

FOURTH MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
(NINTH SESSION)

FOR FIFTEENTH SITTING ON THURSDAY THE 19TH APRIL, 2001.

PRESNET

Pu R. Lalawia, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 14 Ministers and 23 members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

2. MOTION IN REGARD TO REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE.

PU H.LALTANPUIA to move in the following form : " That the question of breach of privilege as contained in the report of the budget Committee to taken into consideration".

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

3. i) Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
- ii) Pu Lalchamliana, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction and consideration.

4. Pu Zoramthanga, to beg leave of the House

i) to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2001.

Also

to introduce the bill.

ii) to move that the bill be taken into consideration.

iii) to move that the bill be passed.

S P E A K E R : In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, ' It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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We will now take up our Business. To start with I call upon Pu L.N. Tluanga to ask Starred Question No. 261.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Starred Question No. 261. Is there any proposal by the Government to give permit for forest clearance ?

PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to Hon'ble member from Tlungvel constituency is the Government is facing problem because of the notice issued by the Supreme Court, therefore, right now, the Government is unable to issue permit for forest clearance

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Pu Speaker, from when was the permit issued? Wood dealers pay tax in forest check gate, does this tax reached the Government.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalrinzuala.

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, in the Supreme Court order, we are given two years working plan, now two years have passed, what action has been taken so far by the forests Department. ?

PU VANLALHLANA : Mr Speaker Sir, permit are not issued, however there are enough wood dealers in the market, is the Government aware of this? If so, why has the Government not taken any action?

PU J.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, woods are brought in from forest without permit, but with the help of Minister's chit. Pu Speaker, member's chit should also be made valid?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, from the Minister's statement, permits are not issued for felling of trees, however, his statement and action contradict one another. The Supreme Court's order is only an excuse from the information I received. Some favoured party workers are given chit by the Minister to pass the forest check gate. Personal profit is made through this in return. Is the Government aware of this money making system? In Serzawl it has been practised for a very long time, reports have been submitted several time, but, till date action has not been taken. My question therefore is, when will the Government take action? And is the Government aware of this personal profit making?

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, I also have woods that needs to pass forest check gate. Is there a way to pass these forest check gates? Is there a way to pass these forest check gates?

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA H. PAUTU : Mr Speaker Sir, Indian Government does not restrict domestic consumption of woods, under the guideline, forest officials are authorised to issue permits for domestic consumption. My question, therefore is, does the Government follow this guideline? Pu Speaker, Central Government does not permit de-afforestation is going on around Chemlui, with the permission of the concern D.F.O. I would like the Minister to clarify this.

Then, regarding the distribution of Gas cylinder, has the forest Department approach the Central Government?

PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, working plan have been submitted to the Central Government, however, the Central Government have rejected the working plan, therefore, we are facing problem till date.

As for the paying of tax in forest check-gate, the Government does not give any instruction, the Government is not aware of this action.

Pu Speaker, the government is facing great difficulty at present, as the Supreme Court does not permit issuing of permits for felling of trees. However, consideration are given to those who are constructing houses of their own, like in the ease of Pu R.Lalzirliana, Hon'ble member. If the woods are for his domestic consumption, then consideration is given in such cases. Hon'ble Member Pu Sanghmingthanga, mentioned that the Supreme Court grants permission for the issuing of permits for domestic consumption, however, we are unable to apply this system right now.

As for the reservation of forest plantation, we have submitted working plan to the Central government. In this connection, 200 gas connections have been granted to us for distribution, however, this is very inadequate, therefore, more gas connection is demanded in the Central Government.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, In Serzawl, trees are felled without permits by group of MNF workers, they passed forest check-gate with the help of the Minister's chit. The Minister should clarify this. They are making black money. The Hon'ble Minister's answer to the question, how many wood dealers with permits are there in Aizawl, was nil, the Minister should clarify this as well.

PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the Government is not ware of the felling of trees in Darlawn.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, we are under the constitutional Government. We have to follow rules and regulations. There is anarchy and choas in Forests Department, there is no systematic administration. I request the House Leader to clarify this.

PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, In order to prevent this, we have submitted working plan and scheme to the Central Government, we have also approached the Central Government for assistance. We will look into the matter of Darlawn and Serzawl.

S P E A K E R : Let us move on to the next question, O.K. Pu H.Rammawi.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Mr Speaker sir, In rural area, the people does not have gas connection, what is the Department's reaction in this regard ? And in order to grow ginger, forest clearance is needed what is the Department's reaction to this ?

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr Speaker Sir, If we look at forest dairy if there is any one found felling trees without permits, the logs should be handed orver to the Government, will the Minister follow this rule ?

- PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister be able to stop the L.A.B. Department from clearing the reserved virgin forest ?
- PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, trees are felled in Champui and Bunghmun not by MNF workers, but by P.C. and Congress workers.
- Col LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, If we are unable to make working plan within two years. I would like to ask the Hon'ble Minister if he can approach the Central government for help at the completion of the working plan.
- PU C.SANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, when will the Government be able to issue permits ?
- PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, Forest lands are divided, we have protected, recorded, degraded and also jhum lan for example. Ginger are grown on Jhum land that is understandable. As for applying forest dairy rule, we are following the rules with consideration as I have mentioned.
- PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, the Minister had spoken of the difficulties, I believe he is facing difficulties, my question, therefore is, when will the Minister make rules and regulation to escape from these difficulties ?
- PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, we are taking steps to make these rules and regulation. As for the clearance of virgin forest by LAD, we will look into the matter.
- Pu Speaker, we are not the only State who have not completed the working plan, State like Arunachal are also unable to complete the task, however, we will try and consult other State as suggested by Hon'ble Member Pu Lalhmingthanga.
- S P E A K E R : Starred Question No. 262 - to asked by Pu Z.H. Ropuia.
- PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. Will the Hon'ble Fisheries Minister be pleased to state (a) From what fund will the fish seed farm at Zobawk be constructed ? (b) When was the fund received ? (c) Why is the construction work still delayed ? How much amount have been sanctioned ?
- PU H.VANLALAUVA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the answer to the questions by the Hon'ble Member Pu Z.H. Ropuia are (a) The fund for the fish seed farm at Zobawk is received from the

non-lapseable pool fund. (b) It is revalidated for the year, 2000-2001 since the government received at the end of February, 2000 closing of Financial year. (c) After the estimates was submitted, the P.W.D. schedule of rate was changed, therefore new estimate was made, but now the Government have received sanction, therefore construction work will begin shortly. (d) Rs.33,62,487 has been sanctioned for Zobawk fish seed farm.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary question, is there any intention in adding the number of staff? How much fish seeds are expected every year from the fish farm?

PU C.SANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, How many fish farm does the Government have? What type of fish seeds are released in the fresh water. Is there any specific assesment as to the profit and loss?

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary question. How many fish farm does the Government have? Is there any fish farm near Palak Lake? Is Palak Lake the biggest fish farm in Mizoram?

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, who will take up the construction work of Zobawk fish farm? How many fish seeds are expected every year from the fish farm? What sort of fish seeds will be released in Zobawk fish farm?

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr Speaker Sir, why is it that Nghavang fish is available in the north and Nghatun fish is not available in the south?

From the Minister's answer, the fund was received in February, 2000. Did the Government keep the fund in Bank for interest? If not, why is the Government keeping the fund for one year?

PU J.LAWMZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. For Zobawk fish - seed farms, sanction had been made for approach road which amount to Rs. 2,40,000/- staff quarter Rs. 3,00,000/- Labour shed Rs. 5,00,000/- godown Rs. 5,00,000/-, to whom these work been given?

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. are fish-farmers given financial assistance? Will fish-seeds be released in fresh-water? When will we have cold storage?

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, what type of fish-seed will be released in the fish-farm?

S P E A K E R : Pu Nirupam Chakma.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir, we are supposed to have fish-farm in every District, since new District have come up, how many new fish - farm are there?

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr Speaker Sir, the answer to the questions made by
MINISTER the Hon'ble members from Tawipui is - as soon as
the construction work is completed the fish farm will
be made to use, additional staff will be given as required, and as for the fish seeds, high number of
fish seeds are expected from the fish farm.

The answer to Pu C.Sangzuala is, the Government have fish farm at
Zawlnlam, Lengrai, Zobawk, Tumdil, Rungdil, Ngengpui and Thenzawl.

As for the releasing of fish - seeds in the rivers, we are very pleased
with the information that we received the fish are multiplying in numbers, the village leaders are
happy with it they have promised the government that they will help in safe-guarding river fish.
Therefore, the Government is planning to carry on with the task.

Pu Speaker, I think I have answered the question made by Pu
H.Rammavai regarding how many fish farms are there, as, for the answer to his next question, fish
farm will be made near Palak Lake.

Lastly, project report is made under TATA consultancy, but funds
are received from Non-Lapseable pool.

PU H. LALTANPUA : Mr Speaker Sir, how much is spent for making the
project ?

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr Speaker Sir, I cannot say the exact figure, but
MINISTER around 1 lakh.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr Speaker Sir, funds for Palak Lake have been
sanctioned to the District Council. But, I request the
Minister to ensure that the fund be used for its
purpose ?

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr Speaker Sir, the Government will ensure that the
MINISTER fund is used for the purpose. Pu Speaker, I cannot
answer the question made by Pu Sanghmingthanga
H. Pautu right now. But I shall give the Hon'ble Member in writing at later date.

The answer to question made by the Hon'ble member Pu J.Lawmzuala
is, the work is given in contract system. As for the earth work, it will be given to the local people.
Pu Speaker as for the names, I cannot give right now, I will try and give in writing later.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over.

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr Speaker Sir, fish farm will be made in every
MINISTER District.

