

NINTH SITTING ON MONDAY 9TH APRIL, 2001

PRESENT

1. **PU R.LALAWIA**, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 14 Minister and 24 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

2. **QUESTIONS** entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.

***VOTING ON DEMANDS**

3. **PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House two Demands under his charge.
4. **PU K.VANLALAUVA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House two Demands under his charge.

S P E A K E R : It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

Members absent – Pu H. Rammawi as he is on tour to Calcutta. He is expected to arrive today. Yet he applied for leave.

We shall now take up our business. To start with Starred Question No. 149 shared by Pu F.Lal Thanzuala and Pu R.lalzirliana. I may now call upon one of them to ask the question.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Will the Hon'ble Minister for Land Revenue & Settlement Department be pleased to state-
(a) Whether the government have the knowledge of the persons who have been employed as M.R. Surveyor in the year 2000 have not been remunerated till today? (b) When will they remunerated? (c) In which place those Surveyors are employed? (d) How long have those persons been employed? Whether those employees are remunerated every month? (e) If they are not remunerated regularly, what is the reason?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalrinchhana, Minister in charge to answer the questions.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, here is the answer. Remuneration has been paid upto February 2001. The persons are being employed under the following R.D. Blocks :- Darlawn, Phullen, Ngopa, Khawzawl, Serchhip, Thingsulthlah, East Lungdar, Zawlnuam, Reiek, Aibawk, Thingdawl, Khawbung.

Agricultural Land survey is planned to be completed by the year 2003. Those surveyors are also to be employed until completion of the work mainly from the month of November to April. They are remunerated only for the month they are employed.

Source for the fund for remuneration is a shared by Central Government and the State by 50 – 50. Remuneration may not be given every month regularly as it is necessary to move in the central government to give its share for the said employees.

S P E A K E R : Starred Question No. 150 and Pu R.Lalzirliana to ask –

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker sir, Will the hon'ble Minister for Political & Cabinet Department be pleased to state - (a) Whether the Govt. plans to privatize Govt. Vehicles allotted to the Officers? (b) If so, What method will be applied? (c) Whether there is also an intention to privatize various types of vehicles allotted to the departments?

S P E A K E R : Hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker sir, the question of privatisation of Govt. vehicles is under consideration (b) Regarding the question of the method, it is also under consideration.

Presently, Scheme has been prepared by collecting suggestion and ideas from various experts so that it could be submitted to the Cabinet for further action. (c) Answer to the question of whether the government intends to follow the same process in regards to various types of vehicles allotted to the departments, no step has been taken now but the intention of the government is to privatize vehicles allotted to Officers and the departments as much as possible. In this connection, I would like to point out that there may be some vehicles which is not necessary to privatize according to the demand of the department and as such a separate verification has been taken in that regard. It may not be possible to privatize the whole vehicles of the government.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker sir, Supplementary Question please. Privatisation of Govt. vehicle is much appreciative yet it may be important for the Government to determine the consequences. If the government decide privatization of its vehicles it will be necessary to send-off large number of the attached driver on Golden handshake which will involve large amount of our budget for their retirement. Considering the existing financial problem I am afraid it could not be done. My question is – if the Government insist on to do so when will it be effective ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker sir, to answer the supplementary question raised by Pu R.Lalzirliana.
CHIEF MINISTER If privatization is done, my speculation is that the amount coming from the disposed vehicles could be utilized as necessary even for purchase of new vehicles, yet it may be necessary to add few amounts. The government too is intending to avail provision from the Central Government as loan or grant to be utilized for this plan and I don't suppose it will be a difficult task as the central government too encourages this policy.

To answer the second question, intention of the government is to apply this policy with effect from this financial year and keeping in mind of this, scheme is being prepared for immediate application. Yet, there are certain points which need to be re-examined by the Cabinet and the concern Committee. It is intended to put into effect during this financial year. Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker sir, Plan is not focused in the budget if it has to started during this Financial. This is the exact point I would like to know. Will this budget be left for revised Estimate ? Moreover, we are informed that the necessary rules & Procedures have been prepared I would like to know from which department this plan will be initiate since it will take large amount of budget fund to give retirement to all the drivers if it has to be done all at once at the same time ? In my opinion, it may be wise to start with the Ministers to set example for other officers and employees.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr. Speaker sir, Supplementary Question please. Privatization of Govt. vehicles seems to be a serious case. Whether there is any state in the country to practise this privatization as we have been trying to do ?

Secondly, as far as my knowledge is concern, the policy of Central Government encourage, privatization only to those Industrial units owned by the Government. But what we are trying to do now is completely different with the policy of Central Government.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker sir, I have a confusion here if govt. vehicles are to be privatized, could it mean that entitlement of vehicles will also be automatically changed.

For instance, one BDO is allotted a vehicle on the basis of the nature of his work but not as an ADC or other post. If all MCS or MPS officers are entitled to keep one, will the vehicle allotted to them also be privatized? How will the Government draw the line of the vehicles to be privatized and which are not, where as the concern Officer is of the same rank and status?

PU VANLALHLANA : Mr. Speaker sir, Leader of the House has informed us that privatization of Govt. Vehicles is under consideration. But on the recommendation of Fiscal Reforms, the Govt. have now collected allotment fee and parking fee of the vehicle. We are also informed that scheme availed is initiated for privatization of Government vehicles. Why did the leader of the house inform this House the matter as under consideration although the plan is already initiated. This matter has to be clarified Mr. Speaker sir.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker sir, I first of all would like to ask whether voluntary retirement of drivers is focused here in the budget because of privatization scheme?

Secondly, it is possible for the officer to keep a couple of privatized vehicles in addition to government vehicles with its maintenance at the expense of Government. It is, therefore necessary to make a clear-cut definition of privatisation of vehicles. The hon'ble Chief Minister may clarify the situation.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker sir, we have been receiving various suggestions as the matter is yet to be finalized and different ideas have been raised even in the committee as it is here in our discussion. Regarding the question of whether it is also practiced in other states. I have to mention that Chief Ministers of other states too expressed their wish to practice the same in the meeting of Chief Minister. It is not an easy task to initiate this programme yet it has already been practiced in the state of Andhra Pradesh and various Industrial Units and Public Sectors. It is therefore difficult for us also to finalise the matter but we intend to make the best decision.

Regarding voluntary retirement of drivers on 'Golden handshake' policy it is to be noted that it should not be on compulsory basis. The matter has not yet been approved and various suggestions in this concern is being examined. It may be best to put the matter on the decision of the concern drives.

Regarding the question of classification of vehicle entitlement, it may be necessary to identify which officers are to be put as, exceptional e.g.: Chief Secretary, commissioners and secretaries etc. and which department will maintain the allotted vehicles. A number of suggestions have been received in this concern and final decision is yet to be made by the cabinet. The programme is expected to be initiated during this financial year if the cabinet decides to follow the said practice. Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Supplementary Question Mr. Speaker sir we still have some confusion in regard to this matter. In view of the Government of India on privatization it is mostly arrived towards corporations and various Public Undertakings that function without making profit. In this connection, I would like to ask the hon'ble Chief Minister of how the government determine to get benefit from privatization of Govt. vehicles. Whether it is planned to collect fees from the allotted vehicles or, the government intend to purchase the vehicles to be allotted to some officers and the maintenance to be put at their expenses? I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to clarify the matter so as to clear confusion of the members.

Secondly, In my opinion, Mr. Speaker sir, the main purpose of this policy is personalization but not privatization as it is called as the concerned officers do not seem to accept the vehicles as a privatized vehicle of the government but of his private property. Moreover, in dealing with privatization of Govt. vehicles, giving voluntary retirement to the drivers is pre requisite. Which seems to involve large financial expenses for the government. In what way the government try to sort out the problem? I hope the members too could make clear opinion if the whole plan of the government is clarified.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker sir, my question which has not been clarified is, certain Officers such as BDO is entitled to keep Govt. vehicle on the basis of the nature of their work. But on the other hand, the same officer who had been transferred as S.O. in the remote area has not been allotted. On such situation, is there any classification of the officers for entitlement of Government's vehicle?

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker sir, If the Government Intend to adopt privatization of Government vehicle during this Financial year. Whether there is any budget allocation for this programmed? Secondly, I opine that this budget will be of the worstest of its kind if privatization of vehicle includes those of Ministers and MLAs. It is absolutely wrong to include those vehicles just to prevent the use of Government vehicle on private purposes, but instead, appropriate rules and restriction should be maintained.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, as I have mentioned, since this matter is only at the stage of proposal and memorandum for it has not yet been submitted as it is not possible for the government to clarify in detail. In regard to the question of the criteria for classification of vehicle entitlement, there is a suggestion to include only the top ranked officers such as Chief Secretary, Secretaries and Commissioners but it has not been finalized. It is important to keep in mind that intention of the Government is to reduce the number of entitlement as much as possible and the rest to privatized on Loan basis.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, I still have some confusion regarding privatization on loan basis and M/R drivers to be employed from Government fund as it is seen in the process which has been drafted.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER**

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Mr Speaker Sir, maintenance of the concern vehicle will not be the responsibility of the Government after privatization yet

there will be a number of remaining vehicles in various departments which could not be privatized (for example vehicles of Forces and of Chief Secretary, IGP and DGP which are exceptional) and such vehicles will be put under the maintenance of the Government as usual.

If we examine this budget properly, 3 crore rupees is allocated for motor Advance which could be utilized for loan to the concern Officers if privatization of vehicle is finalised. Not only this the Government is intended to prevail new pattern for utilization of the budget so that it could also be used for this programme if it is implemented. Thank you.

PU H.LALTANPUI

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Mr Speaker Sir, If certain vehicles are to be disposed off to the Officers on loan, is there any

intention to put petrol consumption and its maintenance at the expense of the concern Officer?

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER**

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Mr Speaker Sir, as I have mentioned already, it is not possible to give the full detail of and various suggestions are being

the criteria as it has not yet been finalised and examined by the Cabinet.

SPEAKER

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Starred question No.151 and Pu Col. Lalchungnunga ask.

COL. LALCHUNGUNGA

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Mr Speaker Sir, starred question No.151, will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Health Engineering Department to pleased to state.

Construction of Pipeline under Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme has caused damage to certain number to private land and crops. Whether the Government intends to give compensation for the damaged properties.

S P E A K E R

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Pu Tawnluia, Minister in-charge to answer.

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, my answer is yes, the Government intends to give compensation for the damaged properties.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. Starred question No.152 will the hon'ble Minister for Finance Department be pleased to state –

(a) What is the percentage of budget allocation for the salary and administrative cost of Government employers and the total size of the budget of Govt. of Mizoram during financial year 2000-2001 ?

