the villages and where there is no vehicle to pursue them. I, therefore, would like to urge the government to give at least one vehicle for Kawrthah Thana. Besides this, buildings of various Thanas are very bad and I would like to request the hon'ble Minister and the department to note this. As all of us mentioned about Home Guards, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to give importance to Home Guards which is under Demand no. 8.

I feel that Fire Department used to be negligent when they are called for emergency, it seems they never filled up the tanky. It is important to fill up the tanky at all time. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to take steps in this regard.

Thank you.

COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO :
MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, I wonder as to why we feel budget allocation for drug addicts is too much. If we feel this way, there is 35 crores for health and let us take even from this department.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I will start with Police which is under Demand no. 24. Government of Mizoram is expecting to get peace bonus from Central Government as we are peaceful state. The reason for being a peaceful state is partly because of the efforts made by our police so it can be said that we are getting peace bonus because of the hard work of our police. Therefore, it is good to increase budget allocation for Police Department. I would like to propose to open Police Hospital in every Battalion for the welfare of police personnel. It is also important to set up education facilities at least upto High School level or Secondary level for police families in every Police Battalion Headquarters. I also would like to request the government to allot new vehicle in every police station so that they can be more efficient. It is also important to open fire service station at Aizawl South.

I feel it is too meagre to allot only 5 lakh rupees for other General Services like firms and societies and I would like to request to increase it in Revised Estimate.

In regard to Demand no. 27 Water Supply & Sanitation, the hon'ble Chief Minister said work schedule will be readied shortly but we have not got it till today. It is difficult to say this demand without work schedule so I would like to request the hon'ble Chief Minister to give/distribute work schedule to each member as soon as possible. In my constituency Chawngte, Water Supply ends at Chawngte 'C'. Suspension bridge constructed between Chawngte 'B' and 'C' had been damaged and I would like to urge the government to reconstruct it immediately.

Regarding Sanitation, I would like to say that PHE Department is not giving attention to Sanitation. I feel budget allocation for Sanitation is too meagre considering its importance. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to put more fund for Sanitation.

In regard to Demand no. 23, Higher & Technical Education, what I would like to suggest is to allot 2/3 vehicles to each College. It is also important to give hostel facility for each college as it is not possible to open college in every village. I also would like to request the government to upgrade Chawngte College to deficit status. It will be good if the scholarship given to our students could be raised from Rs. 500/-.

In regard to Demand no. 24, I would like to suggest to allot more fund for NCC which is important to train our youths to enter into army, police, etc. while we are facing unemployment problem. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister incharge Sports & Youth Department to note this.

Thank you.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to say my appreciation of our police which is under Demand no. 14 in the way they maintain law and order. As peace agreement signed by HPC and the Government of Mizoram in 1994 was not fully successful, some formed an insurgent group called MAIDA which creates problems for the people of some constituencies like Bilkhawthlir, Ratu and Suangpuilawn. But due to the efforts made by the hon'ble Home Minister, more than 40 people of this group surrendered to the Government of Mizoram to live a normal life and the people of these constituencies are very grateful. Meanwhile, as most of us had mentioned, I too would like to request the hon'ble Minister to consider the pay of police ASI and to create Police Out Post at Vairengte as soon as possible.

In regard to Demand no. 27, Water Supply & Sanitation, I would like to express my gratitude to the department for supplying water to the public by truck even in my constituency at Bilkhawthlir inspite of our financial problem. I would like to thank the department on behalf of the people of Bilkhawthlir for Urban Water Supply Scheme 1999 - 2000. As I know a little about the need of additional resources mobilisation, it is good to raise water tariff from Rs. 75 - 100 per month.

It is time now to learn to be mature by giving tax. However, we had listened that Taxation Department needs more staff and I would like to support this and

that the department should be strengthened. Now we know the need to give tax but it is still necessary to educate our people to give tax willingly. We have a strong NGO that is YMA and with YMA we can launch public awareness campaign and that it is the duty of a good citizen to give tax.

There is one disheartening incident in Excise Department. The building which was occupied by State Bank of India, Main Branch Aizawl was purchased by Excise Department by 110 lakh rupees which Public Works Department classified as unfit. It seems there is some error of judgement in this regard. Is there a way to repair it without dismantling it? And I would like to request the government to be more careful in future. In the meantime, the plot of Excise check gate at Vairengte was purchased by credit and I am told that it is not paid till today. It will be pleasing if this could be cleared.