S P E A K E R : Now, question hour is over. Following are the members
appointed for the various Committees. Their work will
start from 1.5.2001.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

1. Pu K.L. Lianchia.
2. Pu Zakhu Hlychho
3. Pu P.B.Rosanga.
4. Pu Sanghmingthanga H.Pautu.
5. Dr Lalzama.
6. Pu R.Lalzirliana.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

1. Pu H. Rammawi.
2. Col. Lalchungnunga Sailo.
3. Pu K.T. Rokhaw.
4. Pu F.Lalthanzuala.
5. Pu H. Laltanpuia.
6. Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

1. Pu C. Sangzuala.
2. Pu Nirupam Chakma.
3. Pu J. Lalthangliana.
4. Pu Lalrinzuala.
5. Pu C. Thanghluna.
6. Pu Z. H. Ropuia.
7. Pu J. Lawmzuala.

Chairman will be issued in the Bulletin.

Now we will call upon Pu H. Laltanpuia to move Motion in regards to reports of Budget Committee.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. I regret to say that I have to move the Budget Committee reports, as the Chairman is unable to attend the session due to the illness of his wife.

Pu Speaker, with your permission, I move that the question of Breach of Privilege as contained in the report of budget committee be taken into consideration.

Pu Speaker, as provided by the rules of procedure and conduct of Business in Mizoram, the budget committee has made revised Estimate for 2000 and 2001 and budget Estimate 2001-2002 for Assembly Secretariat, after it is approved by the Hon'ble Speaker and the House Leader. The Finance department does not reflect this in the budget, therefore, I move this motion for the consideration of the House.

S P E A K E R : Please wait, we have distributed the budget committee report yesterday. As this is breach of privilege we cannot finalise here, if the House permits. Shall we hand over to the privilege committee? as the members agreed to hand it over to privilege committee. We will move on to the next list of business. Today we will take up two demands - Pu Lalchamliana's demand and House Leader Pu Zoramthanga's demand. Now we will request Hon'ble Chief Minister to submit his demand.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, on the recommendation and with your permission sir, I move my demand No. 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 13, 18, 20, 21, 34, 44, 46, 49, 52 and 55 total Rs. 183,88,25,000/- for the expenditure of the various department under me.

S P E A K E R : Now we will call upon Pu Lalchamlia to move his demand.

PU LALCHAMLIANA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the demand No. 8 and 26 for Rs.53,98,77,000/- only for meeting expenses during the year 2001-2002 in respect of the following departments. demand No. 8 Taxes on Sales, Trade etc. which is Rs.51,82,77,000/- and the total is Rs. 53,98,77,000/- only. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now we will start discussion. Each member will be given 10 minutes.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, please make it 15 minutes.

S P E A K E R : Usually 10 minutes is given.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, since it is special, if you could make it 15 minutes.

S P E A K E R : O.K. I will give 13 minutes, and 15 minutes for House Leader and 18 minutes for Opposition Leader. Now, Pu K.L. Lianchia.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to speak about Political & Vigilance. Our State is no longer safe, the people of the State does have any security, our borders are no longer safe from all sides, there are too many foreigners in our State. we are now facing assimilation, foreigners are having district council in our State all these are the responsibilities of the Chief Minister. Pu Speaker, during question hour, the Home Minister said that there are no Chakma foreigners, we all know that the MNF issued a book on ' List of foreigners regarded as residents of Mizoram' in 1994. They are the ones who fought for the removal of Chakma foreigners from the roll, but now, it is a different story, therefore our State is not safe for the people of Mizoram. The budget does not reflect for the removal of foreigner. We cannot safeguard our border any longer. Like the case in 1994, when there was dispute between Assam and Mizoram government. Over the construction of Public Works Department road ; at initial stage, things look bright, talks were going on, but now it is over 10 years and nothing is settled. Our people are not safe and so is our religion, now in our children's text book, Rama is god , which has to be written ten times, we are trying to follow Central Board of Secondary Education Programme 100%.

PU F. MALSAWMA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I demand clarification, where is it written that Rama is god ? So that I can look into the matter.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr Speaker Sir, now I cannot mention the exact text book where I found it. But, I am sure that it is there in the Handwriting book. Anyway, I hope that my speech will be effective in this way. Therefore, I request the government to set aside separate budget to prevent adulteration of our religion.

PU LALRINZUALA

: Mr Speaker Sir, thank you, Today, I have many things to point out. Let me concentrate my speech on the demands of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. He always talked about Switzerland of the east. But, now he leads us to poverty and heavy debt. In the budget speech, he said that the new budget is started with Rs.49.99 crore deficit, however, our closing deficit will be Rs.146 crores. If we go like this pattern, our future will not be bright. We always hear about sweet speeches but practically financial crisis is our main problem. In every session, we ask for promotion of sports to prevent our young people from abusing drugs and other intoxicating items. But, the ministry pays no heed to this. Today, our Chief Minister's Demand is Rs. 183,88,25,000/- in addition to this, there are another demands for Agriculture Department and Horticulture Department laid by the Minister of State. Why does he entrust Minister of State to lay such demands ?