(b) Whether there is an intention to reduce the size of Govt. employees and of Public Undertakings ?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalchamlia, Minister of State in-charge Finance to give the answer.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, During the Financial year 2000-2001 budget allocation for the salary and administrative cost of Govt. employees is 46.41%.

Regarding the question of reduction of the size of Govt. employees and of Public Undertakings, the Government have no such intention.

PU L.N.TLUANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, hon'ble Minister incharge Finance informed the House that there is no intention to reduce the size of Govt. employees and of Public Undertakings. In relation to this, I would like to mention that most of the Public Undertakings such as MIFCO, ZOHANCO, ZENICS,ZIDCO,MAHCO and MAMCO are all over-staffed which seems to be the main reason for the failure of our Government. Amongst those Public Undertakings, only MAMCO Manages to support itself and the rest all functioned by losing more than 10 lakh every year and their account too are very limited. Whether the Government determines to take alternative measures to resolve the problems ?

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr Speaker Sir, from the answer given by the Minister concerning Finance the Government seems to have 63:59 % of the budget for development works. My question is whether this figure includes plan and non plan fund.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, my question is what is the amount of budget fund allocated for recovery of our debt? what is the percentage of the amount?

Secondly, what is the percentage of allocation of budget fund for Capital formation? Plus, what is, the total of our outstanding debt from negotiated loans and other loans from the Govt. of India? And what is the percentage of expenditure of the Government for debt servicing from the total amount of the budget?

PU H.LALTANPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, in relation to the question raised by group Leader of the opposition, I would like to ask whether the remaining 46.41% includes fund received as central Pool of non-lapsable sources fund, Peace Bonus and 638 lakhs rupees which has been received from CSS 2000-2001?

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, we are informed that the Government have no intention to minimize the size of employees under Govt. and other Public Undertakings. It is regretted that no appropriate balance sheet is to be found even in the major departments where as allegation against certain Ministers as of practicing corruption pervades the whole state. In this relation, I would like to ask whether various corporations of Public undertakings are able to show their respective statements of their loss and profit during the previous Financial year if Balance sheet of Account is properly maintained?

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, one supplementary question please. What is the percentage of plan fund spent for the administrative cost of the Government of Mizoram including the salary under the plan sector?

S P E A K E R : I now call upon the Minister to give the answer.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, as already pointed out by member from Tlungvel Constituency those Public Undertakings are supposed to be able to support themselves from the views of Official Circle, the Government may be better off if they are abolished. But if we examine the problem carefully, it is not entirely the fault of the concerned corporations for instance, the main problem of ZIDCO is not of over staffed or the concern staff but irregularity of loan recovery and the total outstanding balance happened to be more than 13 crore rupees. In fact, the concern people are also responsible for it.

Regarding the question of balance sheet of Account, the problem is that it is necessary to appoint charter Accountant first since the Auditor of the concern department is not authorized to do the job and the appointed charter Accountant have a problem to turn up in the Office on time. Yet, the departments are doing their level best to normalize the on-going works and so far the most up-to-date among them is ZIDCO on the other hand, the committee of Public Undertakings too, put its best effort to resolve each problem.

In reply to the question of a member from Saiha Constituency all those mentioned fund are of non-plan fund of 2000-2001 and it is determined from the total amount i.e 98439.45 the question of outstanding balance of debt of the Govt. of Mizoram, it has not yet been calculated for the year 2001-2002. Yet allocation of budget for interest payment for the previous financial year happened to be 130 lakhs rupees which is 0.13 percent of the total allocation and 12,950.81 rupees on Debt servicing. The question of the total amount of fund allocated for development works, it is yet to be calculated. It is clear from my previous answer that sufficient amount of funds could not be allocated since the said expenditure i.e. 46.41 % covers only of salary, wages and traveling expenses. It is to be noted that there are various funds allocated for administrative cost such as O.E rent, professional, charge, publication and Advertisement, Scholarship, Hospitality, Secret Service, maintenance and pension. Fund for debt servicing may not concern Govt. employees yet it could also be utilized for development works. Percentage of budget allocation on various items of administrative tools may be calculated later for distribution to the members. In reply to the question raised by a member from Suangpuilawn Constituency, I would like to mention that the amount is determined from the budget estimate and the percentage will be smaller if non-lapsable pool and centrally sponsored schemes has to be included.

In reply to the question of Pu Nirupam Chakma . I would like to mention that it has not been determined on percentage. Posts which had been created after 7th plan are not allowed to include as non-plan and even if any one of it is found to be include, follow-up payment of the salary has to be done from plan budget. The existing number of employees. Moreover, there are 592 employees under District Council and 2701 employes under Public Undertakings such as sided instructions and Deficit Schools. The total amount of expenditure for salary and wages of those employees per month is determined as that of Rs=.80,80,11,881. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Starred question No.158 and or Lalzama to ask his question.

Dr . LALZAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister for Soil & Water Conservation Department by pleased to state.

- (a) Whether the Department of Soil & Water Conservation has taken up any new step ?
- (b) Whether the Government intends to give financial assistance to the selected Coffee growers ?
- (c) Whether the department intends to take up new plan to grow Coffee and butternut In the department's farm ?
- (d) If so, where ?.

PU RUALCHHINA

MINISTER

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Mr Speaker Sir, the department of Soil & Water Conservation has not taken up new step now. Secondly there is no

provision to give financial assistance to the selected Coffee growers. Next, the department have no new plan to grow coffee and betel nut in the department's farm.

PU H.LALTANPUIA

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Mr Speaker Sir, It is sad to learn that no new step has been taken by the Department of Soil &

Water Conservation within this financial year. The main purpose of Soil & Water Conservation is maintenance of Coffee plantation but no remarkable achievement is found. In the same way, no step has yet been taken in regard to plantation of betelnut. It is regretted that this important Department seems to have been neglected by the Government. I, therefore, would like to ask the concern Minister of whether any programmed or project has been laid in regard to conservation of Soil and Water.

PU VANLALHLANA

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Mr Speaker Sir, if the Department has not taken up appropriate plan and programme I would like to

know what the Department is doing all those years.

S P E A K E R

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I may now call upon the concern Minister to answer the questions.

PU RUALCHHINAA

MINISTER

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Mr Speaker Sir, I appreciate

the members for their concern for the Department of Soil & Water conservation. Regarding than and programme of the Department, what I meant by that was only for newly project under the Department and I supposed I have given the correct answer. Regarding the works of this Department, I have to mention that there are certain projects during the year 2001-2002 which also includes points raised by some members and the Department takes this matter as of the on-going project. Presently, the Department is planning to take up Coffee-plantation work to cover 400 hectares of land. Besides the Department is intending to prepare 300 hectares of land for plantation of large cardamom, and provision has also been put in this budget.

Regarding plantation of Coffee Crop, it is not the policy of the Government to acquire help from outside but only if a person is interested in the work of plantation, the Department usually gives support by supplying Coffee plants at subsidized rate.

PU VANLALHLANA

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Mr Speaker Sir, one supplementary question please we have seen in the Budget statement of the Chief

Minister for the year 2001-2002, that the Department is having a project to prepare 1100 hectares of Coffee plantation but the concern Minister have not mentioned this programme in his answer. If the Department is having such project, I would like to know which areas is selected for the plantation. In this regard, I would like to suggest that the concerned Minister includes areas within my Constituency for the said plantation.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over. Following list of Business, we will now be taking up discussion and voting on Demands. Pu B.Lalthlengliana have submitted the demands of his concern Department which may also be included in today's list of business.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, if the demands of Pu Lalthlengliana Minister in-charge Sports & Youth Services, has to be include, it should have been notified beforehand so that the members could have the chance to prepare for the discussion of that concern Department.

S P E A K E R : In consultation with Leader of the House it is decided to include in today's list of business since it was submitted long time back and it is done on the basis of Rules of Procedure No.148.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, kindly allow me to add one more point. I have come across the bulletin-II NO.22 concerning the Speaker's direction towards maintenance of the dignity of this august House. But Mr Speaker Sir, it is regretted that the content of this bulletin was announced by All India Radio even before the members received their copies and I opine that this degrades the dignity of this House not only this, the hon'ble Speaker seems to take no account of the dignity of the House by making that decision while there is a demand which has not yet been responded. House we will insist on getting appropriate answer for that.

S P E A K E R : As a regular routine, we Assembly Secretariat sends this bulletin to each member and some might not have received it in time. The question of whether it leaked out or not, it is not much to be concerned as the matter is not treated as confidential. It is the duty of the House to distribute the bulletin to the members.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr Speaker Sir, one more point please. It is obvious that the demand of Pu Lalthlengliana, Minister in-charge Sports & Youth has not been discussed although it was admitted already because of the demand we have made to the Leader of the House to constitute Parliamentary enquiry Committee to take up the case of Aii Puk Scandal. It is not our intention to disturb the on-going discussion without any reason but it is done on the basis of our Rules No.328 Mr Speaker Sir, I, therefore insist on Leader of the House to give appropriate answer to the Demand of whether there is an intention to constitute Parliamentary Enquiry to investigate the case of Aii-Puk Scandal.

S P E A K E R : You have said the Rule on which your demand was based and I have been guiding this discussion on the basis of Rules No.148. It is, therefore appropriate, to include the demand of Pu Lalthlengliana as the members already had enough time for the preparation and as such the decision is made in consultation with Leader of the House.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, here is another point of order. Each member get out own copy of list of business today but the demand of Pu Lalthlengliana is not there and we are not ready to discuss the matter.

S P E A K E R : As already mentioned it has already been submitted on the 29th and it has also been announced in the Radio. We, therefore should take up the discussion and the members who are not participate during this hour.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, since this demand is not seen in the list of business for today, it may be possible for certain members to take the matter in the wrong sense. But Mr Speaker Sir as you have mentioned already, it is wise to continue the discussion since it the on-going business.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, its up to you if you insist on carrying the discussion against the wishes of certain members. Yet it is desirable if such unfavorable practice do not occur here in this august House.

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, members on your left seem to create disturbances baselessly. You have the right to lead this House as you wish.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHO : Mr Speaker Sir, Pu Tawnluia must withdraw what he had just mentioned. We the members on the left are not intending to create problem as he alleged

S P E A K E R : As already mentioned, we will discuss the matter as it is a part of the on-going business (interruption).

