

TENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 28TH 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, 14 Ministers, Deputy Speaker and 4 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

2. Pu H. Rammawi to present to the House the Twenty Seventh Report of the Public Accounts Committee relating the Public Works Department.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

3. Pu Zoramthanga to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction and consideration.

4. PU ZORAMTHANGA to beg leave of the House -
 - (i) to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1999
also
to introduce the Bill
 - (ii) to move that the bill be taken into consideration.
 - (iii) to move that the bill be passed.

SPEAKER : Fret not yourself because of the wicked, be not envious of wrong doers. For they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Psalms 37:1,2.

We will now take up questions. Question No. 109, to be asked by Pu Nirupam Chakma.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Starred question no. 109 is, How many registered unemployed are there in Mizoram ?

S P E A K E R : We will now call Col. Lalchungnunga to answer the question.

COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to the question is, there are 87711, as per the record in June.
MINISTER

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Will the hon'ble Minister give the detail of, how many are there in technical and the detail break up.

S P E A K E R : We will now call Col. Lalchungnunga to answer the question.

COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we have it District wise, therefore, I will state it District wise. In Aizawl District below Matric there are 3,857. Then from Class VII - X there are 26,132. Then, Mr. Speaker Sir, in Lunglei District, below Matric, there are 173. In Class X there are 2,565 and in Saiha there are 556 unskilled.
MINISTER

PU H. LALTANPUJA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we have registered unemployed of 87711. My question is - is there any plan of solving the problem of unemployment, is the government planning to open information center for this youth?

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Is there any plan for providing vehicle to Employment Officer? Secondly, when will we have technical person for Industrial Training Institute Principal?

Labour & Employment does not have Joint Director, when will the government fill up this post?

Lastly, has the government approved Relief & Rehabilitation Department.

COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to hon'ble member from Suangpuilawn's question is - The government is introducing PMRY for Educated unemployed and also the government is planning to open Guide Office, to guide the youth for various posts vacant in all India level.
MINISTER

The youth of our state are unaware of the various posts vacant in all India, so this office will help in guiding the youth to pursue these posts.

The answer to hon'ble Member from Tuipang is - At this position government is unable to provide vehicle to Employment Officers because of financial position.

Then, regarding Industrial Training Institute Principal, it is correct that we are having non Technical Principal. This is because, the Principal is having a case in High Court. For stop - gap, Deputy Director is appointed as Principal. Right now, there is proposal to appoint, Executive Engineer from Power Department on deputation. Unless the case is clear, fresh appointment cannot be made.

Then, coming to the post of Joint Director of Labour & Employment, step is taken up in this regard. This problem was kept untouched for many years, therefore, we are expecting to solve the problem very soon.

Then regarding Relief & Rehabilitation, it is already there in my table. So, let us hope it will not take very long to fulfill the act.

(I request the hon'ble Member to calculate from the numbers I have given).

S P E A K E R : He is requesting you to do the calculation.

P U N I R U P A M C H A K M A : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask for Matric and above and below. He gave only Matric and above and not below.

C O L . L A L C H U N G N U N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, I can provide the copy.

S P E A K E R : We will take up starred question no. 110 to be asked by Pu Lalchamliana.

P U L A L C H A M L I A N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, my question is -

- (a) Is there any proposal to widen the land occupied by the CIJW School in Vairengte?
- (b) If there is, How many acres of land is the government proposing to give to CIJW School?

S P E A K E R : We will now call Pu Lalrinchhana, Minister incharge Land Revenue & Settlement to answer the question.

P U L A L R I N C H H A N A M I N I S T E R S : Mr. Speaker Sir, Yes, there is a proposal to widen the CIJW school occupied land by the government. It will be 25 acres more.

P U L A L C H A M L I A N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to highlight the background alone with a supplementary question. The Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School, re-

quested for more land, so the government is proposing to extend their occupied land. But what I want to say is, the area the government is proposing to give is, soil plantation area with 1000 rubber trees.

The women are facing problems going through that school. However, hon'ble Minister Col. Lalchungnunga, solved the problem temporarily and the people are grateful for it. What I want to request the Minister is, in the interest of the people of Vairengte, I request him to give assurance in the House that the government will not extend the occupied land of CIJW.

Er. K. THANGZUALLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I hope my question is relevant. In Serchhip, large land was given to Assam Rifles, by the previous Ministry. This is causing problem for road improvement. My question is will it be possible to cancel this pass ?

S P E A K E R : We will now call Pu Lalrinchhana, Minister to answer the question.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, first of all, let me clarify this CIJW MINISTERSCHOOL. The occupied area belongs to the Forest Department. The total area is acre 58.3. Then the school requested for more land to the previous government. The previous government organised joint verification and made statement that if there is no objection let them be given the required land. So, Conservators of Forest Department, Revenue Officers and Army Officers made a joint verification. At the earlier stage they were not given enough funds so, detail verification was not made.

The government at present is making fresh verification as too many lands belong to the government and private and how much compensation will be needed. From this process, the state government will finalise the matter.

Then regarding Serchhip nothing is finalised yet, arrangement shall be made to solve the problem.

S P E A K E R : We will call Pu P.B. Rosanga to ask question no. 111.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, my question is -

- (a) When will electric line reach villages like Hnahlan, Khuangphah, Vaikhawtlang, Diltlang, Tualcheng and Lungphunlian ?
- (b) For this what proposal does the government have ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Electric line is connected to DY. CHIEF MINISTER Vaikhawtlang, Lungphunlian and khuangphah in the year 1992 - 93 and 1994 - 95 respectively. However, these current lines were damaged by cyclone and the

conductor and aluminium wire were stolen away. The government is unable to provide the Store and Monsoon damage fund, thereby it has to be restored from the beginning.

(b) We will try and put the work programme of 1999 - 2000.

SPEAKER : We will move on to question no. 112 to be asked by Pu H. Rammawi.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 112 is - What is the amount the government did not re-imburse for carriage charge of supply rice in the year 1996 - 97, 1997 - 98 and 1998 - 99 ?

SPEAKER : We will now call Pu Aichhinga, Minister incharge Food & Civil Supplies Department.

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, the amount not re-imbursed for the carriage charge of the following years are as follows -

Year	Amount
1995 - 1996	NIL
1996 - 1997	NIL
1997 - 1998	NIL
1998 - 1999	Rs. 1,19,92,950/-

SPEAKER : Starred question no. 112 to be asked by Pu C. Thanghluna.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, my question is -

MLA's are given 10 quota of Gas connection, but till date the 10 quota that I recommended has not received the connection, when will they receive the connection ?

SPEAKER : To answer the question we will now call the Minister incharge.

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, the department is not aware of the 10 quota of Gas connection given to the MLA.

SPEAKER : Starred question no. 114 to be asked by Pu C. Lalrinsanga.

PU C. LALRINSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, my question is, How far has thermal electricity plant progressed ?

SPEAKER : We will now call Pu Lalhmingthanga Deputy Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, 20 MW Thermal plant will be located in Bairabi. Administrative approval is already taken.
DY. CHIEF MINISTER

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, what will be the cost of furnace oil per unit?

SPEAKER : We will now call Pu Lalhmingthanga to answer the question.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the cost will be Rs. 3 to Rs. 4. The price is fixed by the Ministry of Petroleum from time to time. Therefore, I cannot give the fixed price, but at present it is Rs. 3 to Rs. 4.
DY. CHIEF MINISTER

SPEAKER : We will move on to starred question no. 115 to be asked by Pu R. Lalzirliana.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, my questions are -

- (a) After Serlui 'B' Hydel Project is renewed, how far has the government taken up the project?
- (b) For this project have the government received any new fund?
- (c) If so, how much have been spent?
- (d) For what purposal is the fund utilised?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to the questions are -
DY. CHIEF MINISTER

- (a) After Serlui 'B' Hydel Project is renewed, Revised detailed Project is finalised and Administrative approval have been taken. (Vide No.B.18015/1/99-P&E, dt. 15.4.1999)
- (b) No.
- (c) No.
- (d) No.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. We are jumping from 9 to 12 Megawatt, so, will there be the need for more compensation? Then for Tuirial project, will compensation be given?

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. What was

the reason that the government left out the Serlui 'B' Hydel Project? How much amount have been invested for this project?

PU LALTHAN KUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. In order to claim compensation V/C pass are made for Rs. 50. Is the Minister aware of this? Will the hon'ble Minister verify this, and from what I heard New Brahmaputra Board Chairman is appointed.

SPEAKER : Now we will call the Minister incharge to answer.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I request the hon'ble Member from Saitual to repeat his supplementary question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we are jumping from 9 to 12 megawatt. So, will there be the need for more compensation? Then for Tuirial Project, will compensation be given?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, for Serlui 'B' Project there will not be any difference in compensation. Regarding Tuirial Project, the previous government had given it to the Central Government. The compensation will be given on the basis of assessment made by the State Deputy Commissioner.

Then, regarding Serlui 'B' project, the previous Ministry abandoned the project because there was a case among the contractors who answered the tender.

As for Brahmaputra Board Chairman, the present Chairman is not the full Chairman, he is only Deputy Chairman. The Brahmaputra Board is a Government of India undertaking, therefore, I don't know what the Central Government will do about it. As for the V/C pass made for Rs. 50/-, I am not aware of it as yet.

PU LALTHAN KUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, is the government not aware of the damage that will be caused by the rivers Tuivawl and Tuivai?

PU SANGHMINTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Serlui 'B' project is in Mizoram, is there any provision made by the government for NEEPCO to employ Mizos?

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, from what I know, the reason why the previous ministry abandoned Serlui 'B' project was, because of the production cost which will be Rs. 5 per unit after completion, whereas the present State Board that we are taking from is only Rs. 2.90.

The hon'ble Minister mentioned that, we will be needing another 85 crores to complete Serlui 'B' project. We have used 50 crores for the project. If we spend this amount, won't the cost of the production per unit be too high? How much MW will it generate at peak period?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I'll start answering question from DY. CHIEF MINISTER Opposition Group Leader. To a certain extent it is correct that the previous ministry abandoned Serlui 'B' project because of high cost of production per unit. It is also because of contractor's case because of technical problem. Then regarding the power it will generate during peak period is 4 MW. As for the cost per unit, we are expecting it to be somewhere around Rs. 2.76, but if there is delay for the construction period there can be price escalation.

The answer to Pu Sanghmingthanga's question is - Serlui 'B' project belongs to our State, therefore, the workers will be from Mizoram itself.

PU LALTHAN KUNGA : As I have mentioned earlier, is the government aware of the damage caused by the rivers, and is the government planning to give compensation?

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. I request the H. PAUTU Minister, if he can pursue NEEPCO to employ the Mizo Engineer on permanent basis rather than on contract basis.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Why is the Minister not giving advertisement for various hydel projects, if Financial distributor is needed?

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, what is the reason why the power that Serlui 'B' Hydel project will generate varies from time to time, e.g. during Congress Ministry it was 9, during P.C. Ministry 9 MW and now 12 MW. What is the main cause for this additional 3 MW?

S P E A K E R : We will call Pu Lalhmingthanga to answer.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I'll start from the last question. The DY. CHIEF MINISTER first time it was made with 75% dependability, now they have improved the dependability to 90%, therefore, there is 3 MW production increase, that is the reason.

Then, the answer to hon'ble Member from Chawngte is - It is a joint ventured, therefore, as soon as we get the detail project report, we will be able to give advertisement.

The answer to hon'ble Member from Kawnpui is - There is nothing kept in written in the Memorandum of understanding or high level officer's meeting. However, through mutual understanding we will try and pursue the NEEPCO authorities.

As for the answer to hon'ble Member from Ratu, till now, we have not received any report of sub-margin. If there is any sub-margin, it is understood that compensation will be given. The assessment of compensation will be made by the State Government. In this regard, whatever necessary action is to be taken, the government will try and perform to the best of its ability.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to the second list of business. Pu H. Rammawi, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, will present the 27th Reports of the Public Accounts Committee relating to Public Works Department.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission and as the Committee authorised me, I present, the 27th Report on Action taken by Government on the recommendation contained in the 21st Report relating to Public Works Department in this august House.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Please distribute the copy.

We will move on to No. 3 of the List of Business. We will now call hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga to move the various demands under his charge.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, with the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the demand Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 18, 20, 21, 36, 37, 41, 45, 52 and 55 for the year 1999-2000. The detail is - No. 1 - Governor Rs. 1,80,000/-, Council of Ministers Rs. 1,27,00,000/-, Election Rs. 3,23,00,000/- other Fiscal Services Rs. 45,00,000, Treasury and Accounts Rs. 4,11,50,000/-, Secretariat Administration Department Rs. 64,51,02,000/-, General Administration Department Rs. 11,07,00,000/-, Other Administrative Services Rs. 4,46,40,000/-, Retirement Benefits Rs. 17,17,00,000/-, State Lotteries Rs. 42,00,000/-, Agriculture Rs. 15,48,77,000/-, Horticulture Rs. 5,52,90,000/-, North Eastern areas Rs. 11,66,00,000/-, Civil Aviation (GAD) 75,00,000/-, Loans to Governments Rs. 4,00,00,000, total 1,45,97,26,000/-.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Chief Minister has just moved the various demands under his charge. There is a mistake in serial no. from the bulletin Part - II and the budget book. Please distribute the copy. We will call upon Brig. T. Sailo to start the discussion on today's demand.

ER. K. THANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we have discussed serial no. 12, 18. 12 was discussed on 22nd and serial 18 was discussed on 26th.

S P E A K E R : Whose demand is it ?

ER. K. THANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, one is Pu Malsawma.

S P E A K E R : Is it Secretariat Administration ?

BRIG. T. SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I would like to say few things in general. Today is the last day of the Budget Session.

First thing I'd like to point out is - hon'ble Members are all aware of it. I'll say it again anyway, as a reminder. Budget as we know is a receipt of expenditure management. There are two points I would like to highlight in general. The first point is we are begger State, we receive 99% of the fund needed for the State from Central, therefore, if we don't receive funds from Central Government then we have to beg, that leaves us as a beggar State. North East States are kept in special category State because we don't have revenue generation assets and basic infrastructure. We have stayed in the special category states for the past 40/50 years, we cannot continue going on this way, a time will come when this special category state will come to an end. Our neighbouring States will not suffer, they are working hard, on basic infrastructure, communication and revenue generating assets. Therefore, we should work hard and try to generate revenue assets. It is time to have politics with vision. The present generation should prepare for the next generation. We the MLA and high level officers and the citizens of the State should utilise the fund that we receive from the Central accordingly. We should prepare ourselves for the years ahead when the special category state is lifted.

Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say a few points in this Chief Minister's demand.

Demand No. 36 and 37. Horticulture and Fisheries Department have the same allocation of fund. This is a very good news.

Then regarding demand no. 55. It is good news that the government had kept 4 crore for LIC. But we should change the pattern of distribution. We should allow the government servants to mortgage their service. Otherwise they are mortgaging bagus LSC for the loans. Therefore, I request the authorities to look into this matter.

Just one point in Demand no. 49 Civil Aviation. I would like to request the authorities to check the flight rate of Calcutta - Aizawl. It is much higher than Calcutta - Imphal. What is the reason ?

Coming to Demand no. 12. Yesterday some of the hon'ble Members spoke about the re-instatement of IV Grade in SAD. I would also like to say few things in this regard. The hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned that, the previous government terminated many MNF returnees who were employed as IV Grade in the SAD Secretariat for rehabilitation. What I want to know is the number of persons terminated from their post ? Why is the termination order lost ? What is the reason ? It is very serious, an enquiry should be made. The Congres party will not take such drastic action against the MNF returnees, for it's the Congress who brought peace to this state, it's the Congress who paved the way for MNF, Mr. Speaker Sir, for the wrong done, we should not put all the blame on others. The Congress has done justice to all.

Thank you.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, the first point I would like to say is regarding demand no. 18. I would like to suggest that, the whole demand of no. 18 should not be clubbed under one head.

Mr. Speaker Sir, demand no. 36 and 37, Agriculture and Horticulture. In this department the government needs to take great step. The people of this state are hard working if they are guided. The people in the village before does not know how to cultivate crops, but now they have learned to cultivate various crops. If we look at the state like Haryana, it is a rich state because of agriculture. Therefore, the government should take steps, if we advance in agriculture then the problem of unemployment will also be solved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I just wanted to say these few things.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all, it's good to know that the new ministry is starting to take steps in various fields. Our state does not have proper infrasturcture development. Because of this, we are facing unemployment problem. However, within 5 years this new ministry will take up infrastructure development, which will solve the unemployment problem, under the guidance of our hon'ble Chief Minister.

Coming to demand no. 12, I would like to request the hon'ble Chief Minister to clarify one point, that is, under plan formulation, there is a provision of Rs. 4893.98 lakhs, for what purpose is this allocation ?

Demand no. 16. We know the demand of Mizoram Houses at various states. It is good to know that this new ministry is aware of the high expenditure of various Mizoram Houses. Speaking of Calcutta Mizoram House, in the budget allocation, it has climb up from 66 lakhs to 90 lakhs. Mr. Speaker Sir, what I want to highlight is that the staff of Calcutta Mizoram House is unable to speak Mizo, which is inconvenient for the people. I would like to request the General Administration Department if Mizo class could be conducted for these staff. I have spoken about this in the previous March Session too. I would be very grateful if this can be fulfilled.

Mr. Speaker Sir, will it be possible to have statistical handbook, more update than the one we are using now ? One more question, will it be possible to arrange excursion for MLA ?

Thank you.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I would request the hon'ble Chief Minister to clarify why Kawnpui - Bairabi - Garmura road is not highlighted in North East areas Demand no. 42 page 432 ?
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Coming to Agriculture and Horticulture. As hon'ble Member from Saitual has mentioned, it is good to clarify specifically the work of this two department otherwise, there could be problem for e.g. potato was given free by one department and the other department gave for subsidy. Therefore, I request the authorities to solve this problem.

Horticulture goes hand in hand with the Mizo people. However, the Mizos have one draw back that is, we educate our children in such a way that if they don't study properly they will become a farmer. If we look at the rich states of this

country, they are rich because of Horticulture and Agriculture, it is because they are hard working farmers. It is good to know that the hon'ble Chief Minister is taking interest in these two departments, as they are the key department for self-sufficiency. We should educate our youth on how important it is. It is very good to know that the hon'ble Chief Minister's project is to make the state self-sufficient within 3 years.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Agriculture Graduate does not enjoy Gazetted status as their counterparts in Medical and Engineer lines. During Assam, AEO enjoys Gazetted status. Even, after Mizoram obtained UT there was an order, Gazette Order on Friday 8, 1978. In that order officers who are enjoying Gazetted status before January 1, 1973 will continue to do so. If this is the case, I would request the hon'ble Chief minister, why they are not enjoying Gazetted status when there is an order?

Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding DAO. If I am not mistaken there are only 5 DAOs, whereas there are eight Districts. I would like to ask the hon'ble Chief Minister if these posts could be filled up?

Thank you.

PU J. LAWMZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me time to speak. The hon'ble Chief Minister had taken up Agriculture which is very significant for self-sufficiency. I would request the hon'ble Chief Minister to give his vision regarding mechanisation in his wind-up speech.

Demand no. 49, Civil Aviation. I would like to ask few questions in this demand. Is there any proposal to have flight from Lengpui - Guwahati? Then, is there any intention for the construction of Airfield in different parts of the state? Mr. Speaker Sir, Inspection team has inspected Kawmzawl (Lunglei) for Airfield. Has this been approved? What is the next step to be taken? Mr. Speaker Sir, there is only Rs. 75 lakhs under Civil Aviation, from what source will the fund come if Airfields are to be constructed?

Regarding, District Administration, let me talk about Lunglei. We have High Power Committee in Lunglei, but this Committee does not have full fledged power. I would like to suggest if this Committee could be made more powerful and is there any fund provision for this Committee?

Then regarding loan for Government Servant, I would request the hon'ble House Leader to clarify this because layman like us cannot understand from the budget.

Thank you.

PU C. SANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I'll start from demand no. 18 Anti - Corruption Branch. In this department, there is a provision of Rs. 65 lakhs. This department is not known by the people, I would therefore, like to suggest that, the work of this department should be made more known to the people, that is, they should work more harder and progress should be visible to the people.

Then regarding various Mizoram Houses for eg. Delhi and Shillong will it be possible to make more rooms in these Houses?

Coming to demand no. 49, Civil Aviation. Will it be possible to upgrade the Airport building and the VIP room? Then, when will we have Guwahati flight?

In demand no. 37 and 36, Agriculture and Horticulture- As we have heard from senior Members from Mamit, there will come a time when this special category state will be removed, we should therefore, prepare ourselves from now on so that when the time comes we will not face problems. This new ministry is concerned and the aim of this new ministry is to make this state self-sufficient within three years which is a very good sign. The hon'ble Chief Minister is very keen on this project, therefore, he has taken up this department, which is a big relief.

The functioning of these two departments should be revamped specifically, their R.R. and the provision of funds and the buildings - as these two department are the key department for the project of self-sufficiency of the State.

Thank you.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I'll start with Agriculture. Hon'ble Members before me have spoke about Agriculture, I support their views. Agriculture as we know is a key department for self-sufficiency. In advanced countries, Agriculture is given priority. In our state, we grow any crops that we feel like, we are not careful of the seeds that we cultivate. However, it seems we are going to have revolution in quality seeds production. But, Mr. Speaker Sir, I still feel that, the fund provision for quality seed production, is still very less. Mr. Speaker Sir, talking about seeds, our state should preserve the potatoes found in the local markets for seeds. In my constituency Sairep we find good quality potatoe, these potatoes can be preserved for seeds. I would suggest the authorities to look into this matter.

Mr. Speaker Sir, MIFCO, ZIDCO, KVI, MAMCO and Agriculture should work hand in hand for the development of the State. MAMCO should be provided enough funds, for the purchase of agricultural products. More fund should be kept for this department. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to point out few points regarding tea. The government, should take steps on the basis of all Mizoram not only on Biate. If we drink Darzo tea, we will realise the quality of the tea. There is no difference with Lopchu tea which is 400 per kg. Therefore, I request the government to widen its horrizon regarding tea.

Mr. Speaker Sir, last point regarding School Teachers - In rural areas, there are schools with only one teacher, it's very difficult for the concerned MLA. The children are suffering alot. I request the authorities to take up steps in this regard effectively. Then lastly regarding discretionary fund of MOS and Cabinet Ministers, I would request the hon'ble House Leader to clarify it.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will have break now. We will resume at 2:00 P.M.. Meeting adjourned.

2 : 00 P.M

S P E A K E R : We will now continue our business, Dr. Lalzama.

DR. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me time to speak. First of all I would like to ask one question, on demand no. 18. Will it be possible to give regular appointment to Mizos in Mizoram Hose i.e. Delhi, Guwahati and Calcutta? I would request the hon'ble Chief Minister to give answer to this question.

My next question is, on demand no. 36 and 37, Agriculture and Horticulture. Why is the fund provided for Agriculture and Horticulture is so meagre when the government's main policy is to make the state self-sufficient within three years. Mr. Speaker Sir, the Mizos in general are hard working people. If the government is able to show the people with the right step, the people will all bank on Agriculture, the problem of unemployment will also get improved. This department will also be solved. This department will play a vital role for self-sufficiency of the state. Therefore, what I would like to suggest is, if it is possible, provision of fund for this department should be more as we are going to develop the state through this department.

Demand no. 55, in this demand regarding government servant loan, will it be possible to increase the loan amount? As we know, the amount is too little for construction of building.

Lastly, demand no. 49, Civil Aviation. Will it be possible to increase the flight between Calcutta and Lengpui as the people are facing problems because of non-availability of tickets.

Thank you.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we are having a new ministry with a dynamic hon'ble Chief Minister. It is a good sign that, the hon'ble Chief Minister himself has taken up Agriculture and Finance Department.

I would like to say a few things regarding demand no. 36 Agriculture. This department does not function as it is supposed to function for the past many years. But now, the Chief Minister himself has taken up the department. So we can expect development from this department. This new ministry is aiming to make the state self-sufficient within three years in agricultural products. If this is so, we can expect that many of the problem of this state will be solved. It is good to know that, the Chief Minister is equipped with clear vision regarding Agriculture and Horticulture.

Demand no. 37, Horticulture. Mr. Speaker Sir, in my constituency we have oranges and the people are earning lakhs, but, Mr. Speaker Sir, there is an insect that destroys these oranges I would, therefore, request the authorities to look into this matter and help the people in fighting this insect.

Demand no. 18. Hon'ble Members before me have mentioned about the problem faced in Calcutta, Delhi and Guwahati Mizoram Houses. I would also like to add just one point. Will it be possible to transfer these IV Grade staff? The people are facing problems with these staff.

One last point, Mr. Speaker Sir, please. Why is the fund provision kept for the construction of hospital building, not in use till date?

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we will call upon Pu K. Thangzuala.

ER. K. THANGZUALA : Thank you. First of all I would like to speak about District Administration under demand no. 13. Serchhip District is opened and its functioning now. Along the

opening of Serchhip District two sub-divisions were opened too i.e. Thenzawl and N. Vanlaiphai. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, as I went through the budget, there is no fund provision for these sub-divisions, I don't know the reason, I just wanted to highlight this.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, if we look at the various District Headquarters, in Serchhip there are 11 District Offices and 376 employees. In Mamit there are 16 offices and 488 employees. Kolasib there are 12 offices and 1000 employees. In Champhai 20 offices and 1500 employees. If we look at the statistic, Serchhip is the lowest. I would like to request the authorities to give more employees. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, there is one more point I would like to highlight. In Serchhip, all the key post is held by female. I am not asking the authorities to transfer these officers, but what I want to point out is the principle of appointment. Why are female officers given all the key posts in District headquarters? I would request the authorities not to repeat this act in future.

Regarding retirement benefit under demand no. 20. Mizoram government usually call on Central service officers to Mizoram before retirement and these officers usually retire from Mizoram government there by which their pension benefit is bound by the Mizoram government. Is this act a bit wary when the state is in financial crises? I request the authorities to examine this carefully.

Coming to Civil Aviation. When will the construction of Terminal building continued? Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I would request the authorities to examine if helicopter service would be possible in Mizoram.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to point out few points in general. With due respect to Brig. T. Sailo, I would like to clarify that, we are not a beggar state or the most corrupted state in the country. Yesterday we heard one of the member saying that we are the most corrupted state. But, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, my question is, is the hon'ble Member sure of what he is saying, has he done research on this subject? Has he done research on the whole country on this subject? We should challenge the person who says that Mizoram is the most corrupted state. This matter should not be brought out in this august House in future.

Thank you.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. I would like to clarify that, ther is no 'K' before my name.

By the grace of God, MNF and MPC are forming a new Ministry. The people are vesting great confidence in the new ministry. The farmers are looking on with new hope. The first foreign trip that the Chief Minister made was to talk about the border trade with Bangladesh.

This new Ministry is taking steps in various fields. The shifting of Assam Rifles to Zokhawsang was also neglected for a very long time. But now steps are taken up for this too which is what the people are looking forward to. Then, we have the new postage stamp.

Coming to demand no. 36 Agriculture and no. 37 Horticulture. For harvesting good crops, good seeds are required at given seasons. Therefore, we should select farmers to cultivate certain crops, so that, there will not be any waste. For Example, some years back certain stem seedlings were supplied at wrong seasons, there by which they were thrown away. My constituent villages such as Chemphai,

Buhchangphai and Aitlang are good for paddy fields, but the owners do not fully use these paddy fields, because they do not reap the profit wholly themselves. We need to change the system. Mechanisation should be introduced.

Just one point regarding Civil Aviation. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, we need full fledged Directorate for this department. Now it is taken care of by OSD Wing under GAD with fixed pay. In order to improve this wing better facilities should be provided.

One last point, files in DP & AR Department get delayed usually. I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to look into this matter, important files takes too long to come out from this department.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Mr. Nirupam Chakma, I was not aware that I said Pu Lalchamliana, I apologise to the hon'ble Member.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Ten minutes is too short to say about 16 departments. We are discussing Chief Minister's demand therefore, there are many things to say.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I would first of all like to request this ministry to give highlights of the budget performance booklet and expenditure and also work schedule and achievement during the previous financial year.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the Congress ruled for 10 years, therefore, there are several achievement that we made during this 10 years. The present ministry does not want to highlight these achievements. There are only few department without office building. If we look at this august House, this was built during the Congress Ministry. I request this ministry to continue the good work of the previous ministry. Then regarding road communication, the previous ministry have made roads everywhere, it is now Govt.'s duty to maintain these roads. New roads are not required only in some areas.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the various community halls that are opening now is the work of previous government. The Airport that had recently been opened, is also the achievement of the previous ministry. Let us see how the present Govt. take up Kawmzawl and Mampui, survey has been done in these two places for Airport, let us see if they can achieve any out of this.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Kolasib Greater Water Supply was opened grandly, this is also the achievement of the previous government. There are only few areas that the previous government did not touch in the Water Supply Scheme. We have made infrastructure in different department. It is the duty of this ministry to fullfill them. This ministry is talking highly of Border Trade. But, what I would like to say is, it is not a new thing the previous government had done Border Trade in Champhai with Burma through Government of India. Then regarding power, the Chief Minister released the Master plan. But let me tell you this that this was done by us, it was not at the investigation stage. There is nothing new in this ministry, as I have said earlier, we have made the infrastructure, the present Govt. only have to carry out the details. What policy does this new ministry have for Agriculture? They are buying Buldozer,

for how long will this last? It is just a waste of money. We don't know what state of affairs we are in, the hon'ble Chief Minister may please clarify when he winds up.

Thank you.

PU LALRINSANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. Today we are at the last day of budget discussion. There are 16 departments to discuss, however, I'll not be able to discuss all of them. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it is good to know that we are having a dynamic Chief Minister who knows what is important for the state.

The hon'ble Chief Minister is taking steps in every field, therefore, we are going to have all round development. We are receiving enough fund from the Central. The Chief Minister is working hard. But, the government employees have to work harder in order to have development.

First of all I would like to discuss demand no. 13, District Administration. For quite sometime, Lunglei is being taken care of by High Power Committee. But this Committee is not enough. The budget provision is too meagre and there is no facility. The Official Staff are not regular employees. What we need is organisation. I, therefore, request the authorities to look into this matter.

Demand no. 49, Civil Aviation. The previous government had done a wonder work for the state, that is, the construction of Lengpui Airport, within two years. I request this new ministry to take up Kawmzawl Airfield more rapidly.

Coming to demand no. 36 and 37 Agriculture and Horticulture. We must be very careful with the seeds. Before cultivating any crops, we must examine the temperature and the elevation of the land. There should be a systematic study by the department first scientifically, so that there we will not failure in the crop cultivation.

Demand No. 52. I think we are not aware of the importance of Statistics Department. We should have statistics base from the statistical data to take new steps. Therefore, this department should be given importance.

Lastly, as we've heard before the movement of files slow down at DP & AR. I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to look into this matter.

Thank you.

PU LALTHAN KUNGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. As the hon'ble Member before me have mentioned about the importance of Statistic Department, I would like to add few points. The statistical service is of four tiers. The present pay of Statistical Officer and Assistant Research Officer need revision. Their present pay is 2000/- whereas their level in different department is 3000/-. I request the authorities to look into this matter. One question. Is there any proposal to open statistical cell in developing department? I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer this question.

Demand no. 5, Election. I would like to ask one question. Will it be possible to have State Election Commission? Will it be possible to make proposal for this?

Demand no. 13, General Administration Department. It is good to know that there is fund provision for various District. But the fund provision for Civil Sub - Division has gone down. In Sakawrdai, Civil Sub - Division office there is no office furniture or any material to execute work. Therefore, I request the authorities to look into this matter.

Coming to Agriculture and Horticulture. Will it be wise to widen scope in Agriculture? According to me intensive farming system is still advisable.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, today we are discussing Chief Minister's demand. I would like to add just one point regarding communication. Communication Department is not under the Mizoram Government. However, what I want to request is, in my constituency Telecom Department have reached us, however, it is not commissioned till now and we are facing problem regarding law and order in communication. I, therefore, request the hon'ble Chief Minister to find a solution to this problem.

Our state is facing financial crises because of the failure of state owned resources of Mobilisation. We are facing fiscal deficit of 162.58 crores, therefore, the government should find out the wrong doers, the government has great task in setting example in financial management.

In National Sample Survey and Socio-Economic Survey Department, there is no proper TA/DA and they are facing problem with Vehicle. If there is no proper planning, development cannot take place, therefore, they need to be given proper facilities.

Thank you.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, today we are discussing Chief Minister's demand. Before I discuss the demand, I would like to say one thing. Yesterday, we heard the hon'ble Member Brig. T. Sailo, saying that we are a beggar state, we should work hard and prepare ourselves for the time when the special category state is removed. Hearing his speech, I felt he was right. But, again, we heard hon'ble Member from Serchhip Constituency saying we are not begger state and such thing should not be said in this august House. I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to clarify, whether we are begger state or not?

Demand no. 13, District Administration. I would like to request the Chief Minister to give full fledged facilities to the eight Districts.

Demand no. 36, Agriculture. The hon'ble Chief Minister had taken the department in his portfolio. It is a big relief. With great expectation we are looking on and hoping to see that this state is self-sufficient in food, as the hon'ble Chief Minister had promised us.

In order to make paddy fields man power alone is not sufficient, therefore, bulldozers and tractors has to be purchased even in developed countries this is what they follow. Irrigation will also play vital role for the success of paddy fields. Therefore, Irrigation and Agriculture Department has work hand in hand. I wish this government to work hard and give this state development.

Thank you.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, demand no. 18. What I would like to propose is, the non - Mizo IV Grade workers, working in various Houses outside our state

should be given training in Mizo language. Within 3 years we should train them to know working knowledge of Mizo language. Then our problem will be solved.

Demand no. 36 - I ask four or five farmers, whether they will be able to survive if Agriculture Department is dissolved? They said 'yes'. It is very unfortunate that these farmers do not know the importance of this department. Agriculture Department, therefore, need to work hard for the people to realise the importance of their department. If we find proper market for ginger, then the state will be self-sufficient within three/four years.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, in this Session, every members participate well, I should say, every members have important point to raise. I am very grateful and surprise. We also have Chief Minister who knows the need of the state.

It is also good sign that he has taken up the Finance Department himself, as we know that the state is facing financial crisis. We know that this ministry is inheriting empty treasury box, however, till date everything is functioning systematically.

Thank you.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. Today we are discussing Chief Minister's demand, there are a number of points to discuss.

The first point I would like to request the hon'ble Chief Minister is to give quota in medical and technical training for the three districts, that is Lai, Mara and Chakma District as we cannot compete with Aizawl and Lunglei District. Secondly, I would be very grateful if he can let us know when compensation will be given to those who lost their house during election because of politics.

Thirdly, I would like to ask the hon'ble Chief Minister, if the loan given to government servant could be increased because the loan recovery is good, as they are cut from their salary.

Coming to demand no. 36, Agriculture. We have heard in this august House that, this department will be given priority. What I want to say is, in WRC there is land that can be made for paddy fields, the area is around 5,5000 hectre. If approach road is made for these lands, we are sure that there will be good harvest. What I would like to add is, in these lands there are no water, therefore, Irrigation Department should step up in these areas. Unless there is tractor, power tiller, water and electricity, nothing can successe.

Lastly, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Pu Thenphunga, have mentioned that we are special category state we have to work hard and prepare ourselves for the days when, this special category state is lifted. I support his view, therefore, I suggest this government to work hard in the course of development.

Thank you.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to thank the hon'ble Speaker for playing this beautiful music by Pu Rokunga, before every sitting of this august House.

Demand no. 36 and 37. In the year 1997, the government requested

MAMCO to purchase ginger, but MAMCO was reluctant to purchase ginger as it was already very late (not season) but the Mizoram government gave loan to MAMCO to purchase ginger from the people. As we all know, ginger was purchased by MAMCO with the loan given to them. The loan was Rs. 3 crores. MAMCO did not profit from it, as we all know that, all the ginger was spoiled, as it was not the season. MAMCO is now facing problem with this loan. I request the hon'ble Chief Minister, if something could be done about this loan.

Demand no. 13 - regarding Lunglei High Power Committee. If we look at the demand, the name High Power Committee is going to be changed to District Development Board. I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to give facilities to this committee. Till date, Vice Chairman of this Committee does not have personal staff. Please take steps in this regard, as it is very important for the District.

Demand no. 18 Anti - Corruption. What I would like to say is no matter what big project we are taking up, if the fund allocation for the project is not properly used, there is no point. Therefore, I request the hon'ble Ministers to take the lead in Anti - corruption, if we set the example, the officials will surely follow.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is 4 : 00 P.M. shall we have break now or will continue. Okay, Pu Lalthanzuala will conclude his speech and we will have a break.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA : This ministry should set example, if there is no corruption from the top level down the ladder, corruption will eventually vanish too. Therefore, I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to set the example.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we will have a break and resume at 4 : 30 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

4 : 30 P.M.

SPEAKER : Discussion will continue, anyone? Pu K. Vanlalaauva.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I will straight away start with demand no. 34 Agriculture. In the previous Ministry, number of bulldozer was brought, at that time there were people making fun of the bulldozer, however, those people who were making fun came to power and made use of the bulldozer. It is good to know that the hon'ble Chief Minister has taken up this department. The aim of this new Ministry is to make the state, self-sufficient within three years. We will be able to accomplish this as it is the priority of the Chief Minister.

Demand no. 10, Account & Treasury Department. I request the authorities to look into the functioning of this department. Because pensioners are facing many problem due to slow process of file movement.

Demand no. 18, Administrative Training Institute. This department has been neglected for a very long time, the functioning of this department needs to be given attention. This is a very important department but priority or attention is not given according to its importance.

Lastly, will it be possible to receive constituency development fund like our neighbouring states?

Thank you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, the House Leader has mentioned that he will provide work schedule, before the start of this session, however, we have not received any work schedule till date. Therefore, I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to provide work schedule after this session.

The MNF and MPC manifesto clearly stated that, houses will be provided to BPL families who do not have house. But, if we look at the budget book there is no fund provision for this purpose, what is the reason?

Demand no. 18. The previous government had made a proposal to make Mizoram Hose in Churachandpur, I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to clarify what step has been taken in this regard.

Demand no. 36 Agriculture. From the information that I received, there is a plan to shift water-shed development to DRDA. I just want to say that, it will be a big mistake. DRDA is headed by non-technical. Therefore, I would like to suggest the authorities not to change the department.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the financial crises that we are facing is a known fact. The main reasons for this is mainly because of high expenditure in non-plan.

The hon'ble Chief Minister had mentioned that, the plan budget will be Rs. 360 crore. From this the state will contribute from its resources Rs. 75 crore. 33% of the plan fund will go for the government salaries and maintenance, that leaves 184 crore. As the House Leader has mentioned, we are going to follow 5th Pay Commission, that means another 80 crore will be needed. All these will make the deficit very high. Therefore, I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to clarify in this august House, what he is going to do about this.

Mr. Speaker Sir, today we are discussing House Leader's demand. Therefore, I request you to kindly give me more time. This government should take up economic measures. The hon'ble House Leader had mentioned before they formed the ministry, that, the size of Ministers will be less than that of the Congress. However, if we looked at the size of Ministers, there are 17 Ministers and the rest of the ruling MLA are either Board Chairman or Advisory Chairman. The expenditure for these 17 Ministers, for six months has crossed Rs. 27 lakhs and within one year, it will be Rs. 2,7,00,000. Therefore, what I want to say is economic measure should start from the top level.

Coming to demand no. 37, Horticulture. The House Leader mentioned about self-sufficiency. However, what we should know is God has given us land that is hilly region not plain fields for paddy fields, therefore, we should concentrate on alternative crops in Horticulture.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in this august House, we have passed a resolution to condemn atrocities inflicted on the Christian community living in different parts of India. But, Mr. Speaker Sir, if we look at this newspaper, the hon'ble House Leader, stated that, "the BJP is a Hindu Party, some even told me to be a fundamentalist organisation, but Mizos who are 100% Christians have no problems. We have cordial relation and we

function together amicably." I would request the House Leader to clarify to the House. He is not a leader of Mizoram Christians. It is very disgraceful that the Chief Minister made such statements.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now we will call the hon'ble Chief Minister to wind up his demand.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Today we are discussing my demand. Serial wise there are 16 in numbers, however, there are only few developing department.

The way we are preparing this budget is, they cannot give us the actual plan size. Therefore, we are basing on last year's plan size, that is 333 crores.

Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding work schedule, it is ready and hon'ble Members will receive it by tonight. Then regarding work performance, as we know, this ministry is only 6 months, we are unable to do much now. However, we will be able to improve from next year. I expect the hon'ble Members to understand.

Mr. Speaker Sir, hon'ble Brig. T. Sailo yesterday mentioned that we have to work hard. When he said that we are beggar state, he means that as a government we have to work harder and mobilise our state resources, so that we don't depend solely on central fund.

Regarding fifth Pay Commission - the government is making standard conversion, however, it is understood that there is pay anomaly, therefore, there will be pay implementation committee which will function full time. From July 5th Pay Commission will be implemented. May and June arrear will also be given after four/ five months.

Then, regarding Accounts & Treasuries. We are taking steps for the fast functioning of this department.

Coming to various Mizoram House staffs, it will be difficult to give them training in Mizo language. However, steps will be taken to solve the problem, like transferring of staff to Mizoram. Therefore, I want to let the hon'ble Members know that steps shall be taken. Then, in Bangalore, land has been given to Mizoram government for a lease of 30 years. The area is 11700 sq. ft. I want to let the hon'ble Members know that work will begin soon. Then, in Bombay too, land has been given to us on lease for 90 years, however we cannot begin work straight away, due to unavailability of fund. In Delhi we are hunting for land too, as the present Mizoram House is too small. In this way the government is taking steps. Mizoram Houses in Shillong and Guwahati will also be up - graded.

Just one point regarding lottery. The parliament is yet to pass the lottery bill. Therefore, the Lottery Department is going on in small volume.

Regarding Aviation and the number of flights we have, this is one subject, we have brought to the notice of the central a number of times. The Prime Minister has sent Vigilance team to Aizawl. But, what they keep on telling us is, as Kargil War is going on, they cannot work as fast as they desire. Therefore, I believe we'll have additional flight soon.

The priority of this government is privatisation. The government is facing problem with the maintenance of government vehicle. Therefore, we are going to privatise these government vehicles. The government will give out loans to officers for the purchase of vehicles. They will be given conveyance allowance for petrol. The repayment of loan will extend till their pension. This year the government will try and give out loans for vehicles, say upto 50 vehicles and 150 scooter. Therefore, in this manner after 2/3 years, we can revolutionise the vehicles system.

Then regarding compensation, mentioned by the hon'ble Member from Tuipang. I have given instruction. Therefore, after we pass the budget, they will receive within one to two months.

Regarding constituency development fund, mentioned by the hon'ble Member from Khawbung - Step is taken up in this regard, if it does not materialise within this year, let us hope it will materialise by the next financial year.

Then, regarding AR, Home Ministry has sent a group of Secretaries. They have come and verified the area. They have given us instructions to make the master plan for A.R. Khatla. They have asked us to finish the master plan within 6 weeks. We have engaged consultant to make the master plan, hopefully they will finish within two months.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I will move to the second development department of my demand. It is true that some of the hon'ble Members mentioned that the fund allocation for Agriculture is too less when the government's policy is to make the state self-sufficient within three years. However, what I want the hon'ble Members to know is, if required, more fund can be added if necessary. The aims and objectives of the government can be divided into three parts. Firstly, to make the state self-sufficient in food. Secondly, to revolutionise economic system. Thirdly, privatization and mechanisation.

From the research we have done, there will be 50,000 hectre of land for WRC. If yielding variety is cultivated 1 to 2 lakhs of metric tonne can be harvested in these land. Therefore, if this is developed, with mechanisation, it can meet the demand of the state. The land will be made flat by bulldozer for WRC. Tractor and bulldozer will be given on loan with a very low interest. Bulldozer will also be given on subsidy. Each Bulldozer will be given specific area to work on, with a given rate. I don't expect it will be able to finish within five years, it will take at least 7/8 years.

Coming to Irrigation, there will be some area which needs to be made concrete, whereas some area will need synthetic pipe. If the fund does not meet the demand, let us hope more fund could be added from peace bonus.

In Horticulture, we will be able to give an addition of Rs. 5 crore. Therefore, with Agriculture, they will be having fund allocation of around Rs. 24 crore. Just for the information of the members, talks are going with German company for poultry and meat processing. They are very eager to come to Mizoram. But the problem we are facing is the feed. They ask us to cultivate Maize for the feed. Survey is going on for this, let us hope things got materialised.

In Horticulture, we are taking steps. We are not looking to what sort of crops we need, but we are going by, market oriented? We have chosen passion fruit. Selected villages will be asked to cultivate the passion fruit. Passion fruit is best suited in elevated land of about 3000 to 2500 feet. Horticulture Link road will be made, so

that, the fruits will be brought to the main road by tractor. The government will give loan with 6% interest to passion growers. A chinese company has talked with us for passion processing. They wanted to come straight away to Mizoram to install their machines. However, we told them that we are only beginning the work, we don't have enough fruits at present for processing. There are many other companies who have come to talk to us. We are, therefore, very hopeful for its success.

Regarding hon'ble Member Pu Zakhu's statement, regarding the relation with BJP, it is true that we are having good relation with BJP as they are the ones who are giving us all these sanctions. We are having relation as Government to Government and not on theological relation. We are having a good diplomatic relationship.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, if the hon'ble Chief Minister says that the Mizoram Government is having good relationship with Central Government it's okay. But, if he says Mizo Chirstians then it's different.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I didnot say Mizo Chirstians. The newspapers, interpret as they wish. Till today, I say that inspite of being a Christian state, we have a good relationship.

Now, I request this august House to pass my demand. Total Rs. 1,45,97,26,000/-.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, the hon'ble Chief Minister has wound up his demand and asked this august House to pass his demand. The total is Rs. 1,45,97,26,000/-. All those who agree say 'agree' and those who do not agree say 'not agree'.

Okay, the hon'ble Chief Minister's demand is passed by this august House. Now we will call the hon'ble Chief Minister to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 1999.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission Sir, I beg the august House to allow me to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 1999, Bill no. 3 of 1999.

SPEAKER : Is everyone agree to the introduction of this bill? Okay, let the hon'ble Chief Minister introduce the Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, with you permission, I introduce, the Mizoram Appropriation No. 3 Bill, 1999 in this august House.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. Let the hon'ble Chief Minister seek the permission of this House for consideration.

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A
C H I E F M I N I S T E R : Mr. Speaker Sir, I seek the permission of this august House to pass the Mizoram Appropriation No. 3 Bill, 1999.

S P E A K E R : All those who agree to pass the Mizoram Appropriation Bill No. 3, 1999 say agree, is there anyone who does not agree? Okay, the Mizoram Appropriation Bill is passed by this august House.

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A
C H I E F M I N I S T E R : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Members agreed. We will adjourn the House for three days, because the hon'ble Members do not have enough time to study the important Bills.

P U Z A K H U H L Y C H H O : Mr. Speaker Sir, I support your idea.

S P E A K E R : We will adjourn the House till the 3rd. Meeting will resume on the 4th at 10 : 30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 6 : 05 P.M.