I am in the opinion of the reason why he entrusts Minister of State in this matter is due to corruption. When we have spot verification on Aii-puk scandal, we found that all the contract works in Agriculture farm, Sihphir, are done by the relatives of the Chief Minister. They captured all the works. And regarding the supply of Galvanised wire, I know the supplier, who supplies 450 quintals instead of 600 quintals. It is sure that there is corruption in this matter. When we demand Parliamentary Enquiry on Aii-puk scandal, it cannot be successful. If the Leader of the House indulges in such bad practice the whole ministry will surely be uncleaned. He always talked about crores of money and abundance of money. But, every Minister who have laid their demands said that financial crisis is our main problem. Therefore, the behaviour of the Leader of this house is shameful. Lastly, I demand establishment of Parliamentary Enquiry against Aii-puk scandal. Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to mention about Demand No. 1 which is Legislative Assembly. In this regard I propose computerisation of the Legislative Assembly with internet facilities as soon as possible.

In regard to Treasury and Accounts, I request the Government to inaugurate Sub-Treasury at Chawngte. And, in regard to District Administration, during the previous ministry. There was proposal to post Additional Deputy Commissiioner at Chawngte, I wish quiet implementation of that proposal.

In regard to Demand No. 18, which is other Administrative service, I ask for extension of Lawngtlai Circuit House. Besides, I request the Government to revise the rate of accommodation in various Circuit Houses which had been increased by 100% to 200%. I also wish the teachers of Deficit and Aided Schools to have pension benefits like regular government servants.

In regard to Demand No. 55, which is Census Survey Operation and Statistics, I ask for more fund and more man power as this department plays an important role in the government.

In regard to Election Department, I would like to ask when will the vote's photo identity card be implemented ? In the last session, I asked for extension of electricity lines at various places of Chawngte but nothing has been done till now. Besides, I wish the billing system to be revised.

In regard to Civil Aviation, Is it not good to apply Joint Ventures system for Lengpui Airport other than fully handing over it to Airport Authority of India. Besides, insufficient supply of trolley in the Airport is a great problem. So, I propose to buy more trolleys as soon as possible. And, How should we utilize Tuirial Airfiled ? I opine that it will be good to make Driving Institutes under the Department of Transport or Sports.

In regard to Medical Demand, some Health Sub-Centre in my constituency has no Health Worker, so, I request the Hon'ble Minister to enquire the posting list of Health Workers. Besides, there is a man from Chawngte who has completed MBBS course. Is there any way to post him at Chawngte because other doctors might hesitate to go there. And in regard to the building of hospital, 30 bedded Hospital is proposed for Chawngte under BADP. But, the government gave the contract work to unregistered contractor Pu R. Lalthangvunga of Lunglei. Here I have documents, he had drawn some amount of money but no work has been done till now.

Thank you.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all let me start with Demand No. 5. I would like to clarify that Hon'ble Member from Khawhai constituency has submitted a big list of books regarding the foreigners. If I am not mistaken my family members were also included in that Book. It is false. I think that the statement given by the Hon'ble Home Minister and Chief Minister about the Chakma issue is quite clear. Here I have 1956 electoral roll and the recent electoral roll, there are some genuine voters but missed in the latest electoral roll. Mr Speaker Sir, If one's name is not included in the electoral roll, we cannot term them as foreigners. The political parties are using Chakma issue in order to get political mileage, just to form the ministry, it is clear that we do not hesitate to call Chakma as foreigners. Therefore, Mr Speaker Sir, I request the Hon'ble Chief Minister to do justice because many genuine voters are not included in the electoral roll just for a narrow political gain. I can show many examples if needed. Let us be free and fair.

Next, in regard to Demand No.10, which is Treasury and Accounts administration. Mr Speaker Sir, in the year 1997 if I am not mistaken, I think all the formalities has been completed for the functioning of Sub-Treasury at Tlabung but due to non availability of staff quarters, it could not yet function. Therefore, I request the Hon'ble Minister to issue necessary instruction for immediate functioning of Sub-Treasury at Tlabung as early as possible.

In regard to Demand No. 46, that is electricity in the budget speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, he said that 98 % of the villages had been electrified in Mizoram. But still there are many villages which have not been electrified. Also in my constituency, making of electric lines has been done throughout the village of Khawmawi, but it has not been electrified. So, I request the government to electrify this village as early as possible. And regarding Diesel generating set at Tlabung, there are four sets but it is very regretable to say that only one set can be working. I have informed the department so many times to repair the damaged sets but no actions have been taken till now. In Tlabung, the office of electricity is headed by Junior Engineer only. so, I request at least Sub-Division level for this department. It is very difficult for Junior Engineer to look after more than 40 villages.

