

FOURTH MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
(NINTH SESSION)

FOR FOURTEENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 18TH APRIL, 2001.

PRESENT

PU R. LALAWIA, Speaker, at the Chair, Chief Ministe, 14 Ministers and 22 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

2. PU H. LALTANPUIA to present to the House. the First Report of the Budget Committee.

MOTIONS FOR ELECTION TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

- (a) PU H. RAMMAWI to move a motion in the following form : "That the Members of this House do proceed to elect in the Manner required by Sub-rule 1 of Rule 202 read with 250 of the Rule of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of Public Accounts Committee, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months"
- (b) PU C. SANGZUALA to move a motion in the following forms : "That the members of this House do proceed to elect in the manner required by sub-rule 1 of Rule 202 read with Rule 254 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of Committee on Public Undertakings Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 Months".
- (c) DR. LALZAMA to move a motion in the following form : "That the members of this House do proceed to elect in the manner required by sub-rule 1 of Rule 202 read with Rule 252 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of Committee on Estimates, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months".

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

4. (i) PU H. VANLALAUVA, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
(ii) ER. K. THANGZUALA, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S P E A K E R : "If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land,"

Isaiah 1 : 19.

Member absent Pu P.B. Rosanga due to toothache.

Now, we will start our business and take up questions. Let us call upon Col. Lalchungnunga Sailo to ask starred Question No. 241.

COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of Taxation Department be pleased to state :

- (a) Trading by non-Tribal Regulation Act has ended in 1987 and the government tries to renew this Act. What progress do we have ?
- (b) How many non-tribal traders who are registered under CST Act, 1956 are there in Mizoram ? How many unregistered non-tribal traders are there ?

PU LALCHAMLIANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the answer to questions asked by the hon'ble member from Aizawl West-I are as the following :

- (a) There are no Trading Regulation by Non-Tribal Act. But now, Mizoram Trading Regulation Bill has been prepared, which is put forwarded to the Union Home Ministry.
- (b) There are 34 non-tribal traders who are registered under CST Act, 1956. I do not know the number of unregistered traders as we have no survey in this regard.

COL LALCHUNGNUNGA : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary questions. The Mizoram Trading Regulation Bill has been in the hand of Home Ministry since a long time. What steps are taken by the Government in this matter ? And in regard to unregistered traders of non-tribal, does not the government have records ?

DR LALZAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, does the central government ask our state to use uniform floor rate in regard to sales tax ?

PU LALCHAMLIANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir. Trading Regulation is not under the Taxation Department. It is under the Department of Trade and Commerce. So, I have not much to say about this. And in regard to unregistered traders of non-tribal, we have not yet prepared records, but we will discuss about this.

In regard to the question asked by the hon'ble member from Aizawl North-II constituency, we are told to use uniform floor rate by the Joint Secretary Expenditure Department of the Union Finance Ministry. But the government of Mizoram search for any possible way to avoid this. On 19th April, 2001, Empower Committee on Uniform Floor rate will be held under the Chairmanship of the Finance Minister of West Bengal in this meeting we will send a delegate to represent our state to point out the condition of our state.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Minister does not give clear answer to the question on "Trading by Non-Tribal Regulation Act, 1974".

PU LALCHAMLIANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, There is not Trading by Non-Tribal Act. But there is Trading by non-tribal regulation. Anyway, I will discuss it with the Minister of Trade and Commerce Department.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu K.L.Lianchia to ask Starred Question No. 242.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of Prison Department be pleased to state :

- (a) There any Jail Warder Terminated from Champhai Jail ?
- (b) If so, how many of them are terminated ?
- (c) Will any substitutes be appointed ?

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, the following are the answer
MINISTER to questions asked by the hon'ble member from Khawhai constituency.

- (a) There is no regular Jail Warder terminated from Champhai Jail.
- (b) No regular Jail Warder is terminated.
- (c) No substitute is appointed since no one is terminated.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Minister said that regular Jail Warder is not terminated. I am asking for any jail warder whether regular staff or not.

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, not only in Champhai Jail but also in Central Jail, Lunglei Jail and other Jails in Mizoram, are there any Jail Warder whether Muster Roll or not being terminated ?

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, when we say about Jail
MINISTER Warder, I am in the opinion of regular Jail Warder. But in regard to Muster Roll Jail Warder, 3 Muster Rolls are terminated from Champhai Jail as they have bad records in their service. Besides, the sanction for their posts has ended. New sanction is made and three new Muster Rolls are appointed. The terminated Jail Warders are Zinunkima s/o Lalmawia, Khawzawl, Kanana s/o Lalhlira, Champhai, Zothankhumi d/o Rohlira Khawruhlian. The new appointed Jail Warders are Rohlupua s/o Hrangdailova Champhai vengsang, Lalhmingliani d/o Vanropua, E.Lungdar, Zozikpuii d/o K.Laltluanga, Champhai.

Also in other jails, there are some other muster roll jail warders terminated due to the end of their term as their term is for a period of three months.

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, when I was incharge of this Department, we re-employed the muster roll warders when their term was over. But today, some of them are terminated. What is the reason for their termination ? Are their substitutes appointed ?

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, are Pi Darmawii and Zonunkima included among the terminated Jail Warders ? Are not Zabuangi and F.Lalrinmawia newly appointed ? In champhai Jail, I have spot verification and 5 new warders are appointed. But the Minister read out only three names. And in regard to the reason for their termination, the hon'ble Minister said that they have no good service records, they have no complain against their service.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, I have mentioned the reason
MINISTER for the termination of the said Muster Roll Jail Warder. It is on the ground of their service records. That vacant posts have been filled up now. And in regard to the number of terminated Jail Warders in Champhai, I got an information that three Jail Warders were terminated.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu Vanlalhlana to ask Starred Question No. 243.

PU VANLALHLANA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of P.W.D. be pleased to state :

- (a) Why does not the construction of Auditorium at upper Bazar continue ?
- (b) Is there any proposal to change the contractor ?

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the following are the answers to questions asked by the hon'ble member.

- (a) The construction of Auditorium at upper Bazar Aizawl cannot be continued due to discontinuation of fund from state capital project.
- (b) The contractor has not work to do. Therefore, the contract has also been cancelled.

PU J.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, what is the original name of this building when its foundation was laid ? From the answer given by the hon'ble Minister, the construction work has been discontinued due to non-availability of fund. Should we leave this building as it is today ? Is there any new plan to continue this ?

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, from where does the fund come for this building ? what is the reason for discontinuation of the fund ? Is cancellation of the agreement done as the wish of the contractor or without consulting the contractor ? What is the total expenditure for this building till today ?

PU VANLALHLANA : Mr Speaker Sir, what is the policy of the government in this matter ? We are aware that when the hon'ble Chief Minister visited that site, he talked about an auditorium to accommodate ten thousand people and parking area. What next steps will be taken by the government ?

PU L.N.TLUANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, construction of this auditorium is a big and heavy work and there was an agreement between the contractor and the government. If the contract was cancelled unlike the wishes of the contractor, will the government give compensation to him ?

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the contract work for this building was given to Pu K.M.Biaksailova in 1995. When he just started the work of earth cutting, the design was changed to use this building for car parking, Shoppig Complex and Library. When the work was going on, there was another design for the second time. A fund of Rs.16.5 crore is expected from State Capital Project since the time of the previous Ministry. But such amount of fund cannot come and the work cannot be continued. Therefore, the contract work has been cancelled in accordance with the provision of the contract agreement.

In the beginning, its foudation was laid in the name of Auditorium, but, as we cannot have fund for this building there is new proposal to use this building as a source of revenue. Therefore, we propose to name it a Millenuim Trade Centre. We search for reliable companies for this purpose. Now, we approach a world wide famous Company name Vestor International Limited to make a detailed Project Report. The proposed plan includes car parking for about 400 cars, 300 shops and about 60 Hotel rooms. Therefore, no work can be started before we have detailed project report. Now we still wait for Detailed Project Report made by Vestor International Limited, New Delhi.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir, there was strong demand for large auditorium from the people. So, construction of Auditorium was started during the time of Congress Ministry. However, it can not be continued due to lack of fund. At the same time, we listened about Millenium Trade Centre, which will need much money. From where will the fund come ? If there is no fund for auditorium will there be fund for Millenium Trade Centre ?

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, in regard to the total amount of expenditure for this building till today as asked by Pu K.L.Lianchia, Rs.29 crore was sanctioned by State Capital Project and another 11.58 crore was sanctioned again. As no other fund could come, the construction was discontinued. I can give detailed expenditure to him in black and white if required.

And regarding the question asked by the hon'ble Member from Chawngte constituency, we expect loan from financial institutios but now, the detailed project report has not been finalised hence we cannot say what amount of money should be needed. It will be considered when we have Detailed Project Report.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, the initiative step had been taken by the previous congress ministry. If this ministry does not know how to continue it, we are ready to do this.

PU J.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, I am aware that one building in the southern side is proposed for Library. Is there any proposal to complete at least this block ?

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, there is no proposal to complete any single block. Besides, there is no fund proposed for auditorium from the very beginning. Proposal has been made according to the fund from state capital project. Now, the construction cannot be continued wholly due to lack of fund.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to mention some points for our information. In other states also, they take up some huge projects such as fly over, etc. Such huge projects cannot be completed from the Grant as many crores of rupees is involved. So, they generally follow BOT system which means Build, Operate and Transfer system. According to which, the project is designed to make revenues. So, they entrust the companies to construct such buildings. When the revenues collected from such projects reaches the target of the companies, it is taken over by the government. In this way many resourceful structures have been constructed in many places. For this Millennium Centre too, Build Operate Transfer system will be applied. But, detailed project report is needed first. We are still waiting for Detailed Project Report. And in regard to auditorium, we have another project in the Assam Riffle area, near Lammual Playground. We opine that there is no need to have two Auditorium neighbouring each other. Therefore, our proposal is revenue oriented building in this place.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Dr Lalzama to ask Starred Question No.244.

DR LALZAMA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of Transport Department be pleased to state :

- (a) When will the Government impose parking fee for motor vehicles ? What amount is expected from parking fee in a year ?
- (b) How many new Buses are bought by the Transport Department ? Will the body construction work be given to local workshop owned by Mizos.
- (c) What is the total amount of revenue received by Transport Department ?
 - (i) How much is from Motor Vehicle Wing ? and
 - (ii) How much is from Motor Transport Wing ?
- (d) By what percent do the fare of MST Bus less than private Bus ? Is it beneficial for the passengers ?

PU K.SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, the following are the answer to Starred Question No. 244 asked by the Hon'ble Member Dr.Lalzama :

- (a) Parking Fee for motor vehicles has been taken since 2nd April, 2001. Rs. 20 lakh is expected from parking fee in a year.
- (b) During last year (1999-2000), Seven new buses were bought. Two of them are for Deluxed Buses and the other five are for medium Buses. Body construction work of such buses are given to local firms owned by Mizos. Such work will be started as soon as agreements is signed. But, Deluxe Buses will be constructed in other state due to the absence of completed materials in Mizoram.
- (c) The total revenue received by transport department, Motor Vehicle Wing during 1999-2000 is Rs.1,83,46,000/- only, and during 2000-2001 it is Rs. 2,03,39,000/- totally Rs.3,86,85,000/- only.
And the amount of revenue from motor Transport wing during 1999-2000 is Rs.2,23,18,000/- and during 2000-2001 is Rs.2,68,92,000/- totally Rs.2,92,10,000/- The grant total amount of revenue is Rs.8,78,95,000/- and.
- (d) The fare of MST Buses is lower then private buses as shown here :-
 - (i) 17% in Deluxe bus and
 - (ii) 11% in Medium bus.

We opine that the passengers are benefitted by these fares.

PU H.LALTANPUIA

: Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to mention my recent experience. On last saturday, I went to Thakthing Bazar

where I bought a pen, and I backoned the seller from my car without switching off the engine. The collector of Parking Fee came and asked for Rs.5/-. In fact, I had not parked my car, I just stop it. Is not there any proper guideline ? Besides, Taxi's are also asked for parking fee while doing loading and unloading of their passengers not in their stands. Therefore, they need to pay more than Rs.30/- per day. We need proper guidelines in this matter. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to explain this.

DR LALZAMA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, in regard to construction of the body of MST Buses, Have not the local firms been

given in the past ? And in regard to parking fee, Is there any problem ? If so, what steps will be taken ?

PU K.SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, in regard to the question raised by the Hon'ble Member Pu H.Laltanpuia, I would like to

say that we are just starting collection of motor parking fees now, the collectors might also be confusing. The Department Officers have given proper instructions and no fees should be asked on vehicles which are not parked. I request all members to cooperate with us and to render suggestions to us.

We have no great problems on parking fees now, but some arguments might be there between the owners of vehicles and the collectors, I, therefore, hope that it will be settled gradually.

In regard to construction of the body of MST Buses, no local firms were given in the past. From this year we start to give construction work to local firms. But in some cases such as Deluxe Buses, we cannot avoid to contact the workshops in other state due to lack of materials in our state. However, we inform the local workshops to establish themselves to be able to construct Deluxe Buses too in future.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu R.Lalzirliana to ask Starred Question No. 245.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of Trade and Commerce be pleased to state -

(a) In which bank does the ginger contractor of this year deposit his security money of Rs.20/- lakh ?

(b) What are the call Deposit Number and the date of deposit ?

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the Ginger contractor of this year deposited his security money of Rs.20 lakh in the MUCO Bank, Zarkawt, Aizawl. His call deposit number is No. 3058/10/2001. and 6.2.2001 he deposited his security money.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, Supplementary questions, the ginger contractor have signed an agreement with the government to buy 1 kg fo ginger for Rs.11/- many ginger growers carried their products to Vairengte but the contractor cannot give money to the owners of ginger. Now, about Rs. 34 lakh is debted by the contractor. Can the government make payment of that debt from his security deposit of Rs. 20 lakh ?

Secondly, export of ginger to other state was prohibited for 37 days from 30.1.2001 to 8.3.2001. During this period, many gingers have decayed. Will the government give damage compensation ? If not so, Does the government think itself right before the law court ?

Thirdly, If another contractor is to be appointed, will he deposit security money of Rs.20 lakhs too ?

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the contractor seems to be credited some amount of money. Now, he was informed through MAMCO to clear his debt. His security deposit can be used if required. And, in regard to damage compensation we have not yet received any claim from the growers of ginger. Therefore, I cannot say whether we will give it or not.

If new contractor is to be appointed, he needs to follow the clause of the tender just as the first contractor did.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, the ginger contractor still has much debt. We cannot expect him to buy more. If anybody wants to sell ginger in Silchar or other places not through the contractor, can they pass through Vairengte Gate without paying a fine of Rs.1/- per kg of ginger ?

PU AICHHINGA : Mr Speaker Sir, no fine is imposed on ginger now at Vairengte. But, the MINISTER Department (Trade and Commerce) has the right to collect a revenue of Rs.200/- on every Truck Trip of our products to be exported to other States. There is no other fine to be collected.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu C.Sangzuala to ask Starred Question No. 246.

PU C.SANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, My Starred Question is - What step has the government taken in regard to the widening of roads in Aizawl.

SPEAKER : Will now call the hon'ble Public Works Department Minister to answer the question.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, the widening of roads in Aizawl will not be taken up MINISTER for the year 2001-2002.

PU C.SANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question. We all know the importance of the widening of roads in Aizawl. Will it be possible to take up this matter.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, I personally take MINISTER interest in the widening of roads in Aizawl. The previous MNF government has taken up the widening of roads from, Bawngkawn to Chanmari - Ramhlun road, but unfortunately, the Ministry came to an end, therefore, for the past 10 years the widening of roads remains untouched. Mr Speaker Sir, however, survey is done, and also, proposal is made to include widening of roads in the capital project.

Mr Speaker Sir, since we are concentrating on rural connectivity, this year and in the past year, there is no fund allocation in the budget for widening of roads.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over, we will move on to the next list of business. Presentation of report. We will call upon Pu H.Laltanpuia to present the 1st report of the budget Committees.

PU H.LALTANPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, Thank You. As the budget Committee authorised me to present the 1st Report of the Budget Committee, I present the report in this august House.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed we will move on to the third list of business. motion for election to Financial Committee. We will call upon Pu - H.Rammawi to move the motion.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr Speaker Sir, with your permission Sir, I move that the member of this House to proceed to elect in the manner required by Sub-Rule-1 of Sub-Rule 202 read with 250 of the Rules of procedure and conduct of business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of Public Accounts Committee, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months.

PU C.SANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, with your permission Sir, I move that, the members of this House to proceed to elect in the manner required by Sub-Rule 1 Rule 202 read with Rule 254 of the Rules of procedure and conduct of business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, to serve as members of Committee on Public Undertakings Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months.

SPEAKER : Since hon'ble Deputy Speaker is unable to attend the Session, he has authorised Dr Lalzama to move the motion for Estimate Committee. We will now call upon Dr Lalzama to move the motion.

DR LALZAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, with your permission I move that, the members of this House do proceed to elect in the manner required by Sub-Rule 1 of Rule 202, read with Rule 252 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, to serve as members of Committee on Estimates, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months.

SPEAKER : Now various Chairman have moved the motion. We have a convention, we don't usually hold election. In consultation with the House and if the House permits, the different party will sit down to discuss about election of members during recess. That is if the members agree. Okey, it is good to know that the House agreed. We will now move on to list of business No. 4. Discussion and voting on Demand. Now we will call upon Pu H.Vanlalauva and Er K.Thangzuala to move their demands in the House.

PU H.VANLALAUVA : Mr Speaker Sir, Thank You. On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No.19,28,29,31 and 38. Rs.106 Crore, 41 lakhs 85 thousand only for meeting expenses during the year 2001-2002 for the various departments under me. Thank You.

SPEAKER : Now, we will call upon Pu K.Thangzuala, Minister to move his demand.

ER K.THANGZUALA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, Thank you Sir, on
the recommendation of the Governor
of Mizoram and with your permission

Sir, I move the demand No.47 and 48 for rupees 20 crore 53 lakhs 65 thousand only for meeting expenses during 2001-2002 in respect of the following departments. Demand No. 47, Industries, 16 crore, 50 lakhs, 16 thousand, Demand 48 Sericulture - 3 crore 93 lakhs, 53 thousands. Thank You.

SPEAKER

: Now, we will discuss Pu.H.Vanlalauva's
demand No.28, 29, 31, 38 Rs. 1,06,41,85,000/-
and Pu K.Thangzuala's demand No.47,48

Rs. 20,53,65,000/-. Each member will be given 10 minutes. Who will start the discussion?
Pu Nirupam Chakma.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. Demand No.31.
District Council (salaries and allowance) Bill
has been passed in 1999. However, the Mizoram

Government has not approved the bill till date, but the bill is implemented in the district councils. The hon'ble Minister should clarify this matter.

Mr Speaker Sir, in the recently concluded Village Council Election, there was regging and excess ballot papers were found in various district councils, complaints has been made to District Council Secretariat, Governor and Deputy Commissioner, however no action has been taken so far.

Pu Chairman, in Chakma District Council, the M.N.F. government is intending to create a wild life sanctuary. Notification was issued on the 27th October, 2000, to the village council. Pu Chairman, the concern Block Development Officer Chawngte SDO, SDPO and the Village received the order only on first January. The hon'ble Minister must take enquiry in this regard.

Pu Chairman, few words regarding the constitution of Housing loan board, there is no room for other parties, the board member only constituted of MNF parties. This needs rectification. Then regarding Panchayati Raj, the previous ministry has constituted a Committee to study, if Panchayati Raj is adoptable in Mizoram. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to clarify the opinion of the government.

Pu Chairman, regarding Urban Development, is there any proposal to make building loan regulation.

Few words regarding fishery, every district should have one fish farm, and we need fish feed production, steps must be taken towards the production of fish feed.

Pu chairman, incentive should be given to Industrial Units, we have list of Small Scale Industries, the government should verify these small scale industries to see if they really function. Incentive should also be given to hotel industries. Pu Chairman, Sub-Industry Office was opened in Kamalanagar in Chawngte District in the previous Ministry but till date it is unfunctionable. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to clarify this matter.

Pu Chairman, in Sericulture, the budget allocation is very less, the fund allocation is adequate for salary and maintenance. I request the hon'ble Finance Minister to increase the budget allocation. Thank you.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, First of all, I would like to speak about Industry. If we look at last year's performance on setting up of tea estate at Biata, there is only 10 lakhs fund allocation. Pu Chairman, this is too little the tea-growers in Biata are facing great difficulty, because they are unable to purchase the machinery and unsure of the product market. The government should make careful study regarding the required machine and the market for the product. It seems the hon'ble Minister is aware of this.

Pu Chairman, Village Councils are dissolved at will by this Ministry. The hon'ble Speaker mentioned that it is partly the MNF Village Councils that are dissolved and that they are fair about the dissolution. I feel that we should consider whether they did the right thing in dissolving Village Councils whose faults could not be found by those who did verification. Truly it is not fair to dissolve Village Council which are of not ruling party. If we are to find fault, there would be Village Council whose works may invite criticism and whose dissolution would be well justified, but we do not want to take such action, for I know that no one is perfect. Hence four ruling should be evolved for the ruling. The hon'ble Minister should take action like the case in Hualngo. Pu Chairman, the development fund should also move through proper channel, Village Council members are directly handling the fund without proper account. For example, Kanan Village Council. They drew Rs. 8000/- from the concerned Block Development Officer without proper account, the fund was utilised. When the Circle Assistant did the verification they were able to produce account of only Rs.2,200/- Hence, the government should be more careful in this regard.

Pu Chairman, as we all know, Housing Loan under Local Administration Department was distributed last year, we the opposition members did not have any share Pu Chairman we are also the elected representatives of the people of Mizoram. We oath to have a share. The previous Ministry too did the same, the ruling party reserved the whole share. Pu Chairman, there should be partial share if not equal. Thank You.

PU C.THANGHLUNA : Pu Chairman, today's discussion includes District Council Affairs. Some of the hon'ble Members may not take interest, however, since we are from the council area, there are few points I would like to mention District Council originates from the Indian Constitution 6th Schedule. It is an Autonomous District Council, it has full Autonomy. The CEM, EM and Chairman has the full Autonomy. However, I feel that the state government is exercising their power in the District Councils, for example a letter was received from the State District Council Affairs, Secretary, stating that, the pension of a particular president should not be issued. Pu Chairman, the state government should respect the autonomy of District Council and not interfere in their power of autonomy.

Pu Chairman, District Councils are facing problem in making rules. Rules are made and passed in the District Council Session, from there it is sent to the law department for vet before it is sent to the Governor for Assent, Pu Chairman, it takes years and years to pass the law department. The government should solve this problem, or else the District Council will be governed without proper laws and rules. Pu Chairman, the financial management by the CEM in district council is a failure, whatever contract works available are distributed among the families of the CEM. The development fund that the district council received are not utilised accordingly. The Local Administration Department Minister should find out whether the fund he has sanctioned for making steps, is utilised for the purpose.

Few words in Industry. Regarding PMRY Loan, who are the board members, I have made question in the House. Unfortunately, till now, my question has not come up. Anyway, Pu Chairman, these board members, it seems demand some percent from the loanees. I can even give names, however, that will not be wise, Pu Chairman, the government should check this. Thank You.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Pu Chairman, Thank You. Demand No.27. Industry Department. We all know that Industry Department is one of the oldest departments, different corporation has branched out of Industry department, lack of fund has caused

this department stagnation. If we look at ZIDCO, its main function is providing loan. As we all know, many big company has gone bankrupt, due to the low rate of loan recovery. Therefore, we should make profit earning projects for our company.

Pu Chairman, under Industry demand, there is Sub-Head for development of tea Industries. In this regard, I would like to say few things. Pu Chairman, the sub-head should be development of tea plantation, it will be more appropriate. If we look at neighbouring states like Assam, the farmers benefit from their tea-plantation. We should also set our project towards this, State like, Manipur and Garo Hills sent in young tea leaves to Assam, where full fledged Industry is established, we should also go this way, instead of developing the Industry. We have to start from the grass root level. Pu Chairman, one more point, tea-development should spread out in the various districts and not only in Aizawl. In my constituency, there are tea-growers in Mualcheng, Zobawk and Sairep.

Demand No. 19 few words regarding Local Administration Department. Pu Chairman, in Lunglei we have only one Junior Engineer. I request the hon'ble Minister to kindly fill the post and also the post of Executive Engineer and Assistant Engineer. Pu Chairman, one more points, in order to provide houses for people who are unable to build their own house. I wish the government sets their mind towards this from the slum scheme.

Sericulture department - I personally take great interest in this department, I have mentioned in the last Session, about Manipur. We too can come up with proper project and work with overseas company. If we look at Budget provision in the year 1999-2000, there was 235 lakhs budget provision for Sericulture. This year, there is 220 lakhs Pu Chairman, the department needs Power and Electricity Department or else there is no fund for development, the fund will go for salary and wages, maintenance of Directorate Office, District Office, factories training institute and farms. Pu Chairman, this department will remain stagnate.

Pu Chairman, Fishery Department, the department has taken great steps in my constituency, I want to thank the department for this. I want to request the department to make proper project report for Tawipui North - Fishery Department. Pu Chairman, one request regarding country and town planning, I request the hon'ble Minister to make the Town and Planning Office full fledged. Thank You.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Chairman, Thank You. I will start from demand No. 48 Sericulture. Last year, the budget provision for Sericulture was 391 lakhs. This year - for 2001-2002 the budget provision is 393 lakhs. If we look at the Sub-heads, it is all lower than last year, I cannot understand how this department is going to carry out itself. This department needs upliftment so that it helps in solving unemployment problem.

Demand No. 47 Industry. the budget provision is less by 200 lakhs this year. Pu Chairman, it seems that the government seems to lose interest in this department, it is time we have proper Mizoram Industrial Policy. We have 1987 Mizoram Industrial Policy, which is no longer relevant today. I therefore, request the government to come up with proper Mizoram Industrial Policy.

Pu Chairman, the government gives important to Industrial growth, we even find it, in the budget speech, but it is disappointing to say that, no major work has been taken up in this regard. I have been to the site, only construction of road is visible till date, I request the government to execute the work more expeditiously.

The hon'ble Chief Minister made statement that, Mizoram Bamboo is not acceptable for commercial use. Pu Chairman, the Chief Minister even mentioned that Taiwan and Korea's bamboo are acceptable for commercial use. However, Pu Chairman, Industry Minister visited Calcutta Venus Bamboo product, and found out that, some of the products were made from Mizoram Bamboo, this proves that Mizoram bamboo is acceptable for commercial use. We must therefore, try and utilise our bamboo for Sairang bamboo Industry not acquiring different Variety from other country.

Pu Chairman, PMRY is Prime Minister's Programme. Even in Mizoram. Task-force is instituted, but the financial institution is reluctant to sanction funds, even after the scheme passed the interview board. The government should look into this matter.

Pu Chairman, we have Mizoram Preferential Purchase Rules, but the government does not abide by this rules, therefore, small scale industries are facing problem. The government should fullfil this rule in order to help the small scale industries and it will also help in solving the unemployment problem. This rules safe guard the small scale industries.

Coming to Demand No. 17 - Local Administration Department, regarding Village Council remuneration, it is still the same as last year. I request the government to reconsider raising of Village Council remuneration and their power. Then, regarding Municipal Corporation, I would like to suggest for Municipal Corporation in Aizawl.

Lastly, I request the hon'ble Minister to give share to the members for LIC Loan. Thank You.

SPEAKER : We will continue with our business who is next ? Pu H.Laltanpuia.

PU H.LALTANPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, Thank You under Industry Department, there are different corporations question was raised on the expenditure and income of the three corporations i.e. = ZOHANDCO. ZENICS and MIFCO. Pu Speaker, from the answer furnished, these three corporations are running on a loss basis, the corporations are a total failure. Pu Speaker, the government should focus on privatization of these corporations to save the financial loss. I request the hon'ble Minister to clarify what is objective are towards these corporations.

Industries Department. From the answer furnished in unstarred question, the function of ZENICS is to look after Zoram Electronics and information Technology. Pu Speaker, if this is so, what is the function of Information Technology Wing, under Industry Department ? Pu Speaker, one is a corporation and one is a wing, why cannot they be amalgamated ? I would suggest that the two should be amalgamated. I request the hon'ble Minister to consider this.

Looking from the budget provision, Industries Department is not moving towards development. The budget provision this year is not the same as last year, it is much lower. I therefore, regret to say that the government has lost interest in this department, inspite of the Chief Minister's high preaching about the Bamboo Precessing Plant.

Pu Speaker, regarding Disaster Management, under Geology and Mining, what proposal does the government have for disaster like earthquake ?

Pu Speaker, from the budget speech of house - Leader, 5 new blocks of community information centre is to be established. I request the Minister to establish new blocks in the sensitive border area in my constituency.

Few words regarding the raise of Village Council remuneration and Village Council power, I request the hon'ble Minister to reconsider this matter.

Lastly, I request the hon'ble Minister to up-grade the Rungdil Fishery farm. Thank You.

PU C.SANGZÜALA : Mr Speaker Sir, Thank You. I will start with demand No. 19 & 29 Local Administration Department. Hon'ble Member before me mentioned about the raise of Village Council remuneration. I would also like to support their views. Secondly, I request the government to sanction the required fund for the

construction of market building in Aizawl South. Pu Speaker, we are facing great difficulty, because we do not have market building, right now. Our market place is roadside. I request the government to take prompt action. Thirdly, regarding sanitation, I request the department to improve the sanitation of market areas and the nook and corner of the town area.

Demand No. 28. Pu Speaker, I just want to propose to the government to increase the LIC loan for government employees. In this loan, the government does not lose, as the loan recovery is profitable for the government.

Demand No. 42 Industries - There are various corporations under this department Pu Speaker, these corporations are facing problems. Because, they cannot receive the state share funds in time. The central share funds are received on time. So due to these reasons, these corporations are facing problem, if the government take a keen interest, I believe their problem could be solved and they can be a profitable corporations. Thank You.

COL LALCHUNGNUNGA

: Mr Speaker Sir, Demand 38 Fisheries.
The budget provision for this department is much lesser than last year. I

regret to say this. Pu Speaker, if we look at the budget speech, will find that Rs. 24 lakhs was invested for the purchase of fish seeds. What I would like to point out is, why is so much of fund sanctioned for the purchase of fish seeds? Pu Speaker, instead of wasting so much fund for fish seeds, the fund could have been utilised for fish farms. I request the Minister to concentrate on fish farms.

Demand No. 19, Local Administration Department, It is good to know that the budget provision this year for this department has increased. It is also good to know that this department is very active, but I would like to point out, just one point. I request the department not to sanction the final bill of contractors. If the quality of the work is not up to the mark, as we can see that, there are lots of steps which are made but needs repairing after short period. Pu Speaker, I would like to request the department to give the allotment copy of works to the concern MLA so that we the MLAs can help the department in checking the quality of the work.

Pu Speaker, I would further like to ask why the construction of culvert at Chanmari west has been delayed ?

Demand No. 48 Sericulture department is a small department, therefore, the fund allotment for the department is also less. But this department helps the mass population through small scale industries. We were aware of silk-worms, for sometime, however, this have subsided, the main reason is the market. The government should find the market for the people. Our neighbouring state like Assam has silk-factories, we could easily feed these factories, the government should try and solve these problems.

The hon'ble Members have mentioned about corporations, the hon'ble Minister should find a solution to solving problems for corporations and why these corporations are running on loss basis. As we have heard earlier, these corporations do not receive the state share fund in time, the government should see to it that, the state share fund is sanctioned in time so that these corporations can turn into profitable corporations and not run on a loss. Thank You.

DR LALZAMA

: Pu Chairman, Thank You. First of all, I would like to speak about Sericulture.
We talk of self sufficiency, this department

can provide self sufficiency to the people. If the project of silk-worm is encouraged by the government. I request the hon'ble Minister to take note of this.

Pu Chairman, some difficulties have cropped up as there is no proper surveying is done for government holding lands. Therefore, the government should have clear notification of government holding lands.

We have heard about corporations, Pu Speaker, the department should make an awareness campaign for the recovery of loan.

I would like to thank the hon'ble Industry Minister for the step he has taken for centre of Electronic Design and Technologies, and also for Bamboo Processing Industries.

I would like to request Local Administration Department Minister to please take note of this, we will heard earlier from the hon'ble member from Aizawl South-II about Sanitation. I would like to support his view, there should be Sub-Town Sanitation.

In Fishery Department, we will heard that fish-seeds are purchased for 24 lakhs. It is a good step, we should know that, it is the best way for self-sufficiency in fish and also to earn livelihood.

Lastly, I request the government to increase the budget provision for Local Administration Department. Thank You.

CHAIRMAN : Please address the Chair
Pu L.N.Tluanga.

PU L.N.TLUANGA : Pu Chairman. Thank You. Today we are discussing the demand of two special Ministers whom I admire. However, what I would like to point out is, the quality of the work done by Local Administration Department contractors, only 1% of the work done by Local Administration Department contractors are up to the mark. I therefore, request the Minister to take step in this regard.

The next point is, I request the hon'ble Minister to give quota to the hon'ble Members for LIC loan, and not control the full share to himself.

Demand No. 47 Industry. We have heard about the corporation running on a loss. It is sure that these corporations are running on a loss, inspite of the handsome projects and schemes. It is a great burden for the State. I request the hon'ble Minister to solve these problems so that these corporations turn into a profitable corporations. Thank You.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Pu Chairman. Thank You. First of all I would like to speak about District Council. Yesterday, we all heard the House Leader's statement about the proposed amendment of District Councils. Law by the central government, I request the Minister to state what is the proposed amendment.

Pu Chairman, hon'ble Member before me mentioned about the LIC Loan. I would also like to support his view. Pu Chairman, if we look at the way the loan board members are constituted in the District Councils, it is very disgracing. The board members sell, their quota and infact the LIC loan is received by Congress men, because they bought the quota of board members. It is very disgracing to say this. Pu Chairman, the government should be very careful in selecting the board members.

Pu Speaker, every year, fish seeds are released in the river, my question is, are the department sure, that fish increase every year? If not, every year 10-20 lakhs are wasted on fish seeds. If we look at Japan, fishes are preserved during reproduction season, this way the fish increases in crores every year. The government should set their mind towards this practice instead of wasting funds from the budget.

Industries - funds have been sanctioned for central transport subsidy recommend list, but till date, these funds have not been distributed, I request the government to clarify this.

Pu Chairman, we are introducing tea plantation in our state, without proper rules and regulation. If the government does not make rules and regulation, after few years tea - farms will be over - populated by employees.

The hon'ble House Leader has repeatedly said that, Mizoram bamboo is not good enough for commercial use. However, the Industry Minister made a statement, stating that, Mizoram bamboo is good enough for commercial use. I do not know what his base are, but I agree with him. We must be thankful that, we are gifted with these bamboos. We must try and utilise our bamboos first, before importing bamboos from other countries. Thank You.

NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA

: Pu Chairman, Thank You. First of all, I would like to speak Demand No. 90 Local Administration Department. It is

disappointing to state that, unfortunate incident has taken place during the celebration of Chakma Bizu. It is due to the order given by the MNF Village Council President at Tuichang. Now I would like to know from the Hon'ble Minister, can MNF Village Council President issue an order for making Local Wine ? Tuichang MNF Village Council President issued an order on 12th April, this is very unfortunate Pu Chairman. A number of incidents took place in my constituency due to this reason. This is completely against the principle of total Prohibition. The Village Council President concern has violated the Law.

Demand No. 28 Housing Loan. Most of the members have said that the constitution of Housing Loan Board Member is unfair and the quota of opposition members for LIC loan. My request is that the hon'ble Minister look into this matter. It is not fair as stated. We are public representative without quota. Regarding the District Council, yesterday hon'ble Minister had clarified that, this is out of the purview of this House to abolish the Chakma Autonomous District Council.

Therefore, the government should take keen interest in developing the Chakma Autonomous District Council and also the other District Council. It has been learnt that most of the sanction has been delayed by the concern department. I request the hon'ble Minister to look into the matter and the development fund should be released as early as possible. I also request the hon'ble Minister to increase the budgetary allocation of all these District Councils Demand No. 47 Pu Chairman, I think, if I am not mistaken, during the last congress government. Industry Sub-Division at Tlabung have been inaugurated. But I have not found any Office at Tlabung. I hope hon'ble Minister will clarify this. Thank You.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA

: Pu Chairman, Thank You. First of all I would like to thank Local Administration Department Minister for the various

development works in my constituency. I would also like to thank him for distributing the various works not only to the ruling Party. I have one question to ask regarding the market building at Hnahthial. From the information we received sanction have been made for the construction of market building, but Pu Chairman, no steps have been taken so far, I therefore, request the minister to clarify this.

Pu Chairman, I have made questions regarding earthquake disaster. So far, I have not received any answer, I do not exactly know who the concern department is, however my question is, has the government taken any steps in this regard ? Pu Chairman, we cannot prevent earthquake however, casualties can be prevented. I therefore, feel that, this subject needs urgent attention.

Pu Chairman, Village Council are dissolved at random. The hon'ble Minister, mentioned that we are very fair in the dissolution of Village Councils, however, this is not true. The number of opposition Village Councils that are dissolved are greater in numbers than the ruling party Village Council. There is a concept among the people that, if the Village Council constitutes of opposition members, they are less to benefit from the government. Pu Chairman, this traditional concept needs to be abolished, we should let it remain a clean democratic institution.

Coming to Sericulture Department we have heard from hon'ble members about the budget provision for this department. Pu Chairman, this department is a department through which the people of rural area can benefit. We talk of self-sufficiency, and the problem of unemployment, this department can bring self-sufficiency and solution to the unemployment problem. If the department is developed and if the government takes more interest in the department. Thank You.

PU K.T.ROKHAW

: Pu Chairman, thank you. First of all, I would like to discuss about Local Administration Department. Pu chairman,

the Town Planning Wing under Local Administration Department should be attached to Public Works Department, because Local Administration Department does not have Engineering Wings.

Further, the sanitation establishment should be made full fledged. The department should be headed by a Director for better development in town sanitation.

From the answer given by the hon'ble Minister various contract works have been given to Below Poverty Line families. Pu Chairman, during the Congress Ministry, contract works under Local Administration Department was given through Young Mizo Association and Village Council President. But now the works are given through MNF Unit President, it is not only that, final bills are sanctioned without execution of work. Pu Chairman, what disappoints me is, how can the concern Junior Engineer issues an work is not executed? Pu Chairman, this is the biggest corruption, the Minister should investigate the matter.

Pu Chairman, the pay of Chakma District Council Local Administration Department staff has been released, but the staff have not received March Salary, I request the Minister to look into the matter.

Pu Chairman, from the information received, Rs. 3 crore has been sanctioned for industrial growth centre. But this has not been utilised for the purpose, I request the hon'ble Minister to clarify this, for what purpose is the fund utilised? Further, I request the hon'ble Minister to clarify, if the problem of land site at Zemabawk is solved.

Lastly, regarding co-operation. We say that corporations are running on loss. But Pu Chairman, the State is unable to sanction the State share fund, therefore, these corporations are running on a loss basis, the state should sanction its share in time. Thank You.

PU J.LALTHANGLIANA

: Pu Chairman, Thank You. I will straight away start with Village Council. Pu Chairman, for a number of times we

have requested the government to increase the remuneration of Village Council but till date nothing has been done. I will again request the hon'ble Minister to raise the remuneration of Village Council.

Pu Chairman, Aizawl has been declared city, it is no longer town. Therefore, the administrative system also needs change, it is time we change from village council to municipality, or else there will be lapse in administration. The hon'ble Minister should take steps towards this change Pu Chairman, it is time we change the whole administration.

Pu Chairman, funds for District Councils are not released accordingly, due to this reasons, they are facing great problem. They should be more lenient on issuing the utilization certificate.

Few words in fisheries, I want to thank the department for the way, they are taking steps in fish seed farming. I have visited one of the fish seed farms at Lengpui, I am satisfied with the development. However, there is one more point, I would like to point out, that is the local fish dealers do not have a proper seat at the fish market. I request the Minister to please note of this. Thank You.

CHAIRMAN

: At 4:00 P.M. we will have a short break. Now, we will call upon Pu H.Rammawi.

PU H.RAMMAWI

: Pu Chairman, thank you. Demand No.31 District Council area - As I have proposed earlier, I feel that proper fi-

ncial rules should be constituted for our three district councils to help prevent mis-appropriation of fund. While Mizoram was a District Council under Assam government, Pawi and Mara Councils

were made Regional Councils and the fund given to them was not much. Hence, they do not apply central financial rules but enforced their own grant-in-aid Rules. But after Mizoram becomes an Union Territory in 1972, PL Regional Councils eventually became district council with more fund at their disposal. If we study the demand of the Minister concerned, provision made for the councils comes to more than 46 crore. To ensure proper management of fund, financial rules should be enforced for them to use. The hon'ble Minister have a meeting with the three district councils CEMs, and it has been passed that the financial management will function in the bill system through Treasury. I want to thank the hon'ble Minister for this. The bill system will solve the three district councils financial management. I request the state government to take closer look into the needs and problem of the three District Councils in different department.

Demand No. 28 Pu Chairman, only a few numbers of government employees are given LIC loan every year. The government should try and cover a larger number of employees. The loan recovery as we know is % and the government benefit through this loan by Commission. Pu Chairman, the government should try and cover a large group as there is not loss from all end. Thank You.

SPEAKER : We will have a short break. Meeting will resume at 4:30 P.M.

SPEAKER : Anyone else? Now, we will call upon Pu H. Vanlalauva to wind up his demand.

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr Speaker Sir, Thank You. Today, I
MINISTER am not going to clarify the budget nor clarify what the hon'ble members have

highlighted, but I will point out some of the important points, I feel important. However, I want the hon'ble members to know that I have noted down whatever suggestions they have made.

I will start with Fisheries Department. This department is a young department headed by Joint Director. The hon'ble members spoke about fish-seeds from our own nursery, I would like the hon'ble members to know that, the government is taking steps to produce its own fish-seeds from the fish-farm nursery. Pu Speaker, some of the members did not understand the releasing of fish-seeds in the river. We have received reports, that the fish have increased tremendously, I have personally been to these places and feel that its satisfactory. The hon'ble member from Saiha wants to know the number it has multiplied to, but I am sorry, I cannot give the exact number. Since, we did not count the number of fish in the river, before the fish seed was released.

Pu Speaker, as for the market, we have requested the hon'ble Trade and Commerce Minister to give us more seat in the market.

Pu Speaker, it is only two and half years since this ministry is formed. we are only benning to take steps. We have started awareness campaign, seminars and training. The people have shown keen interest in the department. Pu Speaker, fish-seeds farm have been established at Zawlnuam, Lengpui, Zobawk, Phura and Palak, within a short period we will be able to produce our own fish-seeds. Pu Speaker, cold storage at Bawngkawn, Kolasib and Bilkhawthlir have also been established which will function very soon.

Pu Speaker, the department itself is very young, as I have mentioned earlier. There is a great shortage of staff, we need a full fledged Directorate, with a Director, Assisat Director and Deputy Director. Pu Speaker, we have only 62 Extension Works and 6 Demonstrators. This department needs upliftment in all aspect. We need office buildings in the city and in the district headquarters. Lastly, I want the Hon'ble Members to know that steps are taken to up-lift the department.

Pu Speaker, since there is not much time, I will move on to District Council. Pu Speaker, this House constitutes of various parties who have been in the Treasury Bench. The three district councils have been left out for the past 28 years. I have been given the responsibility of District Council, just recently, I have visited various places, in the District Councils.

and could see how the government of Mizoram have neglected these three district councils. I appreciate the tolerance of the people. Pu Speaker, it is only two and half years since this ministry is formed. But the government has done whatever it can during these two years. The budgets Estimate has increased every year and so is the Revised Estimate. I therefore, want to thank the Mizoram government for their concern for the three district councils.

As we have heard from hon'ble member from Sangau, the financial system will soon be changed to bill system, steps have been taken. Thank you.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir. How can you change to bill system, when there is no money in the bank. The Minister said we will deposite within three months, but has not done so, till now.

PU VANLALAUVA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I did not say within three months. Step is taken towards this, we are facing problem due to security, this is the only reason why money is not deposited in the Bank.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir, regarding Bank and Treasury, no steps has been taken, the step that has been taken so far was during our Ministry (Congress Ministry)

PU H. VANLALAUVA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, Chhimtuipui Affairs Committee has been constituted to work for the development of the district coun-

cils. The people of the district councils know that this government is taking keen interest in the three district councils. Therefore, in the recently concluded CABV Village Council Election, they have given the verdict to the present government.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Who are the members of the Chhimtuipui Affairs Committee ?

PU H. VANLALAUVA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the Committee is constituted by the party and not the government. However, I will let you know in writing latter.

Pu Speaker, the people of the District Councils have high expectation in the present government. Therefore, the government is taking steps in every measure, to bring development in the district councils.

Then, regarding Village Council Election, complaint made by the Hon'ble Member from Chawngte, I received the copy just yesterday.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir, Since Election petition and conduct is under District Councils, the petition was submitted to the District Councils.

One more question, is the Minister going to take enquiry regarding the presiding officer's declaration of result ?

PU H. VANLALAUVA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I cannot clarify about election here. Very soon the truth will come out.

Local Administration Department - Rural areas have great expectation in this department, though most of the development works have been taken up by Rural Development Department. The hon'ble members gave their suggestions regarding the quality of works. I thank the members for their co-operation.

Pu Speaker, the hon'ble members spoke about the quota of VIP for LIC loan. I would like to clarify that no quota is given to VIP. The VIP only recommended to the Board members the board members in-turn fulfilled their recommendation. Pu Speaker, as for the covering of larger number of employees, the government is doing what ever it can. Pu Speaker, the department is taking steps towards the opening of DLAO in the new district, for the information of hon'ble members.

Pu Speaker, the hon'ble members mentioned about sanitation. It is right that we have a separate sanitation wing, headed by a Joint Director. Pu Speaker, the pay of Sanitation Officers also needs revision. I request the house to recognize our problem.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Minister should clarify what he meant by the government should recognize our problem.

PU H. VANLALAUVA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I said that the House should recognize our problem and not the government. Pu Speaker, as for the market area, 10th Finance Commission has sanctioned fund for the construction of market buildings and we have constructed market buildings in the rural areas. Pu Speaker, we have received funds from one Senior Town and Country Planner for the Construction of market buildings, 1st installment has been released, we are expecting to start the work in Saiha and Hnahthial. Pu Speaker, we have also received 5 crore 1st installment from non-lapsable pool fund for the construction of market buildings at various localities in Aizawl.

Pu Speaker, dumping ground is a problem for every state. Our Officers have been to various states to study the nature of their dumping grounds, however, Pu Speaker we are proud to say that our dumping ground at Tuirial and Sakawrhmutuai Tlang are quite satisfactory.

Pu Speaker, with this, I request this august House to pass my demand No.19 Local Administration Department Rs.5,94,50,000/- Demand No. 29 - Urban Development Rs.8,14,15,000/- Demand No.31 District Council Rs. 46,94,00,000/- Demand No.38 Fisheries Rs.2,39,20,000/- Total - Rs.106,41,85,000/- . Thank You.

SPEAKER : All those who agree to pass the demands of Pu H.Vanlalaauva say 'yes' and those who disagree say 'no'. Now this House unanimously passed the demands. Now, we shall call upon Pu K.Thangzuala to wind up his demand.

ER K.THANGZUALLA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, Thank You. It is a privilege today, that we are able to have general discussion on various demands. Hon'ble members gave valuable suggestions and proposals which I have noted down. I will try and clarify some of the points.

First of all CTS and incentive Pu Speaker, CTS fund is no longer in the hands of Government of Mizoram it is in the hands of NEDFI. We send our recommended list of NEDFI, we are very careful regarding the recommended list, we have verifying squad at BIC level and Directorate level. We maintain the record of verification. Pu Speaker, our record for state:

incentive subsidy is still up to the mark, Rs.158.45 lakhs have been distributed to 421 firms. materials for small scale industries like blacksmithy, carpentry are also distributed to 497 people.

Pu Speaker, regarding the industry registration rule, our state does not have our own rule, we are using central guideline. Therefore, there are some rules which are not applicable in our state. Due to this reason, Drafting Committee is constituted, for drafting our own industry rules. We are expecting to complete shortly.

Coming to community information centre, the 5 District Headquarters are divided into 27 zone. We have started the first phase. Each zone will provide the building. if repair or renovation is needed for the building, funds will be received from Rural Development. Once the building is ready, report will be given to the central government and the materials required (disc. computer etc.) will be given to us in kind. I would like to ensure the hon'ble members that it will cover the five Districts.

The central government has sanctioned Rs.3 crore for CEDTI. We are the third state to receive this sanction in the North-East.