Regarding Sports which is in Demand no. 24, fund allocation for Sports Council is only Rs. 1,30,000/- in plan and 75 lakh rupees in non-plan which is too meager. I do support what had been said by other hon'ble Members in this respect and it is necessary to allot more fund for Sports. I feel it is important to choose items which suit our mentality and physical as suggested by Pu Zakhu. It will also be good to open Sport School with few syllabus. In this way we can compete even in international level.

I would like to say few things regarding Higher & Technical Education. I do support to follow UGC norms as pointed out by the hon'ble Member from Saitual Constituency. In my opinion, those who want to do higher studies or research should get reward. In the meantime, in Mizoram, education is under Central University. In NEHU, I used to be a member of Court. While from Nagaland its court member used to be their MP and in several meeting their Education Secretary used to attend and have great pressure, but Mizoram used to neglect this kind of activity. We are going to have Vety. College at Selesih under Central University and I would like to request our Ministers, politicians and officials to participate more so that Mizoram will be more benefitted.

Thank you.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I shall start with Demand no. 14 - Home Guards. Though other members had said, I would like to point out to show that this House gives importance to it. Considering heavy works assigned to them their pay is too meagre and I feel it is unhuman. So I would like to urge the government to take steps to raise the pay of Home Guards.

In regard to the pay of ASI, it is important to raise the pay of ASI at least up to the pay of their Excise counterparts. While our police are responsible for the safety of public and our country, it is regretful to know unfavourable incidents taking place in some places. It is also heard that even among our Excise force some used to take liquor. It is not enough to have programmes and objective, it is more important to implement such programmes. We are now enforcing total prohibition as we do not want liquor. Our police and excise force are the instrument to implement total prohibition. It is, therefore, necessary to verify whether the accusation of the police and excise force is true or not.

In regard to Sports, our aim is to participate either in national or international level. However, we all need sports whether we are young or old. It is essential particularly for youths. It can also be said that sports is a good medicine it is

also important to form character. Our neighbouring states like Nagaland and Manipur pressed a large sum of fund for sports thus achieved great results. We need to have this attitude. From our present condition, it seems we do not give importance to sports. I, therefore, would like to express the need to allot more fund for sports in future.

Regarding Demand no. 27, as water is essential for all of us, I would like to mention about my constituency. I would like to express my gratitude to PHE Department for taking various steps. As water problem is great for Hnahthial, the hon'ble Minister ordered to pump water from Tuichang and we are very grateful for this. However, it is regretful that it is not included in the work schedule and I would like to know how the hon'ble Minister is going to do about it.

Thank you.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to start with Demand no. 7, State Excise. I am afraid this important department will be ignored. Considering most of our social problems, it is important to strengthen/empower Excise Department. As it is revenue earning department, it is an important department. If we look at the demand for Excise, it is regretting that it is less than last year in plan. For reference I would like to point out my Constituency, as Khawzawl - Singzawl road is Manipur road we feel that many unwanted things are coming and being taken from Manipur and it is important to make check gate here immediately. I had referred this to Excise Department many times but I was told their problems that they do not have enough personel, equipment vehicle, etc. and I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note this. I also would like to inform the people of Mizoram and this House that this department needs co-operation of Police and Narcotic Cell to solve our social problem. As that is the case, it is necessary to strengthen this department in all aspects.

In regard to Demand no. 8, private resolution had been moved regarding sales tax. We do not want to give licence to non-Mizos and commit ourselves to Sales Tax Registration. We have had Trading by non-tribal act during District Council, even after we got U.T., we used the same act for 10 years by amending it. But we did not dare to enforce this Act because it can not safe guard us properly. It is clear that we will never have a rule/Act as we wish as long as we are Indians. As that is the case, it is now a time we give tax as we are citizens and make the people aware of this.

Another point I would like to mention is about the police though many members had said about it. There are two insurgent groups in my constituency who used to collect money. It is, therefore, necessary to create Police check gate there. Though there are many problems, what I want to emphasize is that it is important to strengthen and modernise the police forces.