In regard to Demand No. 26, Medical. Tlabung Hospital requires new ambulance because the old ambulance provided for this Hospital has been out of order. People have to face many difficulties as it is very difficult to come to Lunglei for them due to high expenditure in other transportation. When I asked unstarred question, I was replied that there are two Doctors in Tlabung where as in the Kolasib Community Health Centre there are six Doctors. I think this government is not interested to develop Tlabung. I request the Hon'ble Minister to make atleast one post of Specialist Doctor at Tlabung. I have also received many complaint regarding the Health Workers. They are not regularly stationed at their own place. No medicines have been distributed by the Health Workers, even polio immunization programme has not been done in my constituency. This is very serious matter. Lastly, Mr Speaker Sir, I request the Hon'ble Minister to set up a blood bank and one Ophthalmic Assistant for Tlabung Hospital. Thank you.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you Mr Speaker. I will start my speech with demand No. 8 that is Taxation. This Department has received a large revenue and had even exceeded it

target budget in the previous year which is a great achievement. Hence, it deserves a compliment. In this department, the main task is done by the Inspector and so, Taxation Inspector should be given priority and these status should also be upgraded. I also advocated that Inspector posts be upgraded to a Gazetted status.

Coming to demand No. 26, we find Health Department. Here, Medical students are given a stipend of Rs. 500/- per month which was recently increased to Rs.1000/- But, till date they are given only Rs.500/- when will the government give them Rs.1000/- ?

The Primary Health Centre at Ngentiang has been operated without a Doctor for quite some time. I request the Hon'ble Minister to note this and take necessary steps.

Under Demand No. 1 there is Legislative Assembly. Last year, the Library has set a tour programme to promote the condition of the Legislative Assembly Library. But, due to shortage of fund the tour Programme was cancelled. Mr Speaker Sir, it is a shame that the Committee under your department had cancelled a very important tour programme due to shortage of fund.

Civil Aviation Department is found under Demand No. 13, It has been reflected that the only airport we have is proposed to be handed over to Airport Authority of India. Lengpui airport is the only asset we have. Therefore, we should try to retain it no matter what it takes.

The villages of Chhiahtlang, Chhingchhip and Baktawng have been facing power problem and are in need of power line extension. I would like to emphasize that the problem faced by these areas is very serious and I request the concerned Minister to note this.

I would like to mention one point which is not under today's demand, that is MPSC. Being a democratic country, we have legislative, executive and judiciary. To support these three pillars, the Indian constitution provided important institution. One of them is Public Service Commission which is placed under Article 314. In order to have efficient administration PSC is an important institution. Through this, government officials are recruited. The post of the Chairman of the PSC is very important and it requires unbiased and selfless person. The ones we had in the past for this post have kept a good integrity and the people also seems to be satisfied with their performance. However, the terms of the Chairman and some members have just over, and the commission cannot function as of new. It has been heard that the House Leader has proposed one of the members of the Committee as the acting Chairman. But, the authority has rejected this and instead advised him to suggest full-fledged Chairma. But, this suggestion is not followed till date and the MPSC has been without Chairman for this reason.

During the short duration discussion, 'Aii-puk' scandal was exposed. In this scandal, it has been proved that the Chief Minister has been corrupted with a large amount of the people's money. It appears that the members from the Treasury bench has accepted this allegation as they did not utter a word in defence of the Chief Minister. This incident is a unique one and hence, I made it known to the members.

Another point of difference is that all the Minister have mentioned shortage of fund in their respective departments and this has impact on their projects. The House had never heard of this before. Therefore, we can say that the members from the Treasury bench has moved a no-confidence motion against their leader and his government.

This government seems to be addicted to propaganda. As we all are aware, the Chief Minister had stated that his government first task would be dissolution of Chakma autonomous district. But, this has not been done. The Chief Minister then said in his every speech that there is abundant supply of fund, but, as we just heard, all the Minister have been saying that there was no fund.

I feel so regret to say that Mizoram has been under revolutionary Government. Where there is no formality and the government materials are grabbed by the mighty officials and aristocrats. Being a revolutionary leader himself for twenty years, it is no wonder that the Chief Minister has adopted revolutionary type of Government himself. There is no respect for financial rules. It seems that they have no moral right to carry on administration. Today, the opposition members have made a demand which is also the demand of the people of Mizoram. A Parliamentary Committee should be set up to probe into Aii-puk scandal. And in the meantime, the House Leader should step down.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : It is good to avoid troubles. This Ministry is made by the people to have moral right. It is people's mandate.

PU VANLALHLANA : Mr Speaker Sir, we all know the result of the election. People gave mandate to MNF party and MPC party. Therefore, we demand formation of Parliamentary Committee. Mr Speaker Sir, we have good evidence to support our allegation.

S P E A K E R : It is right, anyway, an Enquiry Committee is requested but we should be careful in the words we use. Who will speak now? Yes Pu L.N. Tluanga.

P U L.N. TLUANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. I have found out that Departmental Purchase Board is a source of corruption. For example, the angle iron, which we have been discussing can be made by our local fabrications at the rate of Rs.220/- (approximately). But, the Supply rate is Rs.630/- and when I asked the name of the supplier, he is Ved Prakash. Some days ago, the Finance Commissioner said that the price of one computer used by the department could buy two computers. No need to point out too much examples, it is clear that material supply system is a kind of money making machine. Therefore, Mr Spraker Sir, I request the government not to misuse Departmental Purchase Board again.

Mr Speaker Sir, we all know what had happened in our State during the past two years, Jolly Lazawmliana and Lalchhanhima were kidnapped by the Bru insurgents and they demanded much amount of ransom money. But, the government said that no money was spent to rescue them. In this regard I get an information that the Bru unsurgents are controlled by the Naga undergrounds. Therefore, the Bru insurgents released their kidnapped persons under the arrangement made by the Naga undergrounds. As a result of this, the government of Mizoram easily released all the Bru prisoners in helped the Naga undergrounds by providing government vehicles to carry them from Tripura - Bangladesh border to Tamenglong. I opine that, this will be associated with the objective of the Chief Minister to become peace maker between the Government of India and the NSCN. I wish him success in his peace mission but I cannot appreciate anything to sacrifice our peace.

Besides the above, I am sorry for hearing the speech of the Chief Minister in his Press Conference on 19 June, 2000 at New Delhi. He said that the Churches of Mizoram need no foreign aid. I cannot find out the reason why he said this. Mr Speaker Sir, thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will have a break and meeting will be resumed at 2 : 00 P.M.
Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We will continue our business who will speak ? yes, Pu F. Lalthanzuala.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. Today there are many things to mention as our business is the Hon'ble Chief Minister's demands. First of all I would like to repeat what I have repeated so many times in this House. During the election campaign, the people of Hnahthial town asked the Leader of the House of today for a District headquarters and he replied that he would give them whether they wish or not. Such words made the people pleased and they cannot forget it till today. Therefore, I would like to ask him again that will Hnahthial be a district headquarters before the coming next election in 2003 ?

Mr Speaker Sir, in regard to bogus M.R., the answer to one unstarred question said that the 960 bogus M.R. has been found out in various departments. This means that Rs.155,52,000/- had been spent every year. Which is a big corruption. In this matter I wish strong actions to be taken against the involved officers other than making answers in the House only. If not so, people will regard the Hon'ble Chief Minister to be involved in such bad practices. If he really hates corruption why does not he agree to establish Parliamentary Enquiry Commission on Aii-puk scandal ? It is good to prove his cleanliness.

Next, I would like to mention about arms Licence issued by the Government during January, 1999 to September, 2000. There is clear document to support my speech. From the answer to unstarred question we know that arms Licence had been issued in various districts as the following :

1) Mamit District	-	27 Licences.
2) Kolasib District	-	22 Licences.
3) Serchhip District	-	31 Licences.
4) Lunglei District	-	84 Licences.
5) Champhai District	-	479 Licences.

I was very much amazed to hear that so many licences of Arms had been issued in Champhai District which is the constituency of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. On the other hand, we always say that Mizoram is the most peaceful State of India. It is difficult to understand this. Besides, issuing of so many arms licences can hampered the conservation of Wild life.

Lastly, I would like to mention about MPSC, which is a very important body. It is not a place of post to be occupied by any convenient man of our friends or relatives. If we do not care their service history. We will surely follow the wrong way. Thank you.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to support the speech of the Hon'ble Member from Lungpho constituency to upgrade the status of Inspector of Taxes to Gazetted status without delay.

I also request the government to install 133 KV Sub-Station at Phullen. In this regard the Project Report has already been finished. Also in this Department, I request the Hon'ble Chief Minister to make service rules for Junior Engineer (Civil). Now they seem to have no chance for promotion.

Next, I would like to mention about MPSC. Now, we have only one member and it seems that they are unable to function properly. This greatly effects the promotion and recruitment of many government servants from the lowest posts to Gazetted posts. Therefore, I wish to constitute this Commission as soon as possible. In this regard I request the Government to be careful while making appointment to the Members of MPSC. Let their service records be studied carefully before they are appointed.

In regard to dissolution of Chakma Autonomous District Council. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, on the date of swearing in ceremony at the Raj Bhavan on 3rd December, 1988, said that most of the Chakma in Mizoram are foreigners and giving of Autonomous District Council is illegal. He promised to take steps to dissolve Chakma District Council, I still remember his interview before the press. But today, he alledges the press as writing his speech in the other way round. Infact, he is the Chief Minister and the symbol of Mizoram, but it is shameful to have such Leader who cannot stand on his principle. In my mind that we may need another Leader who keeps his promise.

Next, we have Fiscal Reform Committee. But if we look at our Budget Book, our budget for stationery and other expenses for various departments are still the same, there is no change. On the other hand, the work of this Committee is to impose various taxes from the people. The fiscal reform policy of this ministry greatly affected the lives of the poor people. It is very difficult to understand this. At the same time, we hear about Aii-puk scandal, which is a great corruption with the involvement of the Chief Minister. But, our demand to form Enquiry Committee is not implemented. Let the Enquiry Committee be formed. If the accused person has no sin we will praise him. There are many other things to say. But let me stop here. thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr Speaker Sir, I opine that we need to think carefully what we talk about today, for example, dissolution of any Autonomous District Council is not the power of State Legislative Assembly. It is the Parliament only who could make amendment to the constitution of India. Now, we have three District Councils. It is better to think for their progress other than to dissolve them. And in regard to the boundary of our State we inherited our boundary from the time of District Council. It is clearly written in the North Eastern Re-organisation Act. We need not make allegation against anybody to be responsible on the boundary of Mizoram State. It will not bring any good to anybody. We need to have constructive idea.

Mr Speaker Sir, today I would like to mention about the Inner Line Regulation. It is not written in the constitution of India.

S P E A K E R : Wait for a moment, we need no discussion on the Constitution of India.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr Speaker Sir, we know that some days ago the Union Ministers said that they want to abolish the Inner Line Regulation in the North East. This is dangerous for our State. But all the political parties have a single voice and we pressed the Central Government not to abolish the Inner Line Regulation. So, it has not been abolished this till today. I would like to mention this so that we can understand the importance of unity. Unity if our strength. In fact, Mr Speaker Sir, all of us have sat on the ruling bench so, the role of opposition party should not always be oppose the ruling party. We must be constructive opposition, so that we can keep up the privilege of this august House. We must render all our ability to make our State progress as well as for safety of our State. Mere criticism of the government of the government would not lead us to a great place. Let us all think about the solution to our common problem. Thank You.

Col. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. Today, all our speeches are very important. So, we do not hesitate to mention about the corruption which can make stagnation on the way of progress. In regard to Demand No. 26, which is Medical Department, our budget seems to be inadequate. Free medicine supply even a single tablet of paracetamol cannot be there in the Hospital. Besides, the only Civil hospital in Aizawl cannot accommmodate the needy people. the building is in great need of repair, but which cannot be done from the budget. Next, I would like to say that the Government of Mizoram often violates the order of the Supreme Court. We have not prepared separate ward for mentally sick persons. There is no such proposal in the budget. I opine

that our budget for medical is quite less. So, I request the Hon'ble Minister to ask for more fund in the Revised Estimates.

In regard to electricity Department, I would like to mention few words. From the performance book we see that 100% of the work for Tuipang Lui Hydel Project has been done. But what is the reason for not being able to inaugurate this? Also in Kau-Tlabung Project, what are we still waiting for? We need to take rapid steps in this matter. Again, in regard to Bairabi Hydel Project we seem to wait for Environment Clearance. It is a long time to wait for this. This Ministry is too weak.

Some members said that our budget is much greater than last year's budget. But, infact, greater budget, under this ministry, seems to open the door of corruption. I am not happy with much money. Mr Speaker Sir, I request those sitting on the right-side to understand me, we cannot refrain from talking about corruption. If there is corruption from the Leader of the House this Ministry cannot be said as 'clean'. Therefore, we demand Parliamentary Enquiry on Aii-puk scandal. During the enquiry is going on let the accused Chief Minister vacate his office as it was done in the Central. If not so, we cannot put our trust in this Ministry.

Next, in regard to MPSC, the Chairman and the members have terms which is know by the government. But this Ministry is very slow to make Substitution for the pensioned members. It is clear that the Chief Minister wants to make his friend the Chairman of MPSC. I wish no party feeling is entertained in this important Commission. It is a type of corruption if such feeling is entertained. And, in regard to Taxation my Starred Question is answered that there are 34 non-tribal traders in Mizoram who are registered under CST Rules and the government has no record of unregistered non-Tribal traders. In my opinion, Taxation Department should have records of all non-tribal traders whether registered or not. If not so, this department did not do their works efficiently. This is very important.

Lastly, coming back to Medical Department, we have Rs. 67.40 lakhs for National Leprosy Control Programme. I was not familiar with this diseases and I request the Hon'ble Minister to tell me what steps would be taken in this matter. Thank you.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all. I would like to mention about Electricity Department, which is Demand No.46, some villages in my constituency especially the western side from Lawngtlai had been electrified since a long time but now a days they have no power supply for some months. What is the reason for this? I request the Hon'ble Minister to explain this in his wind-up speech. Besides, the people of those villages were not exempted from electric tariff. They cannot understand this. Again, in regard to installation of Electric poles, unlike the past years, cement concrete has not been used to strengthen the poles. This can easily make troubles due to falling of electric poles in many places. Is there any way to do it better?

Next, in regard to Demand No. 26, which is Medical Department, I request the government to care for the health of the rural people. Here in Aizawl there are some improvement in this matter but in South Mizoram the condition is very bad. For example, Lawngtlai constituency has the largest number of voters in Mizoram and Lawngtlai becomes a District Headquarters but there is no hospital. There is only Community Health Centre with a very bad building which is unfit for patients. In the budget speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, he said that Primary Health Centre will be made at Bungtlang South by enlarging the on going construction work of the building. But there is no such on going construction of any building at Bungtlang South. I think the Hon'ble Chief Minister got wrong information. I would like to ask the Hon'ble Minister that when will the Doctor be posted in that Primary Health Centre?

Lastly, I would like to say that the people expected the government to be clean. If not so, people will take revenge in the next election. We do not appreciate corruption. But in regard to the office of the High Power Committee, Lunglei District. Rs. Rs.20,000/- only is

put for salary for one year. Even the salary of a IV Grade is more than 40,000/- in a year. Besides Rs.1,00,000/- is for wages, Rs. 50,000/- for Travelling expenses and Rs.4,00,000/- is set aside for O.E. Rs. 4 lakh is too much for such small office. The share of the staff is very small but the share of the politician is very much bigger. What should they buy ? Budget for O.E. is much bigger comparing to the size of this office. Thank you. Mr Speaker Sir.

Dr LALZAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to say about the Mizo Department of NEHU. Some years ago, the Government of Mizoram sanctioned Rs.16,00,000/- (Rupees sixteen hundred thousand) to initiate Post Graduate Course for Mizoram Department under NEHU. This fund had been used sine 1997 and some students passed M.A. (Mizo). But now, that amount of money have finished. Besides advertisement for a post of professor, two posts of Reader and three posts of Lecturer for Mizo Department are made. Fund will be given by the U.G.C. when that posts are being filled up. Therefore, money is greatly required before the coming of fund from UGC and it is asked to the Government of Mizoram. In my opinion I wish to give that money for the continuation of Mizo Post Graduate Department.

And, in regard to foreigner issue, as we have listened earlier, no political party advocates influx of foreigners even the Central Government does not like it. Therefore no allegation is needed in this matter. We rather need good cooperation and unity to solve our common problems. It is not good to say that our safety is endangered. Today, I would like to say that our safety still remained intact in terms of religion, boundary and culture. We need to have constructive idea to keep up the privilege of this august House.

Next, in regard to Rural Electrification Programme, I am happy to know that 98 % have been done and now 687 villages have been electrified. In this matter I request the government to extend electricity lines to Durtlang Vengthar and Suaka Veng. in my constituency. Besides, Synod Assembly will be held at Durtlang this year in which many delegates from outside Mizoram are expected to come. Therefore, I request the department to check the Street Lights and to repair those which needed repairing.

Mr Speaker Sir, I propose the establishment of new PHC at Sihphir village as the population has been increasing day by day. Now more than thousand families have settled in Sihphir. Therefore, mere Health Sub-Centre is not adequate. Again in regard to Health Department, we have had Drug Control Act. Cannot we use this Act to control drug abuse or Drug Addicts which becomes a great problem in our Society. Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to mention about C.T. Sscan for Civil Hospital. We always expected installation of C.T.Scan since last year. We have fund for this equipment but it takes a very long time to install it. What is the reason for this ? We will be pleased if the Hon'ble Minister can take quick step for this. And in regard to vigilance, we all hate corruption, however, I would like to mention only one incident. In Higher and Technical Education Department, there is some thing wrong which is investigation by the Anti Corruption Branch (ACB). When they were going to finalize the investigation, there seems to be something going on in which money plays a part. Thus nothing was heard further. The Minister should enquire about this otherwise how will corruption be checked and done away.

Secondly, Mr Speaker Sir, In regard to Bairabi Hydel Project to generate 75 MW of power, the government of Mizoram is very weak to take initiative steps. According to the letter No. A-64/98-CEDT/61 Delhi. Dated 15th September, 2000 issued by the Central Electricity Authority, Government of India, it is known that the Government of Mizoram have not submitted its reports and techno-economic clearance seems to be made again. I wish this project to be initiated soon.

The Power & Electricity Department of Mizoram gives me VIP connection which is accompanied by a surcharge of Rs.177 every month in addition to the normal bill. But Power supply is still the same with my neighbours who have ordinary connection. Therefore, I ask the Department to remove my VIP connection as I have no side income, extra charge of Rs.177/- monthly seems to be a burden. Again in this Department there have not been any steps taken to continue Serlui 'B' Hydel Project, Bairabi Thermal Power Plant and Maicham Mini Hydel Project. In the Budget provision no single money is proposed for Maicham Hydel Project. In regard to Serlui 'B' Hydel Project, the previous Ministry estimated Rs. 41.57 crores but this Ministry revised the estimate to Rs.85.81 crores. Therefore, this Project may be the most costliest project in India.

Mr Speaker Sir, I support the speech of Dr Lalzama, Hon'ble Member from Aizawl Noth -II constituency. We have to keep up the privilege of this August House. He said that our policy seems to be changing along with our changing of seats. In the past years, the ruling party of today prepared Chakma foreigners list. But today they found no foreigners among Chakmas. Therefore, we need to stand on our speech. In this matter, I would like to say that the Chief Minister and Mizoram Engineer Association made agreement in June last year. But their demands have not been fulfilled till today. So, the Engineers regarded him as a 'cheater' if the Leader of this House behaves like this can we still keep up the privilege of this House ?

Lastly, we all want to have a clean Chief Minister. So, we wish him to show his cleanliness against Aii-puk scandal, for such purpose Enquiry Commission is a must. Therefore, Mr Speaker Sir, we demand Enquiry Commission. Thank you.

PU J.LAWMZUALