

enquiry on termination of Muster Rolls and necessary actions will be taken according to their reports.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, 1209 Muster Rolls are terminated, among which 956 are Bogus Muster Roll and 253 are terminated due to lack of fund. The government's expenditure to employ such bogus Muster Rolls is more than Rs.14 lakh every month. This means that there is gret corruption in this regard. Will the government take actions against those who involved in this corruption? I request the government to punish the corrupted Officers.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the government of Mizoram issued Office Order on 23rd March, to take disciplinary action against those who involved in the employment of bogus Muster Rolls.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu Vanlalhlana to ask Starred Questopm No.222. This question is asked jointly by Pu Vanlalhlana, Pu C. Thanghluna and Pu H. Laltanpuia.

PU VANLALHLANA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development Department be please to reply Starred Question No. 222.

- (a) Will the government continue distribution of G.C.I sheets to the people?
- (b) If so, will the government be more careful to select the beneficiaries?
- (c) Will the distribution of G.C.I Sheet be continued under the Rural Housing Scheme?
- (d) Is there any new policy to replace NLUP?
- (e) Will the government of Mizoram distribute G.C.I Sheets to those who have no roof of G.C.I Sheets?
- (f) If not so, what is the reason?

DR R. LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the following are the answers to Starred Question No. 222.

- (a) The Government will not continue distribution of G.C.I Sheets to the people.
- (b) No answer is required as distribution of GCI sheet will not be continued.
- (c) There is no proposal to distribute GCI sheets under the Rural Housing Scheme.
- (d) There has not been any programme to replace NLUP.
- (e) No GCI sheets should be distributed.
- (f) The central government released fund under PMGY to construct and repair houses. Therefore, distribution of GCI sheet has been stopped.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr Speaker Sir, during the announcement of Results of election to MLA some houses at Zawngling and Laki were destroyed. The Hon'ble Minister had promised here in this House to give GCI sheets to them. But distribution of GCI sheets should not be continued. Is there any other way to help them?

DR R.LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I still remember the incidents in Tuipang constituency. I will search for ways to help them from other scheme.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu Sanghmingthanga H. Pautu to ask Starred Question No. 223.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA H. PAUTU : Mr Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development Department be pleased to reply Starred Question No.223. (a) Is there funds to be received by the Government of Mizoram to implement computerisation of Land Records under the Union Ministry of Rural Development ? (b) If so, how much ?

DR R.LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the following are the answers to Starred Question No. 223.

- (a) The Government of Mizoram received fund from the Central Government to implement Computerisation of Land Records.
- (b) Rs. 25 lakhs each for every district, this fund is 100% Central Assistance.

DR. R.LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I got a report from the department that Mizoram has not received this fund in the past. The total amount of this fund is Rs.215 lakh. Besides, we get Rs.75 lakh for Pilot Project on cadastral survey map. The main objectives of this project are to utilize the Land Survey and Records by the poor people at cheaper rates, for transparency in Land Survey and Records, for easier implementation of developmental works and Planning, for better revenue system and better implementation of various Rural Development Programmes. We are very lucky as the fund is 100% central assistance. We have made another project for strengthening of Land Revenue Administration. So, we hope another fund from the Central Government.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, extra fund in addition to our normal budget is very good, however, if we have much more computers, we will require the experts to utilize them. What steps have been taken to give training to operate our computers ?

COL LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, It seems that many new computers should be brought. There are many Mizo dealers of Computer accessories. Therefore, I request the Hon'ble Minister to buy computers from the Mizo dealers.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to ask if we are going to buy computers, should we need approval from the Information and Technology Wing of Industry Department ?

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, If we are going to buy computers. What should be the rates ? Generally, the rates used by the government to buy computers seems to be high.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary questions are not under my charges, So, I cannot give answers to them I just know that fund will come from the Central Ministry of Rural Development, utilization would be the responsibility of Revenue Department.

S P E A K E R : There will be Demands on Industry department to be discussed. We can get better explanation. Now, we shall go to our business. let us call upon Pu F. Lal Thanzuala to ask Starred Question No. 244.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister of Public Works Department be pleased to state that, when will the Assembly Hall be AIR Conditioned.

R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is expected that the Assembly Hall would be air conditioned during this financial year.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we have discussed about the air conditioning of the assembly Hall in the last budget session. We are eagerly waiting for it. I wish quick fitting of air conditioner machine. It has been fitted in the Chief Minister's Bungalow. Does the Assembly Hall not more important than the Chief Minister's Bungalow ?

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as we all know that the Assembly House greatly needs Air conditioning. Is there any possible way to fit it with in two or one month? Can the Hon'ble Minister give assurance ?

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, some problem seems to be there in this regard. can the Hon'ble Minister explain such problem ?

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, we made projects under Capital Project as this Assembly House is built from the Capital Project Fund. Now additional fund is still begged and we expect Rs. 12,18,00,000/- during this financial year. Thus, air conditioning machine would be fitted in the Assembly Hall when we get fund from the Capital Project. Our main problem is the shortage of fund.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu L.N. Tluanga to ask Starred Question No. 225.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, Thank you. Will the Hon'ble Minister of Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to reply

- (a) Is not there a full fledged Director in Higher & Technical Education Department ?
- (b) Is the post of Dy. Director still vacant ?
- (c) If so, what is the reason ?
- (d) How many post of Joint Director are there in this Department ?
- (e) Are there three Joint Director ?
- (f) What is the reason for having 3 Joint Directors in the Department
- (g) For how long does this Department remain without full fledged Director ?
- (h) Does the Government satisfy without full fledged Director ?
- (i) Are there Officers qualified for full fledged Director ?

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

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. speaker Sir, the following are the
MINISTER answers to questions asked by Pu L.N. Thuanga, hon'ble member from Tlungvel Constituency. (a) There is no full fledged Director in Higher & Technical Education Department. There is Officer. Who takes the charge of Director only. (b) The post of Deputy Director is still vacant. (c) The reason for not having Deputy Director is that the post is upgraded to Joint Director and now there is no post of Deputy Director. (d) There is not only one post of Joint Director. (e) There are three Joint Directors in this Department. (f) There is sanction to create three posts of Joint Director. (g) The period during which there has not been full fledged director is six years. (w.e.f. 1.2.1995) (h) The government does not satisfy without full fledged Director. But there is High Court injunction in this regard. Therefore, Director post cannot be filled up now. (i) There are Officers who are fit for Director of this Department.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if I am not mistaken, one Officer. Who has taken the charge of Director is posted as an OSD in Planning Department. But he is not given room, table and even file is not given to him. Now, the Hon'ble Minister moves file to post him again as a Director but his file could never reach the Chief Minister and the file is still pending now. Can the Minister explain the reason for delaying this file ?

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, file is still processed
MINISTER but, Assembly Session has been going on. Therefore, it cannot be put up to the Chief Minister. I know no other reasons for delaying this file.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu J. Lalthangliana to ask Starred Question No. 226.

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the hon'ble
Minister of Public Works Department be pleased to state :
(a) When will the construction of Truckable road from Rawpuichhip to Buarpui be finished ?
(b) Is there any proposed to construct Truckable road between Aibawk and Sabual ?
(c) When will the construction work be started ? (d) From where does the fund come for this road ?

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, the following are
MINISTER the answers to questions asked by the hon'ble member from Phuldungsei Constituency. (a) The time for completion of Rawpuichhip - Buarpui cannot be predicted as we do not know how much fund should we get in future. (b) There is proposal to construct truckable road from Aibawk - Sabual. (c) Tender will be called in the month of May and the Construction work is expected to started in August. (d) Rawpuichhip - Buarpui road is financed by NABARD and Aibawk - Sabual road will be constructed from PMGSY fund.

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in the beginning Rawpuichhip - Buarpui road is constructed under departmental works and the work is good enough. But now adays, the work has been done by contract system. As we have listened in the question hour, the quality of the road becomes very bad. Therefore, I would like to ask whether there is any way to continue Departmental system for this road?