Regarding Demand no. 23 - Higher & Technical Education, I would like to thank the government in our Technical Education system. It is best to choose/select candidates to undergo technical education by competition and I do hope this system will be continued. In regard to Higher Education, in all Government Colleges at Aizawl, admission fee is being taken more than the amount ordered by the government which creates problem for parents. I would like to urge the hon'ble Minister to instruct colleges authorities to cancel this immediately.

Thank you.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, first of all I would like to say few things regarding Demand no. 24 - Sports & Youth Services. If we look at our budget book, budget

allocation for Sports & Youth Services seems to be the lowest - it's only 276 lakh rupees. It came into my mind why the government does not give importance to our Youths as this department is for the youths. It is important to prepare budget for the youths carefully in order to prevent them from various kinds of social evils. The present budget is too meagre, therefore, I would like to request the government to reconsider this and allot more in Revised Estimate.

A resolution had been moved regarding sales tax but this House passed it in a negative way. What I would like to mention regarding sales tax is while it is supposed to be given by the seller, we, the consumers are going to give tax. If the government is going to take sales tax, it should be taken in uniform. It should be important to chalk out how income tax is going to be taken otherwise as under the present system, one gives less tax than the poor.

In regard to Demand no 14 - Police, as this department concerns about security, law and order, it is very important. It will be good to strengthen this department so that they can cover remote areas. I would like to point out my constituent village Vathuampui which is at the south end of Mizoram. There are several insurgent groups here all the time. A new supply centre had been opened here and a sale proceed involving lakhs of rupees had been kept by a store keeper without any security guard which is very risky. Therefore, it is important to open Police outpost in remote areas like Vathuampui before unfavourable incidents had taken place. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister incharge Home Department to note this.

S P E A K E R : Pu Thanghluna has 3 more minutes and he should finish. It's going to be 4 : 00 P.M. now, we shall have tea break and resume our sitting at 4 : 30 P.M. Let Pu Thanghluna finish his speech.

P U C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in regard to pay, mention had been made about the pay of police ASI. It seems even technical staff of Electric Department, senior doctor are not happy with the recommendation of Fifth Pay Commission. I, therefore, would like to request the government to review the recommendation of Fifth Pay Commission on the pay range of various departments.

Though many members had pointed out about Home Guards I too would like to express my concern about them. I feel the work load of Home Guards is not tally with their pay as their pay is too meagre. It seems there is no intention to increase their pay according to our present budget. I, therefore, would like to urge the government to consider the pay of Home Guards and also to review the pay scale of other government servants who have grievances.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will continue our discussion. May I call upon Pu K. Vanlalauva.

P U K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. First, I would like to say about Demand no. 24 - Sports. In my opinion, while it is good to have complete playgrounds/fields it is

better to have many fields/playgrounds at least the size of volley ball court. Otherwise there will be no hope for rural areas according to our budget allocation. However, this department is expecting funds from centrally sponsored scheme and I do hope the department will be taking steps from this scheme. So our immediate need is to have fields/playgrounds at least the size of volley ball court. I also would like to point out that in our only Tennis Court, our youths have no chance to play so this matter should be considered.

Regarding Demand no. 7 - Excise Department though this department is praise worthy I feel sorry that some of the excise force personals are also taking liquor and I would like to request the authority of this department to examine this matter. In order to do good work, the workers should do good.

In regard to Home Guards, I do support what had been said by other hon'ble Members. Most of our Rural Banks are under the guardianship of one Home Guard. To make this point clear, if you go to Khawbung Rural Bank, there will be one Home Guard commander. It will be difficult for one person to safeguard in case of robbery and other unwanted incidents. It is important to strengthen them and raise their pay so that they can do their duty zealously.

Lastly, I would like to request the hon'ble PHE Minister to tell us the work done so far for Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme. We have heard that there is lots of fund for this. At the same time, I appreciate the efforts taken by PHE Department to supply water in various parts of Mizoram like at Khuangthing, Vanzau, etc. and I would like to thank this department on behalf of the people of Khuangthing, Vanzau and Bungzung for supplying water.

Thank you.

PU J. LAWMZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. As we are not included in the preparation of budget, it is difficult even to discuss it. However, it is quite satisfactory as a whole. It will be good to use our budget as prepared by our experts and it will be pleasing to remember what had been suggested by other hon'ble Members when budget revision is made. Though other members had said many good things I would like to make few points.

Regarding Demand no. 23 - Higher & Technical Education, though there may be many colleges to be improved, there are many steps to be taken in technical, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to consider area wise. I would like to mention about southern part of Mizoram in School Education in our attempt to develop the state. Morning College at Lunglei is looked after by the public and it will be pleasing if the government could allot fund for this. At the same time, even J. Buana College needs consideration.

Demand no. 24 - Sports & Youth Services is an important department to develop the youths both mentally and physically; it is also important to protect them from social evils. We all feel that budget allocation for this is too meagre. Though there is District Sports Office at Lunglei, it could not function perhaps due to shortage of funds, they do not have either football or valley ball since a long time back. I, therefore, would like to request the Minister to note this and allot sufficient fund.

Regarding sales tax, the government should think carefully what percent is going to be taken in luxury items. It is important to educate public about various

taxes like direct tax, indirect tax, entertainment tax, etc. It may be good to use voluntary organisations to educate the public. As we do not know that a good tax payer is a good citizens, we are reluctant to give taxes.

I would like to thank PHE for the great efforts they made to supply water even in remote areas. Water supply at Lunglei is also quite satisfactory. There is extension project of WLS which proposed to cover Theiriati, Hrangchalkawn, Lungpher S. It will be pleasing to know what steps had been taken so far.

In regard to Police Organisation, our Police Beat Posts/Out Posts in Mizoram as a whole are not enough. In our present position, we can not expect our security to be good. As there is only few such police out posts at Lunglei area, any trespassers can escape easily. I, therefore, would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note this and allot more funds. It is also important to consider the pay of the police including their ration and rifle allowances. While 2nd Battalion MAP is expected for Souther part of Mizoram, quite a number of them are being posted here and it will be troublesome if an operation to fight the insurgents is needed. It will be good if this matter could be considered.

I had mentioned about Fire Service in our last Session. It is important to modernise, improve and strengthen Fire Service Department as Mizoram is not save from fire. In the meantime, I would like to know whether is it possible to upgrade Lunglei Sub - Station to a full station.

Most Members had mentioned about Home Guards. It is important to upgrade the position of our Home Guards to give incentive in their duties.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now I will call upon Pu Tawnluia, Minister to wind up and ask the House to pass his Demands.

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, today I am glad we could discuss my demand for various departments. Members had pointed out many points and some improvement to be made for the development of Mizoram. Though I had noted down the points raised by the hon'ble Members, I could not explain all. However, they are all noted down and necessary steps will be taken accordingly.

Regarding Taxation, particularly in Sales Tax, it is important to educate the public to be mature and have progressive mind. Sales Tax is now in the hands of Taxation Department. I do request the hon'ble Members of those who do not understand, to learn from the ones who understands it. When we say tax, we usually have negative thoughts, but in its true sense, it is a revenue earning department. During last financial year i.e. 1998 - 99 we collected more than 500 crore rupees from petroleum products and other taxes. As this department is very young, it needs to be strengthened and I had noted down the suggestions made by the hon'ble Members.

Whenever we talk about Excise, liquour and drugs used to come in our mind as Excise Department takes steps to restrict such items which creates a great problem in Mizoram. To work effectively, Excise force in Mizoram is not strong enough. Even the hon'ble Chief Minister wants to fill up any vacant post in Excise Department. So, though it can not be done at once I would like to point out that this Department will be strengthened by recruiting more persons.

During the past 7 months this department had made good achievements. Though I would like to mention those achievements as time does not permit me. I will mention only one point i.e. I would like to inform all the hon'ble Members of this House that tax collected by Excise Department during 6 months had been increased by 20%.

Regarding the building purchased by Excise Department near Tennis Court, as the building is a bit old even PWD finds it difficult to assess. While we intend to occupy it, PWD, GAD and Department Officers had not decided whether to dismantle it or refurbish it. At the same time, I would like to inform the House that it is one way of a revenue for the time being as SBI used to pay rent. I also would like to mention that the building we have rented for Vairengte Excise Check gate by Rs. 500/- p.m., had been cleared upto October last year. Meanwhile we bought a building for Rs. 13.50 lakh for Excise office at Vairengte.

Regarding the point raised by the hon'ble Member Pu K. Thangzuala, there is not enough fund allocation for de-addiction and administration. Fund allotted for administration includes salaries and other administrative expenses for each District Office. I would like to point out that Excise Department does not receive/get fund from Plan, it is from non-Plan, hence we do not have sufficient fund. However, we do hope that we will be given more in Revised Estimate. The hon'ble Member from Ratu Constituency Pu Lalthan Kunga said machinery had fallen down and the matter is that we had purchased arms and machineries so we can manage with these for some times.

The hon'ble Member Pu Z.H. Ropuia said the pay of Excise Police Constable is quite different from the pay of Police Constable and we expect that Pay Implementation Committee will consider this matter. It is worth mentioning that the works/achievements of the State Excise Department is recognised by Central. In regard to purchase of a plot of land at Bawngkawn by 68 lakh rupees while the owner agreed to sell by 45 lakh rupees, if the hon'ble Member knows anyone willing to sell at 45 lakh rupees, let him bring that person. If you want to know, there is official document in this matter and it is my request to all Members not to say baseless things.

Some of the hon'ble Members had expressed their gratitude to PHE for making great efforts to supply water. The aim and objective of this department is to supply pure drinking water to the public for their health and to keep their bodies clean and healthy. Most of our source of water are that of piping water from higher level to lower level, from lower level to higher level by pumping. Besides these, we are practising Rain Water Harvesting Scheme and our traditional water shed. Steps are being taken under Rural Water Supply and Urban Water Supply Schemes. According to the report of PHE Department there are 911 villages in Mizoram out of which 643 villages have been partially covered by PHE Scheme while 266 are fully covered, thus only 2 villages had been left. Under Urban Supply Scheme, there are 20 towns/cities according to 1991 census, sanction had been made for Aizawl, Lunglei, Serchhip, Kolasib, Zawlnuam and the work for Saiha Water Supply Scheme is still going on which could be commissioned shortly. Steps are also being taken for Saitual, Darlawn and Sairang Greater Water Supply Schemes. Under Integrated Project of Aizawl, there is 71.8 crore rupees for Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase II and 75.10 crore rupees for Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase I. There is 29 crore rupees for Aizawl Stone Drainage Phase I while there is 10 lakh rupees for solid water which is under survey. There is 5.5 million rupees for Water Quality Monitoring Public Management while the estimate for the entire scheme is 176.55 crore rupees.

In regard to the steps taken so far under Aizawl Greater Water Supply

Scheme Phase II, Central Government had released 4 crore rupees from which Zonal Reservoir and distribution tanks had been constructed by 3 crore rupees. There is a proposal to make drainage scheme and this project is being taken from Prime Minister's Economic Package Programme - 75% is from Central Government while 25% is from States' fund. There will be proper drainage system at Aizawl and proper Sewage system will also be made. However, we can not start this work all at once. We all know that there are many landslide and our engineers are surveying the probable areas, according to their survey report, 8 crore rupees will be needed. I had told this matter to our Chief Minister and he said necessary steps will be taken to start the work.

One of the new achievements of PHE is Pilot Project for which the entire Serchhip District had been chosen. The estimate for this project is 175 lakh rupees and we hope it can be done as a normal scheme. As we all see, budget allotted for PHE Department is 735 crore rupees for Rural Water Supply and 10 lakh rupees for Rural Sanitation, while it is 1078 lakh rupees for Urban Water Supply. For Greater Champhai Water Supply, a project for 30 crore rupees had been made which is not reflected in our budget. From Central Assistant, additional 250 lakh rupees is earmarked for PHE. In regard to Kolasib and Serchhip Water Supply, most of the works had been done. In the case of Serchhip, we hope to continue the work to supply water to upper Serchhip area which is included in work schedule. Though bigger pipes had already been bought for Zohmun Water Supply Scheme, they had not yet reached. I, therefore, would like to request the hon'ble Member of this constituency to wait patiently. The hon'ble Member from Tuipang Constituency suggested to purchase syntex for rain water harvesting scheme. We had calculated and our present scheme is more economical thus we neglect syntex. The case of terminated MR is to be considered. We are planning to purchase grilling machine for 55 lakh rupees.

There are many questions in Police, and I would like to mention that we are very pleased to know the appreciation of our police force. Many Members had pointed out about the pay of police ASI which will be considered by Pay Implementation Committee and we do hope that even the government will fulfill what had been suggested by the Members. I would like to point out that the government is taking great efforts to modernise our police and as the government feels the need to open more Police Out Posts and Police Stations we are planning to have survey for this. The hon'ble Opposition Leader said maintenance of law and order had worsen since the formation of this ministry. According to government record prepared by the department we are improving in crime control. I also would like to point out that the performance of our police in tracing currency racket is outstanding and the Mizoram Police hold the record to find out fake cheque which originated from Delhi. For all these, we are very proud of Mizoram Police. Their achievement in checking various underground/insurgent groups within Mizoram as well as from outside Mizoram is praise worthy. They also have some recoveries. Even traffic accident had fallen down by 30%. I also would like to mention that the amount of ex-gratia for police personnel had been raised from Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 1,00,000/-. At the same time, as various posts in Police Department are being filled up they could be used with wide spread effect. In this way, the government is thinking for the well-being of our police and takes various steps to modernise them. Step is also being taken to recruit Airport Security Force as Bureau of Civil Aviation created 87 posts. So, there may be many short coming, I would like to mention that we are progressing and marching forward.

Hence, Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg the House to pass my Demands for various Departments - Rs. 5,44,00,000/- for Demand No.7 State Excise; Rs. 1,48,00,000 for Demand No. 8 Sales Tax; Rs. 54,93,40,000/- for Demand No. 14 Police, Rs. 4,80,00,000/- for Demand No. 18 Other Administrative Services (Home Guard & Fire

Service); Rs. 38,15,34,000/- for Demand No. 27 Water Supply & Sanitation; Rs. 90,00,000/- for Demand No. 34 Social Security & Welfare (SS & A Board); Rs. 5,00,000/- for Demand No. 53 Other General Economic Services (Firms & Societies only). Total Rs. 1,05,75,74,000/- only.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Tawnluia, Minister had asked the House to pass his Demand Rs. 1,05,75,74,000/- only for various Departments. Those who agree to pass may say 'Yes' and those who do not agree may say 'No'. The majority of the members agree to pass thus the Demand of Pu Tawnluia, Minister amounting to Rs. 1,05,75,74,000/- is unanimously passed.

Now I call upon Pu B. Lalthlengliana to wind up and ask the House to pass his Demands.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I would like to thank all **MINISTER** Members who participated in the discussion of my Demand. I noted down all the points raised by the hon'ble Members. I would like to inform all Members that any suggestions are welcomed and I do request all Members to co-operate for the development of Mizoram.

In Demand no. 23, Higher & Technical Education, there are 7 Government Colleges, 10 Deficit Colleges, 10 Private Colleges, one CTE, one Mizoram Hindi Training College, one Comprehensive and Degree College, 3 Private Law Colleges, Mizoram Polytechnic College, Lunglei and Women Polytechnic. To conduct exam and issue certificate for Para medical under All India Council for Technical Education is under Higher and Technical Education.

There is a proposal to provincialise 4 Deficit Colleges and to upgrade at least 4 Private Colleges to deficit status. We are also planning to implement Sub-Statistical Share which had been approved on 1994 - 95.

A sum of 67 crore rupees had been allotted in 8th Plan to prepare University project report. Four crore rupees had been sanctioned for preliminary expenditure which had been used for side preparation. 50 lakhs rupees had been released for plantation and the remaining compensation is hoped to be given within a short period.

As most of the college buildings are in a dilapidated condition, importance will be given to have better college buildings. Serchhip College Staff quarter will be completed if we could get fund.

Regarding University, we are going to have Central University but we can not interfere in all respects. However, as suggested by some of the hon'ble Members, it is the responsibility of the government to try to recruit sons of the soil as much as possible.

We have site for CTE both at Durtlang and Kolasib, Central Government sanctioned 60 lakhs rupees to construct CTE buildings, we are planning to allot

30 lakh rupees for Kolasib. Besides the teachers of Middle and Primary Schools, teachers for 10+2 are also to be given training hence the only one at Aizawl could not accommodate them all. As that is the case steps are being taken to open 2/3 CTE.

The Government feels the need to have hostels for college students and we are constructing hostel at Luangmual for which 10 lakh rupees had been allotted and 4 lakh rupees had been allotted for Boy's Hostel at Shillong. Fund had also been allotted to construct Boy's and Girl's Hostel at Shillong. We feel it is better to have Residential Science College to attain progress in science. There is a provision to open Residential Science College.

In NEHU, there are some subjects which are not taught in Mizoram Colleges which creates some problems for students. Therefore, we are planning to introduce the following subjects as follows - P.A. at Aizawl College, North College, Kolasib College; Psychology at Zirtiri College and Philosophy at Lunglei. I would like to point out that it will be necessary to create lecturer posts for these subjects.

In regard to 10+2 education, as school education could not accommodate those who passed HSLC, we requested lecturers of the college to teach 10+2 students so 10+2 students were admitted in the colleges and this greatly helped the students who could not get admission.

Regarding scholarship, the amount and the norms are made by Ministry of Social Justice and Employment, Government of India. We can not increase/decrease the rate of scholarship as we desire. However, Ministry of Social Justice and Employment used to revise the rate of scholarship and let us hope that the present rate will also be revised soon. For research fellowship, we allot 3 lakh rupees in plan and 2 lakh rupees in non-plan. In connection with this, it is our wish to follow University norms. According to the University norms, there are two kinds of principal viz. Principal grade I i.e. Professor Grade and Principal Readers. After the Government of Mizoram accept University norms, rules will be amended. In regard to Aizawl College Principal, as there is no rules, it is done as transfer and posting, so it is temporary arrangement. However, the Government feels it is best to follow University norms/rules. The Government also feels the need to open Mizoram Engineering College and Durtlang VC gave a plot of land covering 76 bigha for this. This matter is being processed through Planning Department, we are waiting permission from All India Council for Technical Education. We also spend a great deal of our thoughts about Mizoram Polytechnic, Lunglei which was formed in 1981. In addition to the existing courses, we are intending to introduce Computer Engineering for which we already had/got a permission from All India Council for Technical Education. In September 1998 Women Polytechnic had been started at Aizawl. We are very grateful to Durtlang VC for giving us a plot of land for this. Plan & Estimates for this had already been prepared by PWD and the contractor had also been chosen. Construction work for Women Polytechnic will be started soon.

The selection we had for technical education is regarded as one of the most important achievements by Higher & Technical Education Department as there was no complaint it was done fairly. We hope we could go in this way even in future as this encourages our students.

Coming to Sports, this Department, was formed in 1986 which had been looked after by Directorate since 1986. A District Office had been opened at Lunglei which is not well supplied yet. However, there are several wings in Sports Department like Scout and Guide, Sports and Games, Adventure Sport, National Cadet Corps, Youth Hostel Association, National Service Scheme and Sports Council. The cases of infrastructure and sport promotion are in the hand of Sport Council. Plan

allocation for this had been increased by 2 lakh rupees which most of the members feel meagre. However, with Centrally Sponsored Scheme, we hope we can take at least some steps.

There is a proposal to make Tuirial Airfield as Multipurpose Training Centre. After this centre is completed, we are sure our young talented persons will be known even in international level. There are a number of Mizos to represent India in various disciplines. Regarding Scouts and Guides, all schools could have Scouts and Guides. However, it is regretting that we could not form unit in Schools and Colleges as we do not have enough fund. If we could get more allocation, it is good to form NSS in Colleges and Schools. The performance of NSS Mizoram is remarkable even in India. It is worth to mention that Mizoram Sports Department is the first in India to perform Para Sailing as civilian organisation. We are planning to make a centre for artificial climbing at Tuirial which will cost about 13 lakh rupees, we are negotiating with the company. We are also preparing our youngster to train scuba diving which is essential when a person drowned. Youth Hostel Association has a building at Luangmual. If we could get sanction from Central Government it is our intention to build Youth Hostel both at Champhai and Kolasib. Through this Association, our youth had visited many other states of India under integration programme desert safari. As mentioned by most of the hon'ble Members, though there is not enough fund allocation for this department the importance of it is known by the government and I do hope that more funds will be allotted in future.

Thus, Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass my Demand No. 23 Higher & Technical Education - Rs. 11,61,88,000/- and Demand No. 24 Sports & Youth Services Rs. 2,76,60,000/- Total Rs. 14,37,88,000/- for 1999 - 2000 financial year.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu B. Lalhlengliana, Minister had asked the House to pass his Demands of Rs. 14,37,88,000/- in total. Those who agree to pass may say 'Yes' and those who do not may say 'No'. (Members agreed to pass). So, this House unanimously passed the demands of Pu B. Lalhlengliana.

Meeting adjourned at 6 : 30 P.M.