S P E A K E R : I, now call upon Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga Minister in-charge PWD to submit his demand.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA:
MINISTER Mr Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move Demand Nos. 42 and 54 for rupees 105, 65,57, 000 only for meeting expenses during 2001-2002 in respect of the following Departments. Demand No.42 Co-operation Rs.400,70,000/- Demand No.54 Public Works - Rs.101,64,87,000 only. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu K.Vanlalauva may now submit his demand.

PU K.VANLALAUVA
MINISTER : Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Government of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move the demand Nos. 7 and 33 Rs.18,18,30,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2001-2002 in respect of the following Departments. Demand No.7 State Excise Rs.634,50,000/- Demand No.33 Social Welfare Department Rs.11,83,80,000/- Total Rs.18,18,30,000. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We shall now take up discussion in regard to the demands which has already been submitted such as the Demand of Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga, K.Vanlalauva, and B.Lalthlengliana.

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, hon'ble Leader of the House expressed his appreciation of the presentation of the budget of PWD particularly on inclusion of work programme. But in my opinion, there is no reason to appreciate the budget as it does not include the whole programme. If we determine the budget, the total amount of various heads under this Department is Rs.6,785,00,000. the total amount of allocation of the budget in the Department is Rs.1,01,64,00,000.87 and the amount which has not been focused on work programme is Rs.33,79,00,000.87. Therefore, this Government can not be called a Transparent Government as there are certain programmes which have not been focused in the budget.

When I think of the possible reason for not including large amount of fund in the budget, my finding is that he mis-used his Department to practice nepotism. According to the information I received from a reliable source, the Minister allotted contract works amounting to Rs.70,32,962 to A.Sangliana, his brother - in - Law without appropriate tender. Not, only this Mr Speaker Sir, another brother-in-Law of the Minister have drawn Rs.2,99,265 from PWD for construction of Garage by the name of his wife Pi Zaithangi. I enquired the concern VCP of whether the Minister's brother-in-law donated his land for public carriage but he seemed to have no knowledge of this Mr Speaker Sir, if you don't believe it, it can be proved by this House after the discussion. Moreover, contract work under the construction of Referral Hospital amounting to

Rs.47,62,788/- has been allotted to the elder brother of the concern Minister's wife. Mr Speaker Sir, the members may not believe what I have to say now but its true. Advanced sanction for the construction of Referral Hospital amounting to Rs.5 crore is received. From that sanction, tons of cement and Iron Rod is being purchased to be supplied on subsidized rate at 80%. When the materials arrived, it might not be possible to dispose off the whole amount within Aizawl District and as such large quantity have been carried to Lunglei district although the materials are meant for the construction of Referral Hospital. I ask myself as to whether these materials come to Lunglei District out of the Minister's concern for the people of Lunglei District.

Mr Speaker Sir, could the points I have mentioned be the reasons for the Minister in laying the budget of his concern Department with no transparency? I still have another point to inform this House in connection with supply of Bitumen on 24.11.2000 supply order of 2000 metric tons was given to Glocom Impex Pvt. Ltd. Mahasal Devendra Road, Calcutta. For that, 90 % was paid in advance where as its total cost is 3.3 crore rupees. I have brought a duplicate copy of that supply order and as per order, the material should be supplied within 2 months but it has not been received till March although advance payment has already been made. But thanks to the efficiency of one mizo supplier of the material. The Department somehow managed to received the requirement although no advance payment is received Mr. Speaker sir, this problem is of a serious matter as black topping work is done in due season. Unless the supply is not received in due time, it could hamper the on going work of the Department.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I opine that misappropriation in the Public Works Department is the consequence of the scandalous activities of Leader of the House in connection with Aii Puk farm and the Ministers seem to take his example and it is sad for the people of Mizoram to have such Leaders.

Mr Speaker Sir, unless work programme under PWD is rescheduled it is difficult for the members to pass the demands. Thank you.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, I first of all have to express my thanks to the hon'ble Finance Minister for showing work programme including performance of last year. It may not be given in detail yet it is pleasing to have the opportunity to have a fresh start.

Secondly, I would like to mention above Demand No.54, PWD. Still, I have to make few compliments on the works of PWD. As a result of the repeated demand for construction of road in the remote areas within Ngopa Constituency, we have now starting to see a positive approach as construction of road to Rabung-Pachung-Tuarcheng-Lunghthulien Khuangphah is now included in the work schedule. Yet it is regretted that Saitual - North East Bualpui road has not been included although survey work is already completed. I, therefore, request the concern Minister to give attention to that as it is one of the most important roads in this area.

In this relation, I would like to mention about construction of K.T.Road which is planned to link Mizoram and Manipur. Since the construction is under N.E Plan the Government of Manipur is taking its part progressively. So far, construction work of Mizoram Side is also in progress. Yet it could not be proceeded further due weakness of boatmen foundation of Tuivai Bridge. On the recommendation of PAC, the Accountant General approved

the repair of that bridge. In pursuance of this, the concern authority allotted the work to an expert-contractor but it is unfortunate to learn that the work has been put under the maintenance of an ignorant person and his performance too does not satisfy our engineers and PAC.

Again, on the recommendation of PAC, the Accountant General give his approval for the repair and work order issued with a separate estimate. But the Government allotted the work again to an ignorant taxi Driver. I therefore presume that this important road will never be in use unless a competent contractor is allotted the work. It is shameful that the company that takes up construction work of this bridge put strong pressure to our Government for immediate completion since necessary materials for their construction could not be brought to the side of construction. I am afraid that since will be imposed on our Government for failing to complete work. I, therefore, urge this Government to give priority to solving the problem in the construction of this important road.

PU VANLALHLANA

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Mr Speaker Sir, to start with, I would like to mention about plan for construction of Auditorium at

Hospital road Aizawl which is under the demand No.54 of PWD.

The previous Ministry had a plan to construct Auditorium at the mentioned site comprising of shopping Complex, parking area and state Library and are competent contractor had been selected to take up the work. But as the new Ministry came into power, no action has been taken for construction of Auditorium. But the hon'ble Minister PWD surprises us with his answer to the question of the purpose of heartening work which has been done near the site of auditorium, that it is planned for construction of Fire-sub-station. It seems that plan for construction of Auditorium is replaced by fire Sub-Station. The Government their changed its plan to construct Fire sub station at the site for Auditorium.

Mr Speaker Sir, barely three years elapsed since this ministry comes into power and plan for previously mentioned is replaced by construction of Millennium Trade Centre. As per as my knowledge is concern, the Government plans to give construction work to one company from outside Mizoram and than construct the building so that each apartment could be leased to those who are interested. The rent will go to the concern construction and the Government will then re-gain it after certain years on the basis of negotiation. If the Government intends to do that way, it may be given to a competent mizo contractor so that any profit out of the said construction will go to none other than to our own Mizos. In connection with supply of bitumen, I would like to mention that what had happened in that regard is of a serious problem. According to term and condition for the supply, this material should be received within 60 days starting from the supply order is issued i.e. 24th Nov.2000. Yet it has not been received till date. It is, therefore, regretted that the conditions of our needs are deteriorating day by day due to delay in supply of the material. Not only this, black topping work has its particular season and if it is not done in due time it will be necessary to wait for the next season and our road will than become unusable. Consequently, the normal life of the people will be effected. In my opinion, the main reason for this is due to selection of supplier Grocom Impex Pvt. Ltd. The company which is not acquainted with the Govt. of Mizoram in supplying the material.

Next, I would like to speak on social defence Rehabilitation Board which has been functioning under Social welfare Department. The Government seems to give importance to this Board as certain MIAs are being appointed as Board members, in the previous years, 100 lakh of rupees used to be allocated to this board and 50 lakh rupees last year and the amount is detracting each year. Infact, it may not be wrong to mention that concern of the Government for this Board too is decreasing not only this, 15 rupees lakhs is usually allocated for maintenance of De-addiction Centre run by NGO but here in our budget for this year, no allocation is made in that regard. In the same way the amount allocated for relief grant for the poor is to 33 lakhs where as 49 lakhs rupees was allocated in the previous years and grant to voluntary organization is reduced to 20 lakh rupees although Mizoram budget, as awhile is increasing. It is regretted that those funds allocated in favour of poorer people and of NGOs are all reduced and it is clear that the Government is no longer giving priority to upliftment of the poorer section of the people.

In regard to Demand No.42, I want to say that it is much necessary to give awareness and teaching to the people of the importance of co-operation for the mizo society as the case of Aii Puk shows our ignorance about the importance of cooperation.

Regarding supply of petroleum products and cooking gas from MIZOFED, it is much regretted that irregularities of such products creates problem although it is always available on black market. Therefore it is necessary for the Government to find solution to this problem.

Not only this Mr Speaker Sir, the main purpose of Sport Department and Sport Council is to promote the ability and talents of our Sports persons on appropriate guidelines. Yet, I opine that no development has been made by the Department as it is expected. It is regretted that the administration of Sports Council is under the guidance of its Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer but not on appropriate guideline provided by the concern authority, and meeting for the concern members has never been called. It may be necessary for the Government to take immediate action in that regard in order to develop sports personalities among the mizos.

In connection with Central University also, I have to state that wrong information is given by the concern Minister. We have seen from the answer to starred question that the current expenditure for the construction of Central University is 4 crore rupees, 2.9 crore rupees for construction of the approach road, 75 lakh rupees for water connection and 35 lakh rupees for electrification. I have recently visited the spot for verification and I find that electrification has not been done as reported. Yet the approach road is under construction. Moreover Mr Speaker Sir, we have seen in the explanatory note of the Budget speech last year that 7.74 crore rupees had been sanctioned for the said construction. I may therefore request the concern Minister to explain the whereabouts of the sanctioned fund.

S P E A K E R : Your time is up. I may now call upon the next member to have his speech.

PU TAWNLUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I first of all would like to mention Demand No.54. In the budget, work programme of various Departments have been focused due to landslide of 1995 in the southern part of Mizoram, PWD road in my constituency had been destroyed and communication to certain areas had been blocked and some areas were no longer safe for the people living in those areas. Retaining wall is then constructed from District Council fund but left incomplete due to lack of adequate fund. In fact, demand is made to the department for inclusion of this unfinished work in the work programme, but it is sad to learn that no plan is made in that regard. In the same way, maintenance of suspension bridge over Chawngte river too seem to be abandoned by the Department. Maintenance of Rawnal to Saizawl also has been abandoned since it was handed over to PWD by BRTF. It is, therefore, very hard to tolerate for the people in this areas to learn the programme of the Government to develop Aizawl where as no plan is seen for their areas. It is not that I don't support the programme for the development of Aizawl but at the same time the Government should equally have concern for rural areas as well.