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, we try our best to make this road with good quality in its standard and size. The work is not given to contractors, it is done under departmental works. In the beginning, this road is proposed to be completed within three years, however, but we would not complete it during this time due to the shortage of fund. As do how the work will be completed is still under our thoughts. During the budget session the opposition members refused to pass our budget. So, it will be needed to revise our work plans.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Minister said that the Opposition Members do not want to pass the budget. If so, Is Public Works Department budget still not passed ?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, I was not satisfied with the explanatory speech of the hon'ble Minister. Let him give answer to the questions asked by the members. They said that his brother-in-law got the contract work under his department, but he does not want to say whether his brother-in-law got the contract work or not. Why does he hesitate to say this. I got an information that his brother-in-law draws all the money sanctioned in the last L.O.C. and other contractors have no bills to draw. Is this true ?

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, contract work is not given to my brother-in-law, but the department has no adequate motor vehicles and other mechanised machines such as Bulldozer, J.C.B., etc. Therefore, it is needed to hire such motor vehicles and machine. I do not know whose machines are hired. It is up to the concerned department. Meanwhile, it is not prohibited to hire my brother-in-law's motors and machine. The department can hire from wherever it likes. Besides, there is no discrimination among different parties. And in regard to construction of roads, the government tries its best and now Rs. 114 lakh is allocated for Rawpuichhip to Buarpui road, Which will not be adequate to complete this road. So, it is still under consideration whether formation Cutting or black topping is to be done first.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker sir, the statement of the hon'ble Minister seems to be against our Rule No. 328. Here in this House, we all have rights and privilege. In democracy, the opposition members often refuse to pass budget. But no revenge is taken against them. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, I request the hon'ble Minister to withdraw his speech and I wish his speech not to include in the record and proceeding of the House.

S P E A K E R : Listen to me, our Rule No. 328 is point of order which is not used in question hour. Point of order can

be raised when there is violation of Rules or Constitution but approval from the Speaker is needed. I request every member to understand this. We all need to obey the Rules. In a Parliamentary practice, the Speaker has power to allow members to ask some particular things to be explained by the Minister. Besides, the Ministers cannot modify what we have passed in the House as wherever they like. This is important to maintain the honour of the House. So, let us try to follow our Rules. Now, time is given to the Minister of Public Works Department if he has something to explain.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, My speech does not mean revenge or undesirable actions. I just point out that the opposition member did not agree to pass it though much more work programmes were in the constituencies of the opposition members. I am not aiming at modification of what we have passed in the House. I rather ask for their suggestion on the work to be done in their constituencies. I am afraid that they would not render their advice to me as they refuse to pass my demands.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if such was the mind of the hon'ble Minister, it is good. I am happy for the work programme would remain as passed, in the House. And in regard to departmental work or contract works, when I visit the site, I saw some contractors claiming their respective portions. But if the work was not given to contractors it is good. Anyway, I will visit that place again.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir, Rawpuichhip - Buarpui road has been started during the previous Ministry. What is the amount of Loan taken from NABARD for this road? And what will be the interest? And in regard to refusal to pass budget, I wish the Hon'ble Minister to remember their behaviour in the previous Ministry.

PU J.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Minister said that his brother-in-law's Bulldozer is hired for Rawpuichhip - Buarpui road. There are two other Bulldozers, are they looked after by his brother-in-law?

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I am aware that Department's Bulldozers and excavators have been placed in this work. So, I think the other bulldozers said by the Hon'ble Member might be department's Bulldozers.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu C Thanghluna to ask Starred Question No. 227.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the Ho'ble Minister of General Administration Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Is there any proposal to reduce Government's servants under the government of Mizoram.
- (b) If not so, Is there proposals to appoint qualified persons to fill up vacant posts?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : The following are the answers to
CHIEF MINISTER questions asked by the Hon'ble
Member from Lawngtlai constituency.

(a) We want to reduce the government's servants if there is possible ways, however, there is no proposal to do so till now ?

(b) There is no proposal to fill up all vacant posts at once. But, some important posts are to be filled up according to our financial condition and by promotion too.

PU C.THANGHLUNA : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary ques-
tions. If some important posts are to
be filled up, Are the posts of Doctor
included in this important posts ? How many posts of Doctor are to be filled up ? And, in the southern
Mizoram, some PHC have no Doctors. Can the Hon'ble Chief Minister take steps to post Doctors
there ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, Doctor's posts are
CHIEF MINISTER included in the important posts.
Therefore, we try our best to fill up
Doctor's posts as much as possible. We know the necessity of Doctors in PHC in the southern
Mizoram too. We will give appointment even under contract basis if regular posting cannot be done.

S P E A K E R : Our Question Hour is over now. We
shall go to our next business which is
laying of paper. Let us call upon
Pu C.Lalrinsanga to lay the correction of answers to starred question No.199 asked by Dr.Lalzama
and Starred Question No.200 asked by Pu K.L.Lianchia on the table of the House.

PU C.LALRINSANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, with your permission,
MINISTER I lay the copy of correction on the an-
swers to Starred Question No.199
asked by Dr Lalzama and Starred Question No.200 asked by Pu K.L.Lianchia on the table of the
House.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. In this
matter, I would like to say that when I
look at the Record of the House, cor-
rection of answer to Starred Questions seldom happened. But we have two times of correction during
this session. Therefore, I would like to tell every Minister to be careful to avoid such making of
correction.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, I request you to
MINISTER tell Members too to submit their ques-
tions to the concerned Minister only. If
we receive question which is not under our concern, there can be problems.

S P E A K E R : Yes, it is right. We all need to try
harder to avoid such problems in
future.

Now, let us call upon Pu H.Rammawi, Chairman of PAC to present the 16th, 17th and 18th.
Reports of Public Accounts Committee relating to Agriculture Department. Public Works Depart-
ment and excess over Grants and Charged Appropriation for the year 1998-1999 respectively to
the House.

And, in regard to Police Department, their budget is increased by Rs.93 lakh which is welcoming. However, the situation of Law & Order in Mizoram is very bad. yesterday, we listened the statement of the Hon'ble Minister of Home Department on the kidnapping of seven Government servants. The reason for the failure of Law and Order, in my opinion, is the weakness of the State Government. Why cannot we provide security to Government Servants who are deployed in dangerous areas ? Besides, we need to check the moral of the Police. They have no proper training and they are careless. Some days ago, they carelessly disposed off their condemned bombs near Tlawng River, which caused death to Lalnuntluanga and a serious injury to Lalhuma and Lalthakima. In this matter, the government should give compensation against the victims.

I am sure that our Police do not get proper training. Besides, they have grievances because they do not receive their allowances in full. There is also superceded promotion many times. Promotion is often given without checking their ACR. the ASI of Police is lower then the ASI of Excise in their pay scale. Therefore, there are many things to reform in this department. We should give them better treatment. Some Police constables were used by their officers to construct their private buildings, to look after their pigs and even the Hon'ble Chief Minister deploys eight Policemen at Aii puk. There is no way to maintain proper Law & Order. The condition of the Home Guards is also too bad, they seem to get their salary not in full, they do not receive their various allowances. Therefore, I request the Hon'ble Minister to pay special attention to this matter.

Next, in regard to PHE Department I would like to point out scarcity of water in Mamit, one of the District Headquarters. The people are very pitying. Therefore, I request the Hon'ble Minister to take rapid steps for Mamit Wataer Supply Scheme. And, I have spot verification of Hmunpui Water Supply Scheme. Rs.15,52,230/- is sanctioned for this, but they used 635 pipes only. Therefore, the real expenditure cannot exceed Rs.5 lakh. Besides, no water even a single drop comes through this pipe as the water point is higher than the source used for this Water supply Scheme. Thank You.

PU H. RAMMAWI
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, Thank You. Let me start my speech from Demand nos. 36 and 37, which are Agriculture

and Hortifulture Departments. These departments are very important to alleviate poverty as most of the mizo people are engaged in farming. Today, I would like to mention various steps taken by the government. In the southern part of Mizoram, there are many people who cannot start wet rice cultivation with their own. Therefore, the government made Minor Irrigation project at Phura in Tuipang Constituency which is very important to help the people of this area. Now, wet rice cultivation can be started easily. Also in my constituency, Agriculture Department spent lakhs of money to make Ngharsah Project which will help many families to start wet rice cultivation. Besides, Horticulture Department also takes many useful steps for Cheural, Zotlang and Lungpher Villages in my constituency. They help the people to make permanent farms. Due to the efforts of Horticulture Department. Pottato cultivation would surely be sucessful in these villages. In this way, I hope that shifting cultivation can gradually be put to an end. Therefore, I would like to say that there is great development in Mizoram.