Regarding the purchasing of Computer - the electronic cell in Industry Department, gives 'no objection' certificate after it passes the specification of the cell. The rate is fixed by DPAB, but now, since the rate of computer has gone down, there is a proposal to refix the rate. We have four local approved dealers in Mizoram, so computer is purchased from them.

PU H.LALTANPUIA

Mr Speaker Sir, If various departments purchase computer with obtaining no objection certificate from Electronic cell in Industry department, is there any rule for taking action ?

ER K.THANGZUALA
MINISTER

Right now, all department obtain 'no objection certificate' first before they purchase computer, if there is any default, then, instruction will be given.

Pu Speaker, our advancement is speedy in IT. As for the rate of computer mentioned by the members, it depends on the accessories and equipment accompanying the computer as well as the brand.

Geology and Mining, we are waiting for the final report of shale lime stone. If there is shale lime-stone, in our state, it can be used for building materials.

Mizoram water is sent for testing in laboratory for mineral water, we are expecting for the final report. If we are able to go through the test, we will encourage privatization.

COLONEL LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO

Clarification, will it be safe to encourage privatization ?

ER K.THANGZUALA
MINISTER

That is what we are investigating right now. In Geology and Mining, we are taking investigation on land slide and also the foundation of referral hospital and Hydel Project. Once the finding of the report is out, remedial measure will be taken.

Coming to disaster management, state level, and District Level Committee is constituted. Investigation is going on in the earthquake zone, hopefully they will come up with beneficial report. Pu Speaker, as for the annual report of Geology and Mining, the department is ready with the report, I can distribute the report.

Then, regarding the LPG bottling plant, we are waiting for forest clearance.

As the hon'ble members have mentioned we are running on losses. This is very true, there are various reasons, the corporations are given too much of independent, and too much of bureaucrats sitting on top of the corporation, and also in the appointment of key-post. From the Comptroller and Auditor General Report, it is stated that the corporation should be closed down, it further stated that hasty decision should not be taken. However, if new policy is applied for remedial measure, then step should be taken immediately. Therefore, proposal is in progress right now.

Regarding share capital, when budget is passed after financial year. We approach central government for their share. There are times. When the fund is delayed, and also, there are times when, we are unable to give the state share fund due to unavoidable circumstances, in this way, funds are delayed beyond our control.

Tea factory, the target we have given is 6000 hectares, but right now we are able to cover only 144 hectares, 325 families are involved in the plantation. It is family oriented, since tea plantation is labour intensive, many are not interested in tea plantation.

Pu Speaker, we have approached the NEC for fund, of Rs. 75 lakhs. if we are sanctioned the fund, we will be able to install tea-factory.

Coming to PMRY loan. The members mentioned about the demand made by bankers in order to receive loan. Pu Speaker, I have heard of this. When there was Bankers meet at State Guest House. I have mentioned whatever information I have, they were co-operative, they ensured us that if there is any defaulter, action will be taken.

PU C.THANGHLUNA : Loanees, face problem in between first and second instalment.

ER K.THANGZUALA : Please give me in writing so that, I can
MINISTER take necessary steps.

PU VANLALHLANA : What about those who are selected, but
payment are delayed by the financial
institution ?

ER K. THANGZUALA : I have enquired the Banthers in this
MINISTER regard. I am told by the bankers that,
after DIC made the selection, the bank
have three ways of re-checking the selected persons, if they do not have qualifying criteria, they are
unable to sanction the loan.

PU H. LALTHANPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, this is Prime-Minister
programme, therefore, importance should
be given. If we look at the guideline,
there is no provision that the bankers have, to carry out seperate investigation. I request the Minister
to take speedy steps to remove this problem.

SPEAKER : Only clarification please.

ER K. THANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, there is a guideline for
MINISTER the selection of members. As for the
bank's investigation. Banker's have dif-
ferent jurisdiction. If a banker is present as board member, the selected list may clear the saic
banker's jurisdiction, but there are different jurisdiction. Therefore, the list have to go through
scrutiny.

Pu Speaker, we have received Rs. 3 crore for industrial growth centre, nearly 50% of the work is completed. We are happy that some of the hon'ble members have visited the site. The land will be given out on lease to industrial firms.

As for the Industrial Estate at Zuangtui, there is land encroachment because, Industry department does not have legal possession. However, meetings are held with revenue department, very soon we will be able to obtain pass. Once the pass is in our hands, the internal problem will be solved.

Pu Speaker, some of the members mentioned what the hon'ble Chief Minister said of our bamboo. The hon'ble Chief Minister said that Mizoram bamboo is not good enough for commercial use. But so far I have not heard the Chief Minister saying this, however experts who came of Mizoram told us that our bamboo is not good enough for commercial use.

The hon'ble Members had mentioned the press release about Kolkata Venus Bamboo Products. Yes, I visited their plant, they were using Mizoram Bamboo.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir, how many varieties of bamboo are there in Mizoram ?

ER K. THANGZUALA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I cannot say how many varieties are there right now. I will try to find out and give in writing.

Then, regarding the functioning of district office at Chawngte and Tlabung, there is no fund right now, however we will look into the matter.

Loan recovery, this is a problem faced by not only Mizoram, but the whole of North East. We are trying to solve the problem Corporations like ZIDCO, KVI are having loan recovery drive at present. We are doing whatever we can.

Pu Speaker, I would like to declare that, we have Industrial Policy which is in the Gazette Notification last year on December, 2008. As for store preference purchase rules, it is very difficult to apply effectively, as there are some who give the quotation below the preferential rate.

I have just received the answer for the variety of bamboo, there are 22 varieties of bamboo.

Sericulture, there is nothing much of say about Sericulture. The Hon'ble Members had Speaker about the low budget provision. This is because priority is given to attaining self sufficiency in food grain.

Experts who came to Mizoram have advised us to take steps in Sericulture as the climate and Soil is favourable for Sericulture, therefore, we are taking steps in whatever way it is possible. But as we are said earlier because of non-availability of funds, we have problems.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr Speaker Sir, from the answer given last year, the Minister said that we are trying to introduce the OCS Japan Fund as that of Manipur. But our Minister had then, mentioned about some financial difficulties.

ER.K.THANGZUALA MINISTER : The Central seed board gave us the fund and we were able to buy cocoon. After sometime, we will be able to buy cocoon on the spot payment.

We cotracted the Japan firm in Manipur, they are making the Scheme for us, it will take time as the scheme needs to be approved by the Japan Government.

The Hon'ble Members spoke about the tied-up between Sericulture and Forest Department, we had that in mind, I try what ever I can in this regard.

Pu Speaker, for the information of the House, we have submitteed project report for Export promotion Industrial part. We are waiting for the sanction of funds. As for the fund for integrated Industrial development centre, we have received sanction. Then coming to common faculties centre at Lunglei and Saiha, only electric connection is needed, we are expecting to complete this very soon. With this, Mr Speaker Sir, I request this august House to pass my demand. Thank You.

SPEAKER : All those who agree to pass the demand of Pu K.Thangzuala say 'yes' and those who dis agree say 'no'. Now the House have passed the demand of Pu K.Thangzuala that is demand No. 48, Sericulture - Crore 3,93,50,000/- and Industry - Crore 16,60,15,000/-. Total - Crore 20,53,65,000/-

House adjourned at 4:30 P.M.