Mr Speaker Sir, in the previous Session, we passed a resolution for construction of Lawngtlai – Sangau road to be taken up by PWD. But it is surprising to learn that no budget is allocated to that effect. I, therefore opine that the resolution was passed just to please the concerned member of Sangau constituency. I, therefore find no reason to appreciate this budget of PWD as it does not concern the Southern part of Mizoram.

Last but not the least, I want to express my support of the demand to set up Parliamentary Enquiry Committee so as to clear up the mess connected with Aii Puk. Thank you.

PU L.N.TLUANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, I first of all would like to express my regret over PWD for not having appropriate manual of its own till now. They are imitating the system follow by the neighboring States.

Secondly, as we all have known, the difference between RE amount of certain works is excessively high ranging from 5% to 13% I am afraid the deference is made according to the concern contractors but not as the demand of work. But this does not seem to be due to inefficiency of the concern Engineers but because of the practice of nepotism in the allocation of RE fund.

In regard to Demand No.33 I would like to repeat the question of whether job reservation is made for handicapped. The Government may determine the way to achieve it in consultation with the neighboring states Government and of the Central Government.

Next, I would like to mention about Apex Bank Mr Speaker Sir, It is known to all of us that Apex Bank was established from the contribution made by Co-operative Society i.e.Rs.102,65,500/- and Rs.55,50,000/- by the State Government. But for certain periods, the Government took control of this Bank but not by Co-operative Society that has more share for the establishment. Chairmanship for every term is usually occupied by Government appointee. As a result, financial condition of the Society is worsen due to involvement of partiality in dealing with loan as loanees from rural areas failed to repay their loan. As time passes by, the Government handed over

maintenance of Co-operative Society to the elected members and so far, there was some improvement as co-operative principle was followed since then.

In reply to the question as to the reason for our Government in taking over control of the cooperative society, we are informed that the Government is doing this because Apex Bank is on the brink of bankruptcy consequently the elected members were eliminated and then the Government appointed certain employees to fill their places. It is regretted that the Government is ruling out its decision against democrat Principle for Co-operative Societies. Thank you.

PU Z.H.ROPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, First of all like to mention about the Demand of PWD. My fellow members from the constituencies of the Southern part expressed their grievances towards bias allotment of work programmes under PWD. As a member from the southern part, it is agreeable to some extent. But coming across work programme of the department, it is pleasing to learn that 22 crore rupees is allocated for Rural connectivity which is expected to be utilized for the development of rural areas as a whole. I personally enquired the concern authority the reason for exclusion of southern parts in the work programme of PWD. I was informed that plan has been made just to draw enough fund from the central and adjustment could be made later as necessary. And as such, there is no reason to worry especially for the members from the southern part.

Coming back to the matter concerning Rural connectivity, we have not seen construction of Lawngtlai-Sangau road in the work scheduled of PWD. The main reason for this seems to be that surveying work has not been completed. Yet, I strongly hope it will soon be implemented.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we have also seen here proposal for Kolodyne phase-I which will be much beneficial for our state especially for the southern part. We are also informed that step has been taken for the development of Mizoram Polytechnic Institute at Lunglei much to the benefit of the people in the southern region. Yet, I would like to request the concern Minister for Higher & Technical to give details of financial sanction to that effect.

In regards to steps taken by the department of Sports & Youth Services, work programme of the department includes construction of a number of outdoor/indoor stadiums within Lunglei constituency. The concern Minister may give the detail of steps that has been taken so far in that regard.

In regard to Excise Department also, the government is making various achievements by acquiring Foreign Aids.

PU F.LAL THANZUALA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, Examining speech made by various members, it is clear that our main problem is the practice of corruption . Unless we give priority to the eradication of this problem, work programme in various departments will not be achieved as desired. In relation to this problem, I would like to mention about enrollment of Bogus MR. Even if those employees are paid at the rate of unskilled labourers i.e. 45/- the total amount of expenditure of the government for payment of 575 Bogus MR comes to Rs.7,76,000/- per month. It is therefore necessary for the government to solve this problem first. It is appreciated that the concern Minister informed the House that immediate action will be taken in this regard. In doing so, it may as well be important for the government to root out the main cause for this practice that causes wastage of large amount of our budget fund. In determining the solution for this practice, it is surprising to learn that leader of this House is so hesitants to fulfill the demand to set up Parliamentary Enquiry Committee to investigate matters connected with Ai-i puk farm as it will prove his innocence if he is not involved in that case.

Mr Speaker Sir, a member from Tawipui Constituency have mentioned various problems concerning the southern region on behalf of, we, the members from that region. Yet he does not seem to understand the general needs and an urgent needs. In my opinion, of all the problems of this region, it is first necessary to give attention to repairing works of roads such as NorthVanlaiphai - Cherhlun road. Unless this road is repaired in due season it will be necessary for the concern people to acquire supply of rice and other essential needs by head load atleast for 5 months as the concern carrying contractors hesitate to do their work due to poor condition of that road. I, therefore, insist on the Government to place construction of the said road under special categories as it is a matter of live and death for the region.

Speaking in regard to Excise Department it is pleasing that the department is putting its best effort to achieve total prohibition in our state. But still, I wonder how can such an amount of No.4 Drug could be lost from the Millemnium Exhibition. It is, therefore difficult to trust the department to achieve make notable achievement if such illegal items could be lost from its custody.

In relation to this matter, it is necessary to determine that construction of need to Zokhawthar, the resolution which been passed previously could also turn out to be a convenient route for Drug Trafficking.

Lastly, Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to remind the concern Minister once again to give priority to construction of North Vanlaiphai to Cherhlun road. Thank You

S P E A K E R : We will have a recess now. Meeting will be resumed a 2:00 pm. Meeting Adjourned 1:00 Pm.

S P E A K E R : To resume our business I call upon Dr Lalzama to have his speech.

DR LALZAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, Budget allocation for Excise Department is slightly improving. In order to maintain efficiency, I opine it is first

necessary to build check-post in various places otherwise total prohibition in our state will not be achieved. Moreover, it is necessary to appoint more constables so as to prevail efficient Service inside and outside Aizawl. Likewise, it may be important to build more staff quarters in every district Capital.

Secondly, I would like to mention the demand of Higher & Technical Department. In my opinion it is important for the Government to give support to those schools and colleges which has already been established in order to solve the problem of the concern students who could not afford to join schools/colleges in the places.

Next, if we compare budget allocation for Sports & Youth Services Department for the current financial year with that of the previous year, I don't think it will be sufficient in determining the increasing requirement of the Department. It is to be noted that number of talented youths in various categories are increasing and it is the responsibility of the Government to give them training so as to prevent them from engaging in the existing social evils. As a matter of fact, it may be necessary to increase allocation for Sports & Youth Services in the Revised - Estimates.

PUC.SANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, it may not be necessary to speak in regard to PWD as some of the members have already pointed out various problems. Yet, it may be important to stress the needs to show equal concern for the budget, it is appreciated that certain amount is allocated for rural connectivity and 52.50 lakh rupees each North and South of Aizawl. In this connection, I would like to express my support to the idea raised by Dr.Lalzama in regard to planning of parallel road within Aizawl so as to solve traffic problem.

Coming to the demand No.33 Social Welfare Department, I would like to request the concern authority to pay attention to various rehabilitation Centres which are under the maintenance of certain NGOs.

Regarding Sports & Youth Department the Government may give priority to training of our talented youths and construction of necessary play grounds and Indoor stadium to prevent them from getting involved in social evils. Thank You.

COL LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to start with the demand No.33 Social Welfare. If we examine budget allocation for Social Welfare, it is not much satisfactory as it is decreasing in compare to last year's budget. As we all know, this Department concerns for rehabilitation of the poor and disabled persons. It is, therefore, clear from the fact that the Government does not have enough concern for the said unfortunate people Mr. Speaker Sir, condition of Aganwadi building is the most common subject in every concerned town/village. It is learned that 144 lakhs rupees sanction is received from Central Government of Tribal Welfare Department but it has not been focussed here in the budget. The concerned Minister may later explain the whereabouts of that fund. Even if it is forgotten to focus in the budget, it could still be considered for reappropriation so that it is utilised as sanctioned.

Not only this Mr Speaker Sir, expenditure for handicapped amounting to Rs.74.45 lakhs rupees also has not been shown here in the budget. Why did the government fail to utilise the sanction purposefully? Don't you feel ashamed to use such sanction coming for disabled persons for other purposes? In the same way, additional sanction for nutrition is received but expenditure is undisclosed. It is therefore, important for the Government to determine how to make a fresh start in regard to rehabilitation of poor and disabled persons.

Coming to the Demand No.54, we have heard explanation in regard to discrepancy of the budget of PWD and its work programme and expenditure for more than 3,000 lakh rupees could not be shown. It is, therefore, confusing how to pass it as the practice of corruption is intensified in this Government. And as such, it is necessary to set up Parliamentary Enquiry Committee to root out the main cause of this evil practice starting from Ai-i puk farms scandal.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we have repeatedly heard from the hon'ble leader of the House the need for mechanisation in Mizoram by taking advantage of the wealthy businessmen in Mizoram to purchase certain member of Bull Dozer and JCB for here. But it is regretted that the Government prefer to hire JCB/Bull Dozer owned by non-Mizos Mr Speaker Sir, I opine the Government should prefer those machineries owned by non-other then the Mizos.

If we strictly the statement of the hon'ble Chief Minister, some amount is allocated for the repairing work of 41 buildings which I opion, is barely sufficient.

Speaking in regard to the problem under Excise Department, I was unformed that adquate staff of Excise has not been put at Vairengte check gate and as such the concern Staff often face the problems to check every travellers and their belongings and also unloading goods from the Vehicles. When necessary, In relation to this, the Department may also put adquate staff to check the incoming travellers and vehicles to Saipum to Lungdai road as this road is said to be the newly for drug trafficking. Anyway, it is necessary for the Government to put more staff in this area and the Department could not maintain its work effectively due to lack of sufficient man power. It may also be necessary to provide adequate vehicles to the Department so that the concerned staff travel back and forth as necessary. Thank You.

S P E A K E R : For iformation to the Minister, the Ministers may not leave the House during discussion of their demands unless prior permission is taken.

I now call upon Pu J.Lalthangliana to have his speech.

P U J . L A L T H A N G L I A N A : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, If we examine the budget speech of Finance Minister of the Central Government, more fund is allocated under work programme in which priority is given. On the contrary, it is surprising to learn that our Government allocated less fund for work programme in which priority should be given, for example Excise and Social Welfare Department.

To start my speech, I would like to stress the need to strengthen Excise Department in order to maintain total prohibition Act effectively. If we examine budget demand for Taxation Department no improvement is seen except for salary. Mr Speaker Sir, the department is experiencing shortage of vehicle which hampers smooth movement of staff to pursue their duty. It may be necessary to allot more fund in Revised Estimate.

In regard to the budget demand of Social Department too, allocation of fund for maintenance of various voluntary Organisations is facing down in compare to last year. For example, allocation of fund for maintenance of De-addiction Centre is reduced to 320 lakhs rupees where as 430 lakh rupees was allotted last year. As we all have known, voluntary organisations are of the most important tools for the government to drive away social evils in Mizoram and therefore sufficient amount of budget may be allotted. In the meantime, it may be necessary to give importance to women commission. I opine it is important for the Government to give priority to upliftment of women in Mizoram.

Next, I would like to mention about demand No.54 PWD. In regard to construction of Rawpuichhip - Buarpui road, formation cutting work has already been initiated since last year. I've received a phone call this morning from this area requesting me to report to the House that the work has been maintenance by borther-in-law of the concerned Minister of PWD but the work seems to end up nothing as it has not been resumed till date although half of it has been completed. The Minister may instruct the concern Engineer to continue the work as soon as possible.

Last but not least, I would like to ask the concern Minister the reason for issue of Goat-Proof wire must to the farm which has not been registered. I dare to mention that the said farm is not only of an unregistered farm but just a fabrication to cover up scandalous activity of leader of the House. It is, therefore necessary to set up Parliamentary Enquiry Committee to find out the truth. Not only this Mr Speaker Sir, I would also like to mention that wife of the hon'ble Chief Minister often brings 4 Government Gypsies for going to her farm which is truly an act of corruption. I insist on the concern Minister to clarify financial involvment in regard to fabricated Ai-ipuk farm and to agree to the setting up of Parliamentary Enquiry Committee. Thank you.

NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir, First of all, I would like to speak on demand No.54 PWD what I have noticed since this Govt. has taken over is that there is no power in Mizoram. I have experien ced that the functioning of the Department concerning PWD in the South is very very poor. What I report in this House is sincere and honest statement. It is surprising that Chawngte to Borapansuri road have not been opened for the last two and half years. During the last november or december, Dungtlang Chawngte road was opened after almost two years. The condition of Lungsan - Chawngte Road is very pathetic. Hon'ble Minister of this Government have visited the areas and I do hope it is certified. Likewise, in other places, maintenance of raod is very poor. I was very sad to hear from the concern Officials who are looking after Chawngte road that no fund is allocated for this road.

In regard to maintenance of town road, there is no provision at all and the condition of road is very poor. Mr Speaker Sir, sometimes back I had travelled through National Highway at Mamit side. I am very pleased when the hon'ble Minister concerning PWD during the last session said proudly about the achievement of PWD and the National Highway they constructed. When I saw practically the level of

the standard of work I opine our local constructor can do much better. I have seen only one Road Roller on the way. I would like to appeal from this House to let the concern Minister take the consultative members to visit the area to have spot verification.

Mr Speaker Sir, in relation to work programme, what we called work schedule has now been allotted work programme. Programmes of the Department during financial year are listed and the work schedule is prepared by the department in the previous year. I don't know what has happened to the department itself. Is there something to hide that they do not reflect all the works? Hon'ble Minister may kindly explain. I am convinced that the performance of the department is much poorer than what is done during the previous Government.

Next, I would like to mention about the proposed for construction of roads for rural connectivity. Although certain projects are found to be for rural connectivity. I supposed the money granted by the central Government through rural connectivity scheme should go to those areas where there is no road at all. But I am sorry to mention that the fund seems to be utilised for maintenance of the existing roads. The government of India provided the fund for Rural connectivity to cover villages which are not get connected by road communication.

Lastly, I would like to ask the concern Minister, the reason for co-operative Society in issuing Goat-Proof wire mesh to the farm which has not been registered. Where as there are registered societies very much deserving. Is that the attitude of the Government? The leader of the House is here, I am afraid the movement of the Co-operation will be trumped Hon'ble Ministers may kindly verify the situation. Thank You.

PU R.LALZIRLAIANA : Thank you Mr Speaker sir, to start with, I would like to mention about Demand No.54 PWD Hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned in the opening speech of this Ministry that he is intending to set up a transparent Government. In pursuance of this policy or to deceive the people, the concern Minister for PWD instructed his Officers to clarify names and addresses of the concern contractors for any work under the department. It is now obvious that this method is only a deceptive measure to the people. A Transparent Department must show detailed expenditure of its work programmes including whether the concern work is tally with allocated budget fund. It is much desirable if the concern Minister maintains his department according to an ideal transparent government.

Next, Cooperation is of an important department, yet its importance is often unnoticed by the government deliberately. It is therefore necessary for the government to give priority to this department so that 80% of our population who are living in rural areas could yet benefit from it.

It is to be noted that Cooperation Department is functioning in accordance with its own Rules laid down by International Cooperative Alliance which is the foundation of Mizoram Cooperation Department too. In spite of its importance, Cooperative Society in Mizoram is misled by ignoring its own rules and regulations provided by International Cooperative Alliance. Besides, Cooperative Rules 1996, section 33, Amendment 2001 mentioned that the Government may also appoint Chairman and Board Member provided share contribution of 51 % to the Cooperative Society is made. It also has Autonomy and Independence.

Mr Speaker Sir, it is regretted that the Government intends to gain control over the Cooperative Department by providing sufficient share contribution as it only caused an intend problem. By appointing Board Members and Managing Director on the basis of political affiliation, the Govt. degrades Cooperative movement and Society. the rules and regulation may be amended if necessary but the Government must not involved in such manner as it will intensify the problem. Mr Speaker Sir, as we have seen in tge Mizoram Cooperative Society Manual, 1997 chapter 13, the word "Cooperative" may not be used unless a society is registered under Zoram Cooperative Act, 1991 on the contrary Mr Speaker Sir, Aii Puk have Cooperative Farming Society took 100 bundless of Goat Proof wire mesh against the rules of Cooperative Society. It is further learned that Mrs of the Hon'ble Chief Minister too is one of its Members. As a rule, any society that broke the law be fined Rs.50/- and Rs.5/- per day if continue to do so.

Coming to demand No.22, Budget plan in regard to Sports & Youth Department last year was 358.10 lakh rupees. It is sad to learn that only 322.62 lakh rupees is allocated to the Department this year. It is therefore obvious that the Government ignores the role played by this Department in fighting against the existing social works in our State. Not only this, the Government still have no plan to have District Sports Office at Champhai and Kolasib although the location and other problems is cleared already. I dare to say that plan for promotion of Sports would never be achieved under this Government unless it is improved immediately. Thank you.

ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, I remembering the hon'ble Chief Minister pointing out in his budget speech that his Government will give priority to the programme for fighting against Social evils in our Society as never been done before. All the Members seem to appreciate that idea. But as I came across the budget statement, I am confusing with that idea as sufficient budget fund has not been allocated to the Department that plays important roles in fighting against Social evils in our society which is much regretted.

Coming to the Demand No.42, Cooperation Department, it has been 30 years since attainment of U.T. Government in Mizoram. The then leaders of Government started Cooperative Society in Mizoram keeping in mind its benefit for upliftment of the poor in rural areas and others. Since the beginning, Cooperative Society in Mizoram has been functioned in accordance with its rules and regulations.

Mr Speaker Sir, from my experience as a Minister of the concern Department, I have known certain Societies in Mizoram which have had achievement as a result of relentless efforts rendered by the previous leaders. It is sad to learn that this Government seems to eliminate all such achieving societies for example, the Government dissolved Board of Directors of Apex Bank after election is conducted. It should have been done before the election if the Government deems it is necessary. It is believed that the Government intends to threaten the stability of this society with its power which is much regretted.

Mr Speaker Sir, I supposed we, the members all know the reason for interruption of our discussion few days back which resulted out of Ai-i Puk Farming Cooperative Society or to put it more specifically, the scandal involving Ai-i Puk Farm. Mr Speaker Sir, supposing the said farming society is as genuine as being claimed, it should have been registered under Cooperative Society. What is more serious in this case is the statement of leader of the House that a Society could be formed without registration. I am afraid this idea will instill of moral corruption in various Cooperative Societies in Mizoram. I insist the concern Minister to take necessary action against the

society that exists without registration. Mr Speaker Sir, posts for wire mesh is issued by the name of Ai-i Puk farming Society, and wire mesh by the name of Ai-i Puk Farming Cooperative Society and acknowledgment was made by the name of Ai-i Puk farmers Association which is much confusing and inappropriate for Cooperative Department. It is therefore necessary for the concern Minister to take immediate action in that regard. I would also like to mention that the scandal involved in Ai-i Puk farm not only defames Cooperative Department but also the people of Sihphir, the best example of hard working farmers in Mizoram and I feel very sorry for them for what had happened.

Lastly, I would like to request the Government to determine the problem of Ginger growers in connection with fixation of rate, its transportation and marketing for their harvested crops before it is destroyed. Thank You.

PU J.LAWMZUALA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, If we examine the demand of PWD what I have found is that allocation of fund is not tally with its work programme. Moreover, allocation of budget in regard to priority programme is confusing and sufficient amount of fund has not been allocated for the development of urban areas. It is also regretted to learn that the supply of bitumen have not been received till date although 90% advance is paid to the supplier.

Regarding the demand of Social Welfare, enough fund have not been allotted although the hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned that it shall be put under priority list. In this connection, I would like to mention that maintenance of Remand Home at Lunglei has not been improved for almost ten years I therefore request the Government to pay attention to the maintenance of the said Remand Home.

Mr Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned in his opening speech of this Ministry that his Government will give priority to the programme of eradication of social evils in our society. But it is surprising to learn that adequate budget fund have not been allocated in regard to the Department of Sports & Youth Services although it is one of the most important tools for the Government to achieve the programme he had mentioned. Not only this Mr Speaker Sir, Chief Minister mentioned in his budget statement that construction of District Sports Office at Lunglei was completed which is totally wrong as not a single post for the building is yet to be seen. In regard to the programme of setting games centre at Lunglei the concern Minister may give clarification in order to show that there is transparency in this Government.

In regard to Cooperative Department, I asked the concern Minister the amount of petrol and diesel purchased by MIZOFED in a month and expenditure for the purchase and the quantity sent to Lunglei District. It is regretted that only half of the requirement of Lunglei is given for certain years. The Chairman of MIZOFED during his visit to Lunglei gave assurance to the people that sufficient supply of oil will be given to Lunglei from now on. The supply is regularised Service then yet the problem is not solved due to free selling of the product. It is therefore necessary for the concern authority to control the product.

In regard to the statement of the hon'ble Chief Minister of registration not to be necessary so as to set up Cooperative Society, it is unfortunate for the people of Mizoram to have the leader who ignores the importance of Cooperative Society. In my opinion, it is an urgent need to set up Parliamentary Enquiry Committee to investigate the scandal at Ai-i Puk farm. Such corruption from high level be nibbed in the bud. The hon'ble Chief Minister should not hesitate to form the said Committee if he is really innocent in that case. Thank you.

PU H.LALTANPUIA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, I first of all I would like to speak on Demand No.23 Higher & Technical Education Department. In 1998, we all knew that MZP evoked their grievances to the Government in connection with selection of MBBS which necessitated setting up of an Enquiry Commission. As a result, the then Director of the concern Department was transferred to Planning Department as OSD yet no room for his Office was provided and no fileworks and vehicle is allotted even though 2 years has already elapsed since then. The concern Enquiry Commission has some how cleared up the case and report too has already been submitted. In pursuance of the case, the concern Minister moved the file to the hon'ble Chief Minister to return the incumbent to the previous post but it is being held up at the secretary to Chief Minister level what is the reason Mr Speaker Sir whether the concern Secretary have the power to delay the file moved by a Cabinet Minister without any reason ? Is it possible that the concern Secretary to Chief Minister is receiving a set the file of Sofa chair to held up the file in return. The concern Minister may take necessary action in this regard.

Next, I would like to mention about regarding Demand No.24 Sports & Youth Department. As already pointed out by various Members, this Department plays an important roles in fighting against social evils, the Government should therefore allocate adequate fund if priority is given to finding solution to social problems. Besides, I would like to make few points regarding Mizoram State Sports Council. Mizoram is now functioning under the leadership of its President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. According to the Govt. notification February 17,1955 Association Member of various Sports discipline will be the Member of this Council automatically. In spite of the standing order, the Council exists and functions with just these four leaders which is against the rule. The Government may look into this matter as soon as possible. Moreover, the concern Minister may also explain the condition of Mizoram State Sports Council of whether it is standing on Mizoram State Sports Council Bill or on the provision. In this relation, it is learned that a Committee of Sports lovers passed the resolution to move to the Government to form Mizoram State Sports Council body within 30 days in pursuance of Govt. notification. It is necessary for the Government to give importance to the resolution moved by Sports lovers while considering promotion of Sports in Mizoram.

Speaking in regard to Demand No.33 Social Welfare Department, I feel sorry for Pu C.Sangzuala, Chairman of Board of Mizoram Social Welfare Advisory as not only adequate but no fund has been allocated to initiate works and the amount is decreasing intensely in compare to last years allocation.

Next, I would like to mention about supply of bitumen which has not been received till date through 90% advance if paid to the supplier. In this connection, it is hard to understand as to why can we not give advance to the only mizo supplier of the material where as 90% advance can be given to non-mizo supplier.

Coming to the matter concerning Cooperation Department, as we have seen in Mizoram Cooperation Manual 'no person other than a society registered under this, Act or any other Cooperative Society Act on business under any name or title of which the word Cooperative is party'. Mr Speaker Sir, why did Ai-i puk Society used a fabricated name ? This Society must therefore be fined Rs. 50/- as demanded by the rules we are therefore demanding to form Parliamentary Enquiry Committee to clear up Ai-i Puk farm scandal, and hon'ble leader of the House may kindly for betterment of Cooperative Society. Thank you.

PU K.T.ROKHAW : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, to start with, I have to speak in regard to the demand of Excise Department. Even though Total Prohibition Act is enforced in Mizoram, it does not seem to be much effective as the supply of Indian Manufactured Foreign Liquor as well as local made is increasing. It may be necessary for the Department to check every vehicle coming from Lengpui Airport and from Vairengte side.

In this relation, it is regretted that no action has yet been taken in regard to certain cases of Foreign Liquor that has been seized from MPRO vehicle MZ-01/0286 why did the Government ignore the case just because the owner of that liquor is the Secretary of MNF Women Front? In this way, Total Prohibition will never be achieved. Not only this Mr Speaker Sir, Excise Force arrested 7 persons in connection with liquor and were brought to magistrate for Court hearing. But due to illness of the concern magistrate, they were handed over to the police. Consequently, the police arrested 16 persons instead of the actual owner of that liquor and put to fail. It is, therefore necessary for the concern authority to examine the situation as appropriate law and order has not been exercised not only in this case, but it is a common experiences today.

In regard to Social Welfare Department, I would like to state that during the previous Congress party Ministry, various items such as POL, P.A. set and tea cup were made available on subsidised rate and it used to be much convenient for MLAs to take those items while visiting rural areas. But now it is regretted tht the Department no longer afford to do so where-as a telephone bill of the Minister's relative whose building was previously rented as the Office of womens commission has been paid by the Department. I insist on the Government to verify the case and take necessary action in that regard. Thank you.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, For my constituency there is no reason to praise the demand of PWD as the work programme does not include any programme for my constituency. Though it is expected that atleast work schedule for approach road to Chalrang and internal road for Khawhai will be included since it is on-going work of the Department. But unfortunately those two programmes too are not included.

In regard to the previous performance of the Department, I would like to mention that 3 lakh rupees was allocated for improvement and widening of Chalrang - Riangtlai road and the contract Work was allotted to 3 MNF party supporters who were not of Registered Contractor. We are not jealous of those three Contractors but their work should be reliable for public conveyance.

Next, I would like to mention about regarding Referral Hospital. From the amount of 5 crore rupees sanctioned, 500 lakh is used for purchase of rod and large amount of cement. Since there is no appropriate place to stock such huge amount of cement, large portion has been sent to Lunglei and were used by PWD. But the material has not been returned for the construction of Referral Hospital and as such the concern contractor could not draw their bill. The concern Minister may clarify the whole situation.

Not only this Mr Speaker Sir, large amount of re-rolling Iron rod has been purchased for the construction where as such quality is known unsuitable for the construction of large building. Why did the Department purchased the quality which is not suitable for the construction?.

Mr Speaker Sir, I have learned from a reliable source that in the construction of National Highway financed by World Bank, M/S Pantya Construction company limited Kolkatta, the company that takes charge of construction of Ratu-Mamit road does not perform the work efficiently. Even though 1392 lakh rupees advance is paid. In spite of their bad performance, the Government intends to allot construction of Sairang-Luangpui road again to the said company as there is a report in this regard that the company will in return purchase house site next to Vankhama Building for the Office of MNF. It is necessary to investigate the case. Work order is expected to be given soon after this session.

Last but not least, I would like to request the hon'ble leader of the House to allow to form Parliamentary Enquiry Committee to investigate Aii-Puk farm scandal as it is of a serious matter. Thank You.

S P E A K E R : We will now have a recess and the meeting be resumed at 4:40 Pm.

Meeting Adjourned. 4:30 Pm.

S P E A K E R : Pu Sanghmingthanga H.Pautu.

PU SANGHMINGTHANG H.PAUTU : Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir, I first of all would like to state that budget allotment for Mizoram Polytechnic Lunglei and Women's Polytechnic Aizawl is too high may be because the situation demanded. Again here, 70.54 lakh rupees is allotted for Office expenses and 86.33 lakh rupees for other charges. The total of which is 156.86 lakh rupees, that is 4.35 % of the total budget. In regard to the demand of Education, I would like to suggest to the Government to increase the amount of financial assistance to Private and Deficit schools. I also support the opinion of a member of Aizawl North I not to terminate certain Schools and Colleges which are already established yet the Department may keep up qualitative improvement towards those institutions. Especially to those higher secondary schools. Regarding maintenance of students hostel. I would like to request the concern Minister to put atleast 2 crore at Kolasib Govt., College hostel as it cannot be ran due to lack of cook and the concern students especially those who come from the neighbouring villages are those who suffer most. The Govt. may please consider the case atleast on co-terminus or on MR basis.

Regarding Sports & Youth Department, I support the opinion for increase of allotment of fund to this Department as a number of talented youths today have a position chance to compete at the National and even International level in various fields of games and Sports correspondingly, the existing social evils could also be minimised if sufficient amount of fund is allotted to the Department.

Next, I would like to express my appreciation towards the performance of Mizoram Cooperative Society. Thanks to the skillful guidance of the hon'ble Chief Minister, we are now able to get cooking gas on home delivery and the people in rural areas too could have the item at a regular interval. Yet, I would like to suggest the Government to increase the supply so that it is available to every family in Mizoram in order to preserve our forest.

In regard to PWD, I feel the necessity to examine the work scheduled for certain schemes unfortunately, the existing work programme within my constituency such as construction of Kolasib to North Hlimen road too has not been included. It may be necessary for the Government to give importance to this road which has been neglected for so long for the administrative convenience and in dealing with various revolutionary groups and for security reason.

Mr Speaker Sir, I also feel the necessity to reduce the amount allotted to stock suspense as it encourages the practice of corruption in certain Departments. I would also like to encourage our Government to put more efforts on ruling central Government fund as provided by the Article 275 and from empowerment Ministry and women and child Ministry, Tribal Ministry and other sources for improvement of various society in Mizoram. In the meantime, I would like to request the Government to give priority to maintenance of Protective Home. It is learned that the area which is now being occupied for sale and the Government may consider to purchase for the said home.

Next, I would like to mention that it is necessary for the Government to consider the problem of Excise Department in connection with insufficiency of staff. It may also be important for the concern authority to prevail an ideal discipline towards the Excise force so as to achieve total prohibition in Mizoram.

Regarding the matter concerning Director, Higher & Technical Education Department, the Government have no knowledge of whether the concern file has been delayed. I believe the file is being delayed due to the on going Assembly Session and it is expected to come out as soon as necessary action is taken.

PU H.LALTANPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, the file concerning the said Director has already been moved in early February, long before this Budget Session starts.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, a file could take more than a week or so in between Minister and in regard to dealing of the file too, there is nothing unusual.

Regarding Sports Council in Mizoram certain Members seemed to have extensive knowledge of it. As far as my knowledge is concern, the council was established in 1987 under the constitution. In 1995, the Council faced a crucial problem as a consequence of the concern Minister tour to attend football world cup at the expense of Sports Council and caused amendment of the constitution. After the resignation of the said Minister, the then Chief Minister took over its Presidentship and exercised full power even though the constitution provides that Vice President, Secretary, Jt. Secretary and Treasurer are to be appointed by the Government.

As soon as I become the Minister concerning Sports & Youths Services, immediate steps is taken for implementation of that rules but bill concerning this Council could not be found. I, infact, instructed my Secretary to collect those kind of bills from other convenient states for constultation and then prepare ours so that it is moved for passing in the coming Assembly Session. We are now waiting for compeltion
Mr Speaker Sir, I must say that as the concern Minister for Sports. I've done nothing

wrong in dealing with this problem. Everything have been done as desired by 25 affiliated Association in our state. Thank you.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, it will be more appropriate if dealing is done following the existing rules before the new one is passed instead of functioning under President's Rules.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, as already pointed out, the Council is now functioning as desired by certain numbers of affiliated Associations for the time being. And the problem will soon be cleared as soon as new rule is passed.

In this connection, it is to be noted that Sports Council function, as an autonomous body under the Directorate of Sports, various infrastructures such as Indoor and outdoor Sports, promotion of Sports and maintenance of 25 affiliated associations are the main function of Sports Council which may not be confused with the function of Sports Directorate.

In regards to points raised by various Members of our lack of programme for promotion of Sports. It is to be noted that various project submitted to the Central Governmen, during the previous Ministry were now being approved and financial sanction has also been received. But the problem is that in order to utilise the sanction, it is first necessary to implement Sports infrastructures and steps has now been taken to that effect.

As far as my knowledge is concern, the performance of the Government in regard to Sports so far is good and I am very happy about that. Still, the Government is trying to improve its peformance.

In regard to allocation of budget for Office expenses and other charges, I would like to mention that we seem to maintain our mind set of U.T.Government in financial Management which is no longer applicable to the state Government. It may also be necessary to reduce budget allotment of Office expense and other charges which is more than sufficient almost in every Department. Thank You.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, than you for allotting a sufficient time for speecch. To start with I would like to mention the demand of Sports & Youth Department and Higher & Technical Education Department. In every developed country, priority is given to Sports & Youths keeping in mind the importance to develop our youths mentally and physically. But our Government does not seem to give priority to promotion of youths and sports which is much regretted. It is very much important if the Government give priority so that the the existing social evils may be checked.

Next, in regard to Social Welfare Department, Central Government lays appropriate rules and provision to safeguard disabled persons and also provided job opportunity. Mr Speaker Sir, it is important for our Government to determine how to take advantage of provision from Central Government for the welfare of the disable in our state.

Regarding state Excise Department, it is regretted to learn that the number of death as result of consumption of aduterated liquor in Mizoram is rising. It is, therefore necessary to put more effort for the achievement of total prohibition. In this connection, I would like to request the Minister of Social Welfare Department not to change the original proposal for allotment of supply order of Vitamin amounting to Rs.46 lakhs. I was informed that the amount is intended to be split for the supply of a relative of the concern Minister. The matter may therefore by re-examined so that original proposal may be followed. It is regretted that nepotism is a common practice in this Government.

Regarding performance of PWD in various work programmes especially construction of roads. I would like to mention that roads are not maintained appropriately. It may not be necessary to mention the problem of maintenance of roads in rural towns and villages. Otherwise, supply of foodstuffs and other essentail needs could not be availed if improvement is not done before the monsoon season starts.

Next, it is unfortunate that unfavourable problem is happening in cooperation Department. As already pointed out by various members, certain materials are being supplied to Ai-i puk farm, a society which is allegedly using fabricted registration under Cooperative Society. In order to clear off the case and also to prove the innocence of leader of the House, it is necessary to form Parliamentary Enquiry Committee. I therefore, kindly request leader of the House and Minister i/c Co-operation to Co-operate with the idea of setting up the said Committee. Thank You.

S P E A K E R : I now called upon Pu B.Lalthlengliana, Minister for Sports & Youth Department to wind up and then move this House to pass the demand.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA
MINISTER : Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir, It may not be necessary to quote each and every point raised by the Members yet certain need some sorts of clarification.

In reviewing our discussion, I feel that the Members lid not give enough importance to the problems of Prison Department. Yet it is necessary to mention that there are 5 district jails in Mizoram in addition to one Central jail and another are under construction at Tlabung and Serchhip. Construction of another at Lawngtlai and Mamit is also the existing proposal of the Department. It is obvious that the next problem after completion of such construction will be of insufficiency of staff or which the Government is expected to provide whatever necessary.

In regard to Higher & Technical Education Department, Our fellow Member from Lungpho Constituency raised certain points which is of much appreciated. In response. I have to mention that the quality of the said University building might not be at best as it was constructed during the time of North-Eastern Hill University, no step has yet been taken in that regard to Higher and Technical Education Department is increasing. I do hope those private and deficit Colleges would also be maintained from this fund as necessary.

PUB.LALTHLENGLIANA : Regarding Sports and Youth Services.
if we have to follow the existing rules.
it will be necessary for the Govern-
ment to appoint Secretary, Joint Secretary Treasurer which is the main point if objection
of the associations. It is therefore done in accordance with the opinion of those
associations.

In this connection, it is to be noted that Sports Council functions as an autonomous body under Directorate of Sports and maintenance of infrastructure such as outdoor and indoor games, promotion of Sports are affiliated Association are the main function of this Council. I drop the members are not confused with the function of Sports Directorate.

Mr Speaker Sir, it is agreeable to some extends that no programme is found in regard to promotion of Sports in Mizoram. In this regard, I would like to mention that projects submitted during the previous Ministry were now being approved and financial sanction has already been received. But the problem is that the sanction could not be utilised right away since Sports infrastructure is yet to be prepared the concern officials should have mentioned the work programme specifically while the project were prepared. For example, the project for Aizawl indoor stadium which has been approved could not be utilised as there are a member indoor stadiums within Aizawl. Despite of all the problems, the Government is taking progressive steps with the 14th project which has already been sanctioned. It is to be noted that projects for Aizawl such as Vaivakawn, Ramhlun, Republic Veng, Tlangnuam, has already been approved and its sanction is expected soon. Besides project for construction of Basket Ball and vVolley Ball Court in Mamit, Kolasib, Champhai also been approved. If we determine the amount of financial sanction for Aizawl, so far the performance of the Government is favourable. In regard to supply of sports material, the Department is facing financial problem as a result of mounting liabilities inherited from the previous Ministry. However, 11.60 lakh rupees is allotted in the previous Ministry and 12.40 lakhs rupees for this year. The existing amount of liabilities of Sports Department is 15 lakhs rupees. I, therefore earnestly request each of the Department and not to have bad feeling due to failure of the Department to distribute sports materials.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr Speaker Sir, the concern Minister may clearly define the exact amount of liabilities and recovery which had been made so far.

PU P.B.LALTHLENGLIANA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, in regards to the amount of liabilities, it may be best to define that we are having irrecoverable liabilities. There may be allegation against the Government as not having achievement in regard to recovery of liabilities, but it is to be noted that the previous Ministry too hardly had any achievement to be pointed out. If we determine allocation of budget in regard to Sports Council which is 50 lakhs rupees for non-plan and 28 lakh rupees for planned, we may not be able to make a remarkable achievement yet project amounting to 2 crore rupees has already been submitted to the Central Government and if approved, it could be utilised for the implementation of certain programmes.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO

: Mr Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Minister is expected to be able to substantiate what he is explaining. It is not fair to lay the blame of the existing problem on others.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, let me finish my point first. Regarding the problem of cook for Kolasib College Hostel, it has not been reported to the concern authority officially. Yet necessary action will be taken in that regard.

Regarding hon'ble Chief Minister's speech on Lunglei Sports Office as already been completed, I would like to apologise that it is completely our mistake and I beg all the members to understand. In this regard, I would like to clarify that Rs.3,7,100,0 has been sanctioned and the concern Official has shown the construction as already been completed as it is believed to be completed in due time.

In regard to Hihger Technical Education Department, the Government is giving its best effort to resolve various problems. In order to evade such problems, the Government is now taking step for amalgamation of Johnson College and Bungkawn college for the first phase.

PU H.LALTANPUIA

: Mr Speaker Sir, In this connection, I would like to ask whether we are having Residential Science hostel and Residential Science College separately ?

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, the project for this was submitted by the name of Zirtiri Women's College. But after it is converted to Residential Science College, the existing construction of the building is shown in the budget head by this name.

Keeping in mind the disadvantage of quantitative improvement of our education system the Government is now taking step towards qualitative improvement with the increase of budget allocation for Higher & Technical Department, I do hope this programme will soon be achieved.

Regarding women Polytechnic, the sanction of 30 crore rupees from World Bank has already been received allocation of budget in regard to maintenance of Lunglei Polytechnic this year is 484.60 lakh rupees and 507 lakhs rupees for the construction of women Polytechnic building.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, the concern Minister may also give a report regarding construction of District Sports Office building at Champhai and Kolasib ?

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, the concern Minister in form this House in the Budget Session last year that the Principle of Polytechnic Lunglei was only a stop gap arrangement. I would like to know whether the concern authority has resolved the problem ? If so, whether the new principal has already been appointed ?

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the said case has not been yet resolved due to the fact that the concern authority determines not to appoint a non-mizo for the principal as his qualification is no better than those who have been employed in Mizoram. The matter is now under suspension yet the Government determines alternative solution to the problem.

Construction of the Office building of District Sports at Kolasib and Champhai has already been completed 4 lakh rupees each has been allotted from this budget for maintenance of those two Offices.

Mr Speaker Sir, I now moves the House to pass the Demand No.15 5 crore 90 lakh rupees for jail, Demand No.23 31 crore, 63,87,000 lakh rupees for Higher & Technical Education Department, Demand No.24, 3 crore, 2,26,64,000 lakhs rupees for Sports & Youth Services allocation 40 crore, 76,51,000 lakh rupees. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu B.Lalthlengliana Minister has now moved the House to pass the Demands of his concern Departments amounting to Rs.4,76,51,000. The members who agree to pass may say yes and those who don't may say no.

This House unanimously passed the demand of Pu B.Lalthlengliana hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youths Services Department, Higjher & Technical Eduation Department and, Prison.

I now call upon Pu Tlanghmingthanga to wind up his demand and may also move the House to pass it.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER

: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, I first of all would like to express my gratitude to each and every member who are taking the valuable time concerning my Departments. In reviewing all those speeches concerning my Departments, it is somehow difficult to take for granted that most of the points are allegation against the Government instead of suggestion for the improvement.

First, I have to explain regarding supply of Bitumen to PWD. It is to be noted that the problem of supply of bitumen exists in every states. In the conference of PWD Ministers too, various states demanded the hon'ble Central Minister to put pressure on oil companys. From this conference, I began to realise that our condition is much better off in comparision with the problems existed in other places. In this connection, I would like to inform the House that since our Engineers are not satisfied with the supply from Assam oil, it is now ordered from Haldin and the quality also is improving so far. Yet, we are informed that problem is there due to shortage of supply so far this, the Department has been searching for other supplier within the country and abroad. Finally, it was decided to allot the supply contract to Blow.com impact Private limited Calcutta as offer of their supply rate is lower than Haldia.

Regarding the availability of the supply, it is to be noted that we are fortunate to be able to give only 90% advance fpr suply bitumen where as 100% advance is paid by other states. Unfortunately, since we are not able to receive the supply in due time the concern officials made stop-gap arrangement so as to evade complete stoppage of the existing work..

The supply has now raeched Silchar and is expected soon here in Aizawl. Procurement began on 1.4.2001 to reach here in Aizawl.

PU LALRINZUALA

: Mr Speaker Sir, Terms & Condition for the supply provides penalty for delaying of the supply. Since the concern supplier fails to maintain its terms and condition, it is necessary to take the action. Anyway, the supplier who received 90% advance should make it on time if the Mizo supplier who has been allotted 500 matric tone could also make it on time.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, it is the duty of the Department to take necessary action on the basis of our terms and conditions. It is also to be examined the reason for the delay of supply and whether the reason bears reasonable ground. If the delay is because of negligence, the deparatment will take action and exercise its power as necessary.

Regarding supplier of materials for constructio n of Referral Hospital, it is to be noted that contract has been signed for 5 years and the period has

not over yet. And as such supply order amounting to 5 lakh rupees has been placed so as to take advantage of the remaining budget fund which will soon be lapsed. From this fund the Department procured iron rod, cement and others. Since cement is perishable material, it is necessary to find immediate use and therefore some quantity has been sent to Lunglei PWD with the cost of such material to be adjusted late.

Regarding rural connectivity, it is to be noted that Rural Development Department takes the initiative by forming a Committee and working group and there PWD is included. It is then proposed that construction will be taken up in those villages having more than 1000 population at first phase and in the rest of the villages, by the next fund, it is intended to cover every districts.

In regard to construction of National Highway, certain Members mentioned about the need for more efficient efforts. I would like to state in that connection that it may be necessary for the Department to arrange the programme to have spot verification for the Members who take interest in the construction.

Some Members also stated our budget as not being synchronised with the work programme and it may be true to some extents. Yet, it is to be noted that direction, administration, pay and salary and office expensed has not been shown. In fact, the budget and work programme which has been shown should not be matched.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, in connection with the programme for Rural connectivity, I would like to mention that effort has been put to include my constituency too since long back, but to no avail. The concern Minister pointed out that 20 crore rupees had been sanctioned for the programme previously. In this regard I would like to ask whether 22 crore rupees is newly sanctioned fund.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, 20 crore rupees is of the sanction of the previous year and 22 crore rupees is of the existing sanction, altogether 42 crore rupees.

Regarding the on-going construction of National Highway, it is pleasing that 70 Kms has already been completed where as construction has not yet been started in Manipur. In this connection I would also like to mention that permission has already been given to construct another National Highway, Hailakandi to Bairabi. Construction work within Mizoram which is 80 Kms long is to be taken up by Mizoram PWD. Moreover, we are informed of the same fund in addition to 22 crore rupees. We will be given by the end of this year if we are able to take up the programme efficiently. It is therefore important for each Member to co-operate with the step taken by the Government so as to achieve the programme. In this connection, it is to be noted that intention of the Central Government is to achieve rural connectivity to every villages within 7 years. Guide line to that effect is prepared so as to include every village with the population of 250 where as 500 population is fixed in other states.

Regarding suggestion made by various Members, the request of the ZH Ropuia for inclusion of Bunghmun to Tuikawt which is 12 Kms will be given priority. In the same way, the request of Pu F.Lalthanzuala for inclusion of Hnahthial-Vanlaiphai will be put under special category. Regarding construction of Chhingchhip-Khawhai road, Surveying work has already been completed and the work will soon be started. In the same way construction within Lungpho Constituency too has been given priority.

Regarding enrollment of bogus muster-roll workers as reported by a member from Hnahthial Constituency, I would like to request every Member to Cooperate with the Government to curb out with ill-practice and to enable us to prevail necessary action against the concern officials.

In regard to various suggestions concerning Cooperation Department, I request each Member to inform the concern authority if any unfair mean is applied in maintenace of the Department so that necessary action be prevailed. Regarding maintenance of the Apex Bank, the Government is putting its bests effort for the improvement. In this concern, it is use for every members not to speak ill-of our very own-Bank but instead we should give suggestion to the concern authority for its improvement. Thank you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr Speaker Sir, Board of Director of Co-operative Society has been dissolved just last year and not a year lapses since then. I wonder why the Government count the gap as two years. ?

PU RAMMAWI ; Mr Speaker Sir, it may not be right to mention that Banks in Mizoram such as MUCO Bank, Vjaya Bank as of ours. Yet they are banks where the Government of Mizoram have its share. The problem is that step has not been taken for its improvement even though chances are there and the concern officials benefitted its commission. It is, therefore desirable if the Government deposited its money for improvement of Apex Bank in the future.

PU H.LALTANPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, points raised by the hon'ble concern Minister sounds to be much effective yet, I would like to criticize his statement of our Banks as needing to speak well-of even if they are not praiseworthy. It is regretted to hear such statement in this House.

S P E A K E R : Question should not be raised while Minister makes clarification or point of order.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, what I meant to say is that it is
MINISTER not necessary to reveal the defects of our Banks to
the whole world even if they are not
praiseworthy. To resume my speech. I would like to state that the interest over comes to
acquired after the Government has taken Rs. 80 crores. Moreover, the government now put the
effort towards economical improvement of the Bank by reducing its vehicles and by switching
the use of Gypsy to car so as to reduce oil consumption.

Regarding distribution of oil from MIZOFED it is to be noted that in order to
solve traffic problem, distribution is closed during peak hours i.e. 9 AM – 10 PM and 4 PM – 5
PM in the evening. Various members criticized this routine of distribution as not effective in
resolving traffic problem but only causes loss to MIZOFED. The department too put its least
effort to open petrol pump the whole day but traffic management insisted on maintaining the
same routine.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is regretted that I could not give answer to each and every
point raised by the members due to limit of time. Yet I have noted down all the points. I now,
move the House to pass the demands No. 42 Cooperation Rs.400,70,000/- and Demand No. 54
Rs. 101,64,87,000/-.

S P E A K E R : Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga, Hon.ble Minister
now moved his Demands No. 42 Cooperation
amounting to Rs. 400,70,000/- and Demand No. 54
Public Works Department amounting to Rs.105,65,57,000/-. The altogether who agree to pass
may say 'yes' and those who do not may say 'no'.

The demand of Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga No. 42 and No.54 has now been passed
unanimously by the House.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.
MINISTER.

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Pu K. Vanlalauva, to wind-up
and move the House to pass his Demand.

PU K.VANLALAUVA : Mr Speaker Sir, I first of all would like to express
MINISTER my gratitude to 15 members who made speeches
on my demand. Various members expressed their
concern for plan allocation for MSD and RD which is decreasing. In this regard, it is to be noted
that plan for construction of various buildings has already been completed. Moreover, enough
vehicles and facilities for the offices have not been received. Yet most of the essential
requirements are on hand now and for this only 50 lakhs rupees is allocated.

In regard to expenditure of 15 lakhs rupees for Free Mess for various Homes which has not been effected here in the budget, it is to be noted that it is specially granted by the Hon'ble Chief Minister and is not supposed to be continued in the future.

Regarding the case of Telephone Bill of Women Commission, we have not received such information officially. I assure the member that immediate action will be taken.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Minister may also explain for what purpose Assam Type Building at Thingsulthiah is constructed.

PU K.VANLALAUVA
MINISTER OF STATE : Mr. Speaker Sir, the building is constructed for rehabilitation Centre by MSD & RB, it has not yet functioned as purposed due to some problems. In response to the uestion raised by a member from Tlungvel Constituency, Rs.86,95,000/- had been received and out of which Rs. 12,50,000/- had already been spent. Since the next sanction is not yet received in due time, the Central Government allowed us to spend the money the next year. In regard to the supply of Vitamin B complex and Multi-Vitamin, I would like to mention no problem is faced in the selection of supplier as being reposted by our fellow member.

Coming to mater concerning Excise Department, it is much pleasing to learn that certain members have shown their deep concern for this important department. In this connection, I have to state that the effort in order to achieve Total Prohibition even though insufficiency of staff hampers their activity to some extent.

In regard to the loss of No. 4 drug during Millenium exhibition. the department has taken immediate step to find it out no avail which is regretted. Regarding the allegation that a Tata Truck Registration No. MZ-01/0286 carrying certain amount of liquor as being captured at the Check Gate of Vairengte, follow up action has been taken by the concern officials but no record of that vehicle is seen.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am asking the case of MZ-1/0286 but not MZ-01-0268 as being answered by the concern Minister. I insist on the government to locate the said vehicle and take necessary action.

PU K.VANLALAUVA
MINISTER OF STATE : Mr Speaker Sir,if the case is genuine, the department is ready to locate the said vehicle.

PU H.LALTANPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, the opposition leader pointed out that adulterated liquor has already lost the life of five persons. I request the concerned Minister to clarify the situation and explain step taken so far in that regard.

PU K.VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, according to the owner
MINISTER OF STATE Pi Lalnuntluangi, a bottle of methylated spirit
after mixing with 20 litres of water was again
mixed with 120 litres of liquor. It is firstly purchased by Pi Zokaii for further distribution and
then the incident started.

Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, I, now move the House to pass
the demand No. 7 Excise department amounting to Rs.6,34,50,000/- and Demand No. 33 Social
Welfare Department Rs.11,83,80,000/- altogether Rs. 18,18,30,000/-.

S P E A K E R : Pu K.Vanlalauva has now moved the demand
No.7 State Excise Department amounting to
Rs. 634,50,000/- and Demand No. 33 of Social
Welfare Department amounting to Rs. 11,83,80,000/- total of which is Rs.18,18,30,000/- to
pass by the House. Those who agree to pass may say 'yes' and those who don't may say 'no'.

This House unanimously passed the demand of Pu K.Vanlalauva.

Business for today has now been completed. Discussion will be resumed
tomorrow at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting Adjourned 6 : 40 P.M.