Here in this House, some members seem to be anti government. They always look for the mistakes of the government and blaming the government in various steps taken is their main theme. I opine that our speech should be with a constructive idea to give incentive to the farmers and the government as well. We are all important in this matter. Thank You.

PU F.LALTHANZUALA

: Mr Speaker Sir, Thank You. The Hon'ble Member from Sangau Constituency alleged us not to use con-

structive speech. But we do not always blame the government. I opine that we have to praise those who have good performance and we have right to criticise the bad things. First of all I

they are given priority. Their statement might be true to some extent. But, when we observed the performances of these department during the last financial year, their achievements are truly great. We can say that the incharges of these departments are working very hard. We know that many progressive steps are taken by these departments, which includes Minor irrigation projects in various places, construction of many Link roads, introduction of new variety of plants to suit the climatic condition of Mizoram and many other projects under the Integrated Wasteland Development Programme.

And in regard to Link Road, whether Agricultural or Horticultural Link Road, I would like to advise the government to do reliable works. During the previous Ministries, there were many incompleted Link Roads. In this connection, I propose better Link Roads across Chite during this coming financial year which would be very useful for the people of Salem Veng, Venghnuai and Damveng in my constituency. Besides, Saikhamakawn, Melthum and Hlimen are orange planting area, I request Horticulture Department to take steps for the development of orange cultivation.

Next, coming to Demand No.14 which is Police Department, some members said that this ministry fails in maintaining Law and Order. But in my point of view. There is no boundary line to say fail and pass in Law and Order. So, I would like to say that we are not failing to maintain proper law and order, it is true to say that we cannot achieve what our desire, there are some bad incidents which are generally out of our control and they are not our desire. I do not deny that we need to work harder in this regard. Therefore, it is not appropriated to say that this ministry has failed, in the maintenance law and order. Now, new I.R Battalion has been constituted.

Besides the above, I would like to mention two points on Police Department. I opine that it is needed to revise the ration money of the police. And, in my constituency, we have Kulikawn Police Out Post. I propose this Out Post to be upgraded to a full fledged station for prevailing better service. All necessary infrastructures have been there, so, it might not be difficult to upgrade this out post. Thank You.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir, Thank You. I would like to mention about Horticulture and Agriculture Departments. Now-a-days we hear about Aii Puk Scandal. Government Proof wire mesh and Angle Iron are subsidised by the Department to Aii Puk Farming Society. The letter No. is D.1504/5/2000 - DTE(AGRI) - LUB, Dated Aizawl the 15th March, 2001. The allotment order is made by the District Agriculture Officer, Aizawl 'W' District. Meanwhile, Sanction is made by Dr. O.P. Singh, Director of Agriculture and Minor Irrigation on 20th February, 2001. But the Challan No. is DTE(AGRI)/98/DAO, Aizawl. 23.3.2000. Here the challan seemed to be made one year in advance. Mr Speaker Sir, Aii Puk Farming Society is a bogus Society, it has not been registered in the Farm & Society. Therefore, I would like to ask that should the Government take action against the Officer who sanctioned materials to a bogus society ?

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA H.PAUTU : Mr Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Member mainly accused the Chief Minister, but his documents do not contain the name of the Chief Minister. Allotment is not given to the Chief Minister. Therefore, it is false allegation.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir, it cannot be identified to which farm the government gives materials. Is it Aii Puk or Aii Puk. Or are there two societies ? In this connection, we, the opposition members demanded Parliamentary Enquiry but our demand is not fulfilled. Again I demand explanation for not

And in regard to Home Department, we heard about kidnapping and statement was also given in this regard by the Home Minister. Does the Government give money to the kidnappers? What is the demand of HPCD? The previous Ministry signed many provisions which have not been fulfilled till today? Will the Government fulfill such provisions? And in regard to refugees. How many refugees are there? Will the government facilitate them to return to their homes? I also request the government to tell me whether peace talk with BNLF has been started or not? Mr Speaker Sir, will the government give Ration money and other allowances to the Home Guards? And, in regard to Water Supply, will the government initiate Chawngte Greater Water Supply Scheme? Besides, I would like to say that our budget for sanitation service is too meagre. I opine that there is great defects in Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme too.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA

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Mr Speaker Sir, Thank You. Let me start from Demand No.27. In this matter the water pipe to be used for

Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme-II is smaller by four inches than estimated. Therefore, I opine that this would be enquired. And, Mr Speaker Sir, regarding the supply of Portable Electric Welder Single Phase to PHE Departmental, the supply rate is too high. Therefore, this should also be enquired.

Next, I would like to mention about Horticulture. This Department distributes seedlings which is a good thing but most of the seedlings distributed are of bad quality. Therefore, I suggest the department to be careful when they select the supplier of such items. Otherwise, our poor farmers would be cheated.

Under Demand No.14 which is Police Department. in the statement of the Hon'ble Home Minister, four persons were said to be kidnapped by the HPC'D'. In 2000, NEEPCO employees were also kidnapped. According to the information which I received, it seems that the second Kidnapping, was staged due to non-payment of some amount of ransom money demanded by the kidnappers. In the previous Kidnapping, though the government declined payment of money it seems however that someone was sent to give the ransom money and perhaps that person withold some amount, as a result another kidnapping was staged in demand for the unpaid dues. If such is the case, we do not know what other demands will the kidnappers make. It seems that our Police are left in dilemma regarding operation against insurgents who threatened our lives and properties they should be dealt firmly and if necessary, we may cross over to Nagaland and Manipur in pursuit as was done during the previous Ministry. I feel that we are too soft towards the insurgents perhaps because we were once insurgents.

The other incident which I would like to point out is, Mr Speaker Sir, two Policemen from Vaivakawn Out Post take I quintal of rice from Lalliankimi of Vaivakawn. The two policemen are Lalbiakthanga and Thanchhunga, they do not want to pay money nor the rice back to her. They threaten her I opine that this is very serious and no action has been taken when the O/C of Police has come to know this. Also on 16.4.2001, Some Police personel went to Rangyamual to check liquor where they caught Pu Nguna who kept 900 litres of Liquor. But the Policemen asked for Rs.800/- and they told him that they will pardon him if he pays Rs.800/-. So, Pu Nguna agreed and he gave money. But the Police took 10 litres of liquor by force. Such was the behaviour of the Policemen. Therefore, I opine that strong action should be taken against such Policemen. Thank You.

PU VANLALHLANA

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Mr Speaker Sir, Thank You. First of all let me mention about Agriculture Department under this department, land development is carried out for wet rice cultivation. But it is very difficult to understand the total area covered and the amount of expenditure for land development as there are many different answers. In the performance budget document, we see that 70.35 hectare is developed and the expenditure is Rs.60 lakh. On 21st March we are told that 23.17 lakhs is used for land development of 51.48 hectare. Again on 11 April, Starred Question was answered

that Rs. 65.70 lakh is used for 146 hectare. In the budget speech of the Finance Minister, it is stated that 200 hectare is developed. I cannot identify which one is the correct answer for this matter. So, I request the Hon'ble Minister to mention clear and correct answer. And in Agriculture and Horticulture Department, supply of seeds is too much and I think there are undesirable things behind all this.

Next, I got an information that six Mizos are imprisoned at Khonsa Central Jail in Arunachal Pradesh. They were led by the Naga insurgents from Mizoram, when they reached Arunachal Pradesh they fled away from the insurgents and surrendered to the Assam Rifles where they were imprisoned. I do not know their address clearly but I would like to inform this House and the Minister of Home Department for necessary actions.

In regard to Home Department, most of our policemen are used to do private works other than defence service. When we visit Aii Puk on the spot, we saw some policemen working in the farm of the Chief Minister. They worked as a labourer. I opine that this should be stopped immediately, working as a labourer in the private farm is not the duty of the Police.

We are going to create new I.R Battalion, about 1000 youths had undergone. Fitness test and interview, there are many applicants from outside Aizawl with their own expenses. But the final result of their interview has not been published till today. They are eagerly waiting for their result and I demand explanation on this matter. Besides, the government of Mizoram bought 300 guns from Uttar Pradesh. Among which 200 guns are not new guns. It is needed to enquire this. Next, in regard to issue of arm licence, during January, 1999 to August 2000, 22 arm licences had been issued in Kolasib District, 27 licences in Mamit District, 33 licences in Serchhip District and 479 licences in Champhai District.

In regard to salary of Home Guards, the Governor in his speech said that it will be increased from Rs.144/- to Rs.200/- per day. The Hon'ble Home Minister also promised this in the question hour. So, I would like to remind him about it. Lastly, in regard to PHE Department, I wish them to emphasize on drilling of underground water. Besides, I would like to say that the metre used in water connection are not certified by Legal Metrology Department. If so, do we credit to pay water tariff in accordance to the metre fixed by the department? Thank You.

S P E A K E R : We shall take rest and meeting will be resumed at 2:00 PM. Meeting adjourned.

S P E A K E R : We shall continue our business, who will speak? Yes, let us call upon Pu Lalrinzuala.

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank You. First of all I would like to mention about Demand No.14 which is Police Department. We cannot deny that Police Department is the most important department to make Mizoram the most peaceful State in India. I opine that we only know their importance but never care for their welfare. They have many grievances. In regard to their pay scale, here we all have the copy. A.S.I of Police new start from Rs.4000/- while their equivalent posts in other department enjoy Rs.5500/- for their basic pay. Similarly, S.I of Police sit on Rs.5500/- while their level post in the previous pay commission sit on Rs.6500/- per month. Inspector of Police also sit on Rs.6500/- per month State in India. I opine that we only know their importance but never care for their welfare. They have many grievances. In regard to their pay scale, here we all have the copy. A.S.I of Police new start from Rs.4000/- while their equivalent posts in other department enjoy Rs.5500/- for their basic pay. Similarly, S.I of Police sit on Rs.5500/- while their level post in the previous pay commission sit on Rs.6500/- per month. Inspector of Police also sit on Rs.6500/- per month

while their equivalent post in the past sit on Rs.8000/- per month. Therefore, I propose all the categories of Police Department to be levelled with their equivalent posts in the previous pay commission. Besides, the main duty of Police is to protect the people and the country but now a day, their daily routine seems to be working in the fields of their Officers, in the construction of their Officer's building. They are frequently employed in the private works of their Officers. At the sametime, they are expected to do their duty well. And in regard to their promotion, MPSC has recommended 17 Officers to be promoted to higher ranks but it is still pending in the office. Therefore, I request the Hon'ble Minister of Home Department to care for the welfare of the Police. Otherwise, I am afraid that Police Department would turn into disappointed deparatment.

And, in regard to PHE Department, I would like to convey my thanks to the Hon'ble Minister for implementing Bunghmun Water Supply Scheme. However, I request the Minister of PHE Department to take initiative step for the construction of Department Rest House at Bunghmun. Because, there is not any Rest House at Bunghmun to accomodate Officers and VIP's. Besides, in Buarpui, water is distributed to the people by motor vehicle which cannot satisfy the demands of the people. So, I wish new water supply scheme for this village.

Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to mention about Aii Puk Scandal Department. I opine that the Minister of State would not interfere in this scandal. There is corruption in the supply of galvanised wire. The total wire supplied appears to be 600 quintals but only 450 quintals is supplied in actual. Besides, the rate for construction of farm road is Rs.45351.00 per KM. While the rate for preparation of land for W.R.C. is Rs.45,000/- per Sq.KM. The rate of construction of farm road is higher than preparation of land. There is great corruption in this department. I opine that this department should be stopped. It is very shameful for the government. Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir.

PU C.THANGHLUNA

: Mr Speaker Sir, Thank You. First of all let me speak about the remuneration of the Home Guards.

The Hon'ble Minister, in the question hour, said that allowances are given to Home Guards. But in the southern part of Mizoram, they have not taken their allowances such as washing allowances, out of pocket allowances etc. They just take duty allowances of Rs.3000/- per month only. So, I would like to ask whether there is any discrimination among the Home Guards ? Again, regarding this department, the Hon'ble Minister gave me that list of newly recruited I.R Police. No southerners are there in the list. It is very difficult to understand this. So, I request the Hon'ble Minister of Home Department to enquire this.

Next, in regard to P.H.E. Department, all the water Supply project in my constituency cannot be completed due to shortage of water pipe. Besides, there are many fountains and water reserviours constructed by PHE. Department in South Mizoram. But, they are useless due to leakage and bad quality of the construction work. This greatly defamed PHE. Department. So, I suggest this department to have Registered Contractors for the betterment of this department.

Next, I would like to mention about agriculture also. Self sufficiency in food stuff is often said by the Government. But from any point of view, we would not be self sufficient under our normal practice. Almost all the Budget for agriculture goes to expenditure for material supply. This can easily lead to corruption. I think that Aii Puk Scandal would also Supply. Explanation in this House is not enough. We need to fear the Heavenly God. And, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to speak about the supply of seeds. Agriculture Department spent too much money for this purpose. In my constituency, Seeds supplied by the department is of bad quality. no farmer want to take them. So, the money spent for this purpose is useless. I opine that we do not follow the way to self sufficiency in food stuff. The agricultural policy of this Ministry would surely fail as under present practice. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

PU K.T. ROKHAW

Mr. Chairman. Thank you. First of all I would like to mention about the salary of Home Guards. I request

the hon'ble Minister to note down this as my speech is very important. The office order issued on 15.12.1999 pointed out the allowances of Home Guards as the following :

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| (1) | Duty allowance | - | Rs. 100 per head per day |
| (2) | Washing allowance | - | Rs. 25 per head per day |
| (3) | Messing allowance | - | Rs. 50 per head per day |
| (4) | Out of pocket allowance | - | Rs. 25 per head per day |

At the same time, in the question hour on 10.4.2001. the hon'ble Minister had answered the question asked by Pu Vanlalhlana that Messing allowance and out of pocket allowance are for during training only. But here I have copy of the Office order 'During training only' is not there. Therefore. the answer given by the hon'ble Minister contracts the order. I wish the Home Guards to get their salary as written in the order.

Next, I would like to say that the hon'ble Minister, on the day of passing out parade at P.T.C. had announced that the Riffle allowance of the Police would be increased to Rs. 70/- and the Ration money would also be increased to Rs. 600/-. This announcement was then announced in every Police Headquarters. But they have not got such increments till now. Let this announcement be implemented soon. Besides, when I visit the Police Headquarters during the morning roll call, they came like a labourer of PWD and PHE with different uniforms. When I asked the reason for this, they told me that they could not receive clothing. So, I ask for better clothing supply for them. Besides, the government does not care about the TA/DA of the Police. TA/DA have been cleared upto March - April, 2000. There is no way to be happy for them. Besides, the A.S.I. of Police starts from Rs.4000/- as a basic pay per month but the A.S.I. of Excise starts from Rs. 5000/- per month. I opine that the same rank should be given equal pay. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to take necessary steps in this regard.

I also opine that this Ministry fails in maintaining proper law & Order. There are many undesirable incidents, Mr. Chairman, the Police seized three pistols with a number of 070333, 070459 and 070439. Those pistols are not allowed to be kept by the civilian. But, that seized pistols are given to the relatives of the Home Minister. It is a great offence of the law. In my point of view, the causes for the failure of law & order in Mizoram is due to the disappointment of the Police under this Ministry. There is no incentive steps taken for the Police.

And, Mr. Chairman, in regard to Agriculture Department, we always talk about self sufficiency in food stuff. But the budget for rice cultivation is Rs. 60 lakh only. Meanwhile, the budget for seed and seedling supply is Rs.4,88,99,251/- Our budget does not aim at self sufficiency. The fund allocation for Link road and land development for Aizawl West Agriculture District is Rs. 60 lakh, but Rs. 15 lakh and Rs. 3 lakh for Lunglei District and Chhimtuipui district respectively. This Ministry really neglects the southern part of Mizoram.

Lastly, I would like to say thanks to the hon'ble Minister of PHE Department for providing sufficient water during MTP conference at Tuipang. I, further, request him to make proposal for water supply for Tuipang Village as scarcity of water is our main problem in Tuipang. Thank you.

DR. LALZAMA

Mr. Chairman, thank you. Today we are discussing very important demands. First of all. I would like to say that it is not possible to make our state self

sufficient with in two years only. At the sametime, this Ministry tries its level best in this regard. I do not deny that our Ministry cannot fulfill all our demands, but it is the fact that there have

been many progressive steps taken by the government while there is great financial crisis. And in regard to allocation of fund, equal distribution cannot be applied to various departments. Budget is wisely made according to the size of departments and their work loads.

As I said, there is great development and progress in the work of PHE. Now, Greater Aizawl water supply scheme has been started. This department works very hard in various villages too. Water reservoir and many fountains have been constructed under Rain water Harvesting Scheme. Therefore, one of our biggest problems due to scarcity of water have been solved in various villages.

Mr. Chairman some members said that this Ministry fails in maintaining laws & order. But, I would like to say that our Police are good, active and brave enough. This year, the budget for Police Department is greatly increased and many progressive steps have been taken. New IR. Battalion would be created, New Police Training Centre is also being set up at Thenzawl, 96 staff quarters would also be constructed during this financial year. Therefore, there is great progress and development in Police Department too.

Next, I would like to Mention about Horticulture Department. This department encourages cultivation of passion fruit, Hatkora, Banana, Orange, Grep, Arecanut and Pottato cultivation, which is very important for self sufficiency. In this regard, Mr. Chairman, some members are interested to point out Aii puk Project. It is in my constituency and. I found no corruption here. I wish every member to have on the spot verification. The fencing and link roads are clearly visible which will help many farmers in this area. I am sure that the department will make such fencing, link road, water reservoir, irrigation and even fish ponds in other places too if we advocate self sufficiency. Mr. Chairman, there is nothing to complain on Aii Puk. The owners of farm in this area form a farming Society and the government provides assistance. In other are, for instance, Kawrthindeng area of Rangvamlual, where a farming Society is formed by 25 members, also receives assistance from the department. Pu P.B. Rosanga, one of our Members, who also has a farm in this area would know it clearly. The department aids this area by constructing a link road of 2.5 KMs. long and a water tanky of 24X12 feet in size. Besides more than 80 pipes are provided for irrigation . Like this, the Government is ready to aid those who really work hard. Another link roads, fencing and other necessary materials would be provided to where needed because, this Ministry aims at self sufficiency. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, whether we are the ruling or opposition members, should not we support the government in steps taken for the development of our state? we all want to alleviate poverty. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PU J. LAWZUALA

: Mr. Chairman. Thank you. First of all I would like to mention about Demand No. 27. Which is PHE. De-

partment. The people of Lunglei are happy for initiating Lunglei Greater Water Supply Scheme Improvement and extention. Fund allocated for this Improvement and Extention is quite meagre Besides, in my constituency Water is distributed to the people by truck vehicles, but the department cannot pay hired bills to the owner of vehicles. Now no truck is available for this purpose and the people need to ask some truck owners to allow their trucks to be hired by the department. I request the hon'ble Minister to note down this.

The other thing which I would like to point out is what I have said so many times, which is the condition of Fire Services Station at Lunglei. It was inaugurated in 1974 but it still remains to be a mere Sub-station. Therefore, I request the hon'ble Minister again to up grade this sub-station to full fledged Station.

And, here in Mizoram, we often said about peace and Mizoram is said to be the most peaceful state. At the same time, the situation of Law & Order in Mizoram is unsatisfactory. We hear many undesirable incidents such as insurgency, robbery, kidnapping, etc. Our security seems to be endangered. We said that our Police are good enough. It is right, but the government does not know how to utilize our Police. We have Police Out Posts in some places but we deploy few Policemen, motor vehicles are not provided to them. Meanwhile, there are much more Policemen in the city with plenty of facilities. Therefore, I wish this government to care about the welfare of the Police. Let them receive their various allowances to activate them.

And in regard to Agriculture Department, the hon'ble Chief Minister had said that he was very interested in agriculture and horticulture. He also said that he expects our state to be self sufficient in food stuff within three years. But, today, I opine that he pays no heed to this matter. Our agricultural system seems to be in favour of the suppliers and contractors rather than the cultivators. Too much amount of money have been allocated for agriculture department every year, but it has no good results. Horticulture Department is also like this. The government does not know the statistical report of rice produced in Mizoram for two consecutive yeuars. Economic self-sufficiency would be very far. We all know that Aii Puk scandal is the talk of the town now a days. There are many other things to mention but our time is quite short. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA

: Mr Speaker, Sir, Thank you. First of all I would like convey my thanks to the hon'ble Minister of Agriculture Department for taking many steps in my constituency as well as in Buarpui and Lunglei South constituencies. Mr. Speaker Sir, I request hon'ble members from Lunglei South and Buarpui constituencies also to remember the achievement of Agriculture Department in their respective constituencies such as Tuilut and Nghasih Valley irrigation project in Lunglei South Constituency and Tuipawl Minor irrigation project in Buarpui constituency. However, in regard to Land Development. I wish Thialretzawl in my constituency, Nalkawn, Zaupui Phase -II in S Vanlaiphai, Nghachih valley in Lunglei 'S' constituency, Bolia Veng, Tuisen valley, Kauchhuah and Vathusih in Buarpui Valley to be included in the work programme for this coming new financial year. Besides, I wish to complete Link roads from Vansang to Tawipui (W), Bualte to Sabual and Ngengrual to Thingfal which have been initiated by Horticulture Department.

In regard to PHE. Department, I appreciated Lunglei Greater water Supply Scheme Extension project which can cover Vanhne, Thuampui and upto Sertlangpui, Besides, I praise this Department again for introducing Composite Scheme to provide drinking water to Hrangchalkawn, Zobawk, Bualte and Tawipui villages under this extension project.

We have listened much about Home Department. In my opinion, the performance of this Department is not so bad. There are many difficulties for this department as Mizoram is infested by various insurgent groups of other states. They easily use Mizoram as an exit from their respective states. Inspite of this, Home Department works very hard to maintain Law and order properly. Therefore, I praise their Performances. However, I wish to revise the promotion system of the police from Lower rank to the higher. Besides, I would like to make suggestion to halt the coming of insurgent groups from the western side of Mizoram. Which are the construction of road from Bunglemun to Sachan via Tuikawi, and from Bolia Veng to Tuikawi, to strengthen the out post at Zawlpui and to make new Out Post at Malsury I request the hon'ble Minister to note down this.

Again I express my thanks for upgradation of Thingsai Police Out Post to full fledged Police Station. This is very important as its location is near the international border. Meanwhile, I opine that Police Out Post is greatly required in Haulawng. S. Vanlaiphai, Tawipui and Thingfal Besides the above, there are many things to point out in the Good performances of this Ministry. Prison Department has been taking many good steps, Tlabung Jail would be inaugurated soon, the proposal for vertical extension of Tlabung SDPO's Office is now approved. Therefore, I am sure, that this Ministry greatly cares for the development of South Mizoram too. Thank you.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. I would like to point out three things. Firstly in the last budget session, the hon'ble Chief Minister had said that Biate Water supply Scheme would be taken up and the concerned Minister also told me to be happy. But no work has been started till today and I request the hon'ble Minister to take immediate steps in this matter.

Secondly, I would like to mention about Agriculture. This morning we get corrigendum of Answer to starred question, which shows that the total length of farm road in Champhai field is 15 to 17 KM's. The hon'ble Minister also said that Rs. 29.5 lakh is spent for this purpose. On March 4, I myself have spot verification and I took the measurement of that farm road. I found only two farm roads with a length of 272.5 Mts. Rs. 29.5 lakh seems to be too much for such a short farm road. Is there another Aii Puk is that field ?

Thirdly, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to mention about Aii Puk scandal. On 27 March 2001, when Pu K.T. Rokhaw, the hon'ble member from Tuipang constituency, mentioned this scandal, we visited that place in the evening. We firstly saw the wife of the Chief Minister with some Policeman and then four Gypsy vehicles and one Tractor. One of the Gypsy vehicles had V.I.P. Light. We also saw 30 rolls of Goat Proof wiremesh and 660 angle iron. We have video film of what we saw there as they agreed to have video shooting for our evidence. On the day after, there was no session and we visited. Director's Office and Aizawl West District Agriculture Office to investigate the explanation of the hon'ble Chief Minister on this matter. We found out that there was a great scandal in the name of Aii Puk Farming Society. Many Government's properties, even the policemen, were misused here. Meanwhile, the hon'ble member from Aizawl N - I Constituency tried to defend this scandal. Being an intellectual and a leader of the Church it is not appropriate for him to acknowledge this great sin. There are many things to say but let me stop here since there is no more time. Thank you.

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Chairman, Thank you. Let me start from Home Department. My Constituency is in the border area and BNLf disturbed the people of my constituency so many times. However, no disturbances have been heard of for a year. In this matter, I request the hon'ble Minister to note that most of the arrested BNLf. members have been released from Jail. It is needed to enquire this.

Next, I heard about Aii Puk Scandal. Now, the Minister in charge is present in the House. We, the opposition members have demands- We request the hon'ble Chief Minister to explain what we have heard in this matter. Are there really Aii Puk Farming Society, Aii Puk Zau Farming Corporation and Aii Puk Farmers Association ? To which society does the Department issue Goat proof wiremesh and Angle iron? Are not they bogus societies? Who is the supplier of Angle Iron? The rate is too high. In the past years, the hon'ble Chief Minister's farm at Neihbawi is owned by one Agriculture Officer. Did he give it to the Chief Minister? What mutual agreement is made between them? Are the document produced by the Farming society backdated? Have Goat proof wire mesh and angle iron been given in subsidy to other farming societies? Are they subsidised items in the past? We demand clear answers from the hon'ble Minister of Agriculture Department.

Again, in regard to Home Department, there are nine villages in the mountain range of Kanhmun. They are under the jurisdiction of Kulikawn Police Station and no single Out Post is there in this region. Kulikawn is very far from these villages. Therefore, there are many problems in connection with Law & Order. So, I request the government to make Police Out Post in this area.

And, in regard to the coming back of Bru Refugees, the hon'ble Home Minister answered my question that they will be put back in their old villages. On the other hand, there can easily be some problems. For example, some Bru villages were given Village Council but without lands for cultivation. Dispute for the site of cultivation rises easily with their neighbouring villages. We have heard mass burning of villages due to this dispute. Therefore, The government needs to make proper settlement for them. Otherwise there would be a great danger and even inter village enmity. Thank you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Chairman, Thank you. Let me start my speech from demand No. 14, which is Home Department. In the past. I opine that the Mizoram Police is the best one in India in various fields. But now-

adays their ability, politeness and services are deteriorating. Their moral seems to be down. Therefore, the government needs to realise about this. I would like to mention the possible reasons for the weakness of our police. First of all, this Ministry puts its faith on other people. For example, we all know what had happened in Tuikhurhlu village on 18th August, last year. The government entrusted arms to some body other than the policemen where there arose undesirable incident but no case has been registered till today.

Secondly, we never trust our police to guard us, Ministers and other VIP's frequently use their house guards and PSO's to be helpers for cement works or to work in their private farms. In this way, there is no way to make our Police to be the best one in India.

Thirdly, here in Aizawl city, our Traffic Policemen wear advertisement clothes. This morning on my way to this House for session I called one Traffic Police and read what is written on his uniform, I found "Donated by Johnson Eastern Powers" IP. we allow their uniform to advertise some private firms, their service would be like a fashion show. Besides, I am deeply amazed to hear that one of my relatives was caught by Traffic Police. He was told to fine some money but his fine was punished by buying a Lucky Ticket. That is why, I request the hon'ble Home Minister to take steps for the improvement of the Police Department. Otherwise, I am afraid that our Police would be the worst police in India.

Next, I would like to mention about the breaking of Jail at Saiha. I think no one appreciates this incident. I am sure that the Home Minister had known what would happen there before the violence. His message was read out by the Magistrate in the Hospital ground. But there was mob violence. who would be responsible for this? I opine that the Home Minister would be responsible. But the action taken in this matter was termination of six Home guards and suspension of one Home guard. The Home guards could not give firing order, they could not use their arms, meanwhile thousands of angry people marched to Jail. Therefore, I request the hon'ble Minister to show his pity on those Home guards. Let them be re-instated.

Next, in regard to Demand No. 36: Agriculture Department. From the very beginning of this Ministry, the hon'ble Chief Minister always talked about self-sufficiency in food stuff. I also appreciate self-sufficiency. So, I always make questions in every session. According to the answers to my questions, it is said that about 60,000 hectares of land can be prepared for W.R.C. cultivation and the expenditure for land development by mechanisation seems to be Rs.45,000/- per hectare and Rs.15,000/- per hectare by manual. However, during this two years only 70 hectares of land has been developed and the total expenditure for this purpose is Rs. 60,00,000/- In this way, we will need 1700 years to develop 60,000 hectares of land and we will need 100 times of our annual budget for the expenditure. I would like to point out such figures to justify that the Chief Minister always say very good thing but which cannot be implemented in practical.

And, in regard to Aii Puk Scandal, I would like to say that subsidised of angle iron and goat proof wire mesh to any Co-operative society never happened in the history of Mizoram. In our Bible we see that if the King committed false hood, the kingdom would suffer" Therefore, our state would suffer very much. I request the hon'ble House Leader to confess his guilty. Thank you.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGAH. PAUTU : Mr. Chairman. Thank you. I wish to mention all our demands but I am sorry for I cannot say them all due to limitation of our time. We have listened much about the Police Department. From the speech of those sitting on your left they seemed to be the real lovers of the policemen and I think so too. But in regard to the pay scale of S.I. of Police in particular, the last pay commission during the previous ministry had missed them and we inherited such neglected section in that pay commission. Now, we have new pay commission under this Ministry and I hope that their pay scale would be upgraded. But waiting for some time would also be needed. All the works cannot be done during two years only. I, therefore, request the hon'ble Minister for Home Department to note this. And in regard to promotion also, let us hope better future. Steps are still taken but as I had said earlier, this Ministry is in Power for two years only everything cannot be settled during this short period.

The situation of Law and order is also said by many members. In this matter, I do not appreciate speeches that could make the moral of our Police down. We all know that there are some incidents in our state, the Police tried their best to maintain proper law and order but some incidents seemed to be out of their control. Mizoram is surrounded by many states having many insurgent groups. Besides, we have long international border and thick forests. Therefore, it is not difficult for the insurgents to cross the border and to make a stir in our state. The police of Mizoram are not responsible in this matter. Suggestions are good but most of the speech from opposition members seem to be not from constructive ideas. As we know that looking after the force is not an easy task even for the minister. In America also, maintenance of law and order is not a desirable one. Robbery, murdering and other crimes are still prevalent there. Mr. Chairman, I cannot admit that law and order has completely failed in our state.

Now, coming to water Supply and sanitation. I would like to convey my thanks to the hon'ble Minister, on behalf of my constituency, for taking steps for Kawnpui Water Supply Scheme with an estimate of Rs. 18.44 Crore. I hope that this scheme would solve the water problem regularly faced by my constituency every year. I also thank the Officers and Staff of PHE. Department for trying their best for the implementation of this. At the same time, as we had listened from the hon'ble member from Lunglei 'S' constituency our budget for Emergency water supply, which is Rs. 45 lakh only, seems to be little. I propose bigger budget in the Revised Estimate if possible. And in regard to Departmental works, as we had listened, I wish to give less work that also only under unavoidable circumstance so, I request the hon'ble Minister to lessen Departmental works.

Next, I would like to mention only one point on Agriculture department. Once, I accompanied the hon'ble Chief Minister in the Plan discussion, where we had meeting in ICAR Headquarters and we knew that there is not any Research Center for ginger and Floriculture in India. The hon'ble Chief Minister immediately requested the Union Minister to establish Ginger Research Centre and Floriculture Research Centre in Mizoram. I eagerly wish to implement such proposal because ginger has been very popular in Mizoram and in this way we can help the farmers. And in Horticulture also we need to have good research to grow crops suitable for our soil. But I find no money for Research in the budget of Horticulture. Anyway, Mr. Chairman, research is very important to know what kind of crops are suitable for our soil. There are many other things to mention, but our time is too limited so, let me stop my speech here. Thank you.

C H A I R M A N : We shall have break now, Meeting will be resumed at 4 :30 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4 :00 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We shall continue our business now. Who will speak first ? Yes, Pu Lalhmingthanga.

P U L A L H M I N G T H A N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. Today, I am happy for we can have good opportunity to discuss important demands from two of our Ministers the hon'ble Chief Minister and the hon'ble Home Minister. They are the symbol of our state. However, there is technical defect in our business. The Minister of State without portfolios moves demands on Agriculture and Horticulture departments unlike our normal practices.

S P E A K E R : Wait for a little time, I also seriously think about this and when I consulted the concerned officers, we do not hesitate to do this.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA

: Yes, Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not put responsibility on you. But, I would like to point out this for our carefulness in future.

Firstly let me start from Demand No. 14. Which is Home Department. As we had listened from hon'ble members, our Police greatly needs improvement on their service condition, pay scale and their quarters/family lane. I also hope that the hon'ble Minister will admit that regular training is needed by the policemen. In regard to pay scale, the ASI's. in particular greatly need to upgrade their pay and their rifle allowance which is Rs. 4/- also needs to increase. I wish to increase their ration money to be equivalent to Assam Rifles and CRP. Besides I also agree with some of our members in regard to deployment of the policemen to do manual works in the private farms. I, therefore, beg the government to stop such practices. And in regard to the Home Guards, we deploy them just as para military forces unlike other states. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to take immediate steps for full implementation of the Speech of the Governor to increase their salary and allowances.

Next, in regard to water Supply we have listened about water supply from various members and many of them expressed their gratitude. However, there is one important thing to point out, which is the distribution of water by means of Truck vehicles in various towns. The department still owed lots of money to the owners of the Truck vehicle. Our budget for this purpose seems to be insufficient. I opine that we need much more money and I request the hon'ble Minister to clear all those pending bills as soon as possible.

And in regard to Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, our budget provision seems to be in favour of the suppliers other than the farmers. I opine that the government over emphasized supply of seed, seedlings and materials. Therefore, these departments would be transformed into money making machine for the prominent persons in the ruling party. In fact, Agriculture and Horticulture are the basic instrument given to us by God for self sufficiency. Besides, I wish all our schemes in this matter to be market oriented schemes. I request the hon'ble Minister to note this.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we have listened much about Aii Puk Scandal. In this regard I opine that the Chief Minister is responsible. To find out the truth, I demand Enquiry Commission on this matter and I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to leave his office for better functioning of that Commission as we see in the Parliament on the allegation against the hon'ble Minister of Defence. If the Leader of the House, cannot give assurance to constitute Enquiry Commission we, the opposition members would not give vote to pass the budget of Agriculture and Horticulture department.

S P E A K E R

: Now, we shall call upon Pu Tawnluia, Minister, to wind up his demands.

PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER

: Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to convey my thanks to the hon'ble members for giving interest to my demands and for their valuable suggestions for better services of my departments. I have noted down all the advice and important points mentioned by the hon'ble members. First of all in regard to the imprisonment of six Mizos in Tirap District Jail, Arunachal Pradesh, we immediately take steps, the Chief Secretary of Mizoram sends message to the Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh. We will try our best to settle this matter. And in regard to picketing of two bags of rice from Pi Lalliankimi of Vaivakawn and taking of Rs. 8000/- from Pu Ngura of Rangvamual by two policemen. Lalbiakthanga and Thanchhunga, both of them are MRP. Constable of Vaivakawn Police Out Post. The two Policemen have been suspended from their service after investigation is done.

Next, we all seem to be interested in the matter of Home Guards. Their services is not so different from the services of the Police. They are very useful in our state. As we know that they are not purely Government servants, they are volunteers, we have about 150 regular posts, all the others are volunteer Guardmen. In regard to their salary and allowances, they have been given their daily allowance, washing allowance and messing during training period from 1st

May 1999. But when they have completed their training course, they are given duty allowance of Rs. 100/- per day. Besides this, they get washing allowance of Rs. 25/- per head per day. We want to give them messing allowance too but we cannot implement this due to financial problem. And, in regard to termination of six Home Guards due to Jail break at Saiha, Departmental enquiry is taken and we informed the officers to take necessary actions. Although we love them very much we cannot avoid to do this.

Regarding advertisement of private firm on the uniform worn by the Traffic Police, it is not really a uniform. It is rather safety Jacket belt and Gloves. In the year 1997, the Government of Mizoram authorised the S.P. to look for sponsorship on Traffic sign board and police point. Therefore, 'Johnson Eastern Power' sponsored such items. I would like to say that there is nothing wrong in this matter.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, may I request the hon'ble Minister to explain this order issued on 15.12.1999. let me read it out.....

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I know it. I also keep the copy of that order. But I have mentioned about this.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to mention that according to this order, Messing allowance is Rs. 50/- per day and out of pocket allowance is Rs. 25/- per head per day. But, the hon'ble Minister of Home Department said that Messing allowance is for during training only. There is no such direction in this order. The speech of the Minister is defferent from the order.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, our practice is as what I had mentioned in the matter of Home Guards. As I had said earlier, there is little mistake in the order. Next, in regard to buying of arms from Utter Pradesh, the central Home Ministry freely gave us 300 SLR. Which are secondhand arms previously used by CRPF. I am sorry to hear that the moral of our Police becomes down due to all this. In fact, their moral becomes up, however, there may be some accidental incidents. Anyway, I opine that the Mizoram Police would be the best Police in India and I am proud of them very much.

In regard to promotion, I, myself make strong pressure to the authority. When promotion is done through MPSC. on 23 December. I find some important things which needs revision and I send it back to MPSC. But before the final proposal has been prepared, some members of MPSC. has retired so, we too eagerly waiting for this. Next, in regard to the pay scale of ASI. of police, I know their condition and I try my best to upgrade their pay scale. There is good understanding between me and A.S.I. Association. Mr. Speaker Sir, there are many things to mention in Police Department. We are given more than 140 motor vehicles, arms and ammunicions, W.T. Set, Bullet proof equipments and many other things from the Central Government. Now, 10 Gypsy and 30 Motor cycles are also coming soon.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, from the speech of the hon'ble Minister we know that the Central Government gives us many things in kind such as Motor vehicles, arms and ammunicions, etc. I would like to know whether there are vehicles allotted by the central Government to be used in the Border out posts? We have very long international border and out posts.

PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER :

Mr. Speaker Sir, in my opinion. I have an idea to allot this coming posts as desired by the hon'ble members. Besides, we have

some bullet proof jackets, if we require such jackets I would like to inform all our members that it can be lended. And in regard to Housing, during this two years, about 130 buildings have been constructed for Police Department. Besides, the 10th Finance Commission allowed us to construct 30-50 new buildings in addition to the existing ones constructed under our annual Plan. Also in Fire Service, the 11th Finance Commission gave us Rs. 41 lakh. Which would be used for establishing Fire station in Mamit. And in regard to Lunglei Fire Station. I noted down the speech of the hon'ble members and I have been keeping it in my mind.

Mr. Speaker sir, now a days we heard about kidnapping and some undesirable incidents are from other states and even other countries in some places. Therefore, some of them are out of our control. Meanwhile, we always try our best to maintain proper law & order. Some of the members said that the government has failed in maintaining law and order. But in my opinion, we still retain peace and security in Mizoram Therefore, I do not hesitate to call Mizoram the most peaceful state in India.

In regard to creation of new I.R. Battalion. There is no discrimination on regional wise. Recruitment will be made in each District Headquarters. Now, about 200 trainees in the Police Training Centre are for 2nd Bn. LR. But it is provisional arrangement only. Final posting will be made on the day of passing out parade. Re-arrangement is not difficult. Further, to create new Battalion, we need to appoint commandent first. Therefore, we have appoint C.O. of the 2nd. Battalion I.R. He has his office now in the Police Headquarters. Necessary steps have to be taken for this matter. And, as said by the hon'ble Leader of Opposition, training is very important to keep up the efficiency of the Police. Therefore, we try our best in this matter. Now, there is proposal to make better Training Centre at Thenzawl. We have chosen the site which has been visited by the Bureau of India Research under the Leadership of Director. They have to submit their Plan for establishing Training Centre there to the Ministry of Home, Government of India. Therefore, we hope that we will have better training Centre soon.

Next, in regard to water supply, now, PHE. Department has covered 911 villages, among which 544 villages are recorded as partially covered because they are not provided 40 litres of water per head per-day. But, other 367 villages are given sufficient water of more than 40 litres perhead per-day. The target of PHE. Department is to supply water of 40 litres per head perday in the rural villages. Steps are on to achieve our target in this matter. we have another scheme for Urban Water supply in which we have identified 22 towns.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, may I demand point of clarification. If I am not mistaken, the total village of Mizoram

is 748. But, the hon'ble Minister said that 911 villages have now been covered. What is the meaning of this?

PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER

: Mr. Speaker Sir, I think he would be right. But the PHE. Department accepts small habitation of 4.5 houses

as a village. Which are included in the scheme. Through they might not have separate village council of their own, they are covered under the Rural water supply scheme.

In regard to Urban water Supply, we have completed our scheme in Lunglei, Aizawl, Serchhip, Kolasib and Saiha. In Aizawl, Phase II is to be initiated. Besides, we have on going scheme in Bilkhawthlir, Chhimluang, North Kawnpui, Khawzawl, Sairang, Saitual, Thenzawl and Vairengte. We have completed Darlawn water supply scheme and Champhai and Ratu are also under construction. In Mamit, we have a big scheme with an involvement of nearlyRs. 10 Crore. Pumping system is to be applied. Also in Lawngtlai Greater water supply scheme is to be undertaken. It is included in the work schedule.

Mr. Speaker Sir, PHE. Department have separate work schedule and I hope every member can study our progress and proposals. Therefore, it can be seen that there is no discrimination among the ruling and opposition Constituencies.

PU VANLALHLANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, may I request the hon'ble Minister to clarify about the Home Guards. He said that the order issued by the Joint Secretary. Government of Mizoram, Home Department on 15th December, 1999 was defective. If so, why does not the Government make corrigendum? Besides, the Governor also pointed out this on 15th March, 2000. In his speech in this House. Has not the Governor telling the truth?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, there is no approved rates on machines from the Department. Can the hon'ble Minister enquire this?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I will remember this. And in regard to the speech of the hon'ble member Pu Vanlalhlana. there is a little defect in that order and I do not deny that we are weak to make immediate correction even in the speech of the Governor.

COLONEL LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, Can the hon'ble Minister enquire Hmunpui water supply scheme which I had pointed out earlier?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I will enquire this as requested by the hon'ble Member. As far as my knowledge is concerned, the in-take source of Hmunpui Water Supply scheme cannot be at high altitude, therefore, the outlet point is at the bottom of the village, which is done with the agreement between the Department and the leaders of the society.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass my Demands.

(1)	Demand No. 14, Police Department	-	Rs. 86,42,13,000/-
(2)	Demand No. 18. Other Administrative service, Home Guard, Fire Services and ATL.	-	Rs. 8,30,00,000/-
(3)	Demand No. 27, Water Supply & Sanitation -		Rs. 34,70,000/-
(4)	Demand No. 34. Social Security and welfare (SS & A) Board.	-	Rs. 99,30,000/-
	Total :	-	Rs. 130,42,03,000/-

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu Tawnlui begged leave of the House to pass his demands. Those who agree to pass his demands say 'yes' and those who disagree say 'No' (Members Say 'yes') Pu Tawnluia's Demands are passed unanimously.

PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu C. Lalrinsanga to wind up his demands and let him beg leave of the House to pass his demands.

PU C. LALRINSANGA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. Today I am happy to know that many members took part in the discussion on my demands.

However, I am sorry to hear from the leader of opposition that they hesitate to pass my demands. Anyway, let me point out the important things under my charges. First of all let me start from Demand No. 37. Horticulture Department. This department grows rapidly and its achievements can change the economy of our state. Now, Horticulture department covers 45,914 hectares for plantation of various case crops. Steps have been taken to make this department a source of income other than our usual budget. We have taken initiative steps to grow areconut, Hatkora, Orange and Passion fruit. The hon'ble member from Buarpui constituency said that there are some hidden things in the supply of metalled wire for supporting passion fruit. But as far as my knowledge is concerned there is nothing wrong in this matter.

Next, I would like to mention the records of National Productivity council, Government of India for our information. The fruit production of Assam State in 1989-1990 is 836 tonne and the crop production is 1961.90 tonne in the same year. Here in Mizoram, our fruit production is 42.80 tonnes and crop production is 25.80 tonnes. We, therefore, try our best to increase our production. But our Main problem is preservation. Due to the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister, proposed is made to construct cold storage as much as possible. Now, initiative steps have been taken in Serchhip to construct cold storage.

In regard to supply of seeds and seedlings, careful measures are to be taken, Farmers will be encouraged to be self sufficient in seeds like mustard, French beans, etc. However, Pottato, in Particular, the Department of Horticulture takes steps to produce true pottato seeds to minimize our imports from other states, which will be helpful for those who live in remote rural areas. Besides the above, Floriculture is one important branch of Horticulture, many families in Aizawl now use flower gardening to make income. This is a great achievement of Horticulture Department. Now, a suitable flower market is still being searched.

Now, coming to Demand No. 36. Which is Agriculture and Minor Irrigation Department. Our hon'ble Chief Minister eagerly aimed at self sufficiency, So, Privatisation, Mechanisation and large scale production are to be implemented. Land development is done first. Now, we have covered 62 hectares at Tuichhuahen and 78 hectares at Champhai for pilot project. During this financial year, we have to take up 40 projects. Our main aim is economic self sufficiency. Besides, double cropping is also to be implemented. To implement double cropping, we select new variety of rice such as Narrenda 359. MTU 7029 and PNR 381. The life span of such rice are about 110 days. So, we hope that winter crops can be grown without disturbing such new variety of rice. In this way, we can save much money to buy crops from other states.

The other important thing which I would like to mention is that we made Research and Development call for the purpose of large production. Besides, as mentioned by the hon'ble member from Kawnpui constituency, we know the necessity of soil testing laboratory at Champhai, Lunglei, Kolasib and Saiha. In Neihbawi farm, installation of Bio fertilizer unit is still undertaken, which will be very helpful for the farmers. And due to the efforts of the R.D. Minister 13 projects have been taken up under IWDP. (Integrated Wasteland Development Project) Among which 7 projects have been completed. Thus, sustainable farm can be introduced soon. The Central Government is also ready to help us in this matter.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I have noted all important points mentioned by the hon'ble members and I appreciate their earnestness. When I took up my portfolios to assist the hon'ble Chief Minister, we visited various places of Sihphir, Durtlang and Hlimen where we found the hard working farmers and we gave Rain water harvesting Dam. We also took steps to make link road to their farms. When we talked to the farmers, they mentioned their needs, among which we opine that fencing is the most important for them. In this way, the government regards the farmers VIP and this should be keep up.

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Do not they need water tank, link road etc.?

PU C. LALRINSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House
MINISTER to pass my demands No. 36,
Agriculture - Rs. 19,76,60,000 /- No. 37,
Horticulture - Rs. 10,76,80,000/- Total - Rs. 30,53,40,000/-

S P E A K E R : The concerned Minister have explained as much as he can. If we want to know more, it is possible to ask in the office. Pu C. Lalrinsanga has begged leave of this House to pass his demands. Those who agree to pass will say 'Yes' and those who disagree will say 'No'. The sound of 'No' seems to be louder than the sound of 'Yes'. So, we shall raise up our hands and it will be counted by the secretary. Yes, 20 members agree to pass and 15 members disagree. Pu C. Lalrinsanga's Demands are passed by this House.

PU C.LALRINSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you.
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : Our business for today has over now. Meeting will be resumed tomorrow, 18.4.2001 at 10:30 A.M. Meeting adjourned. 6:00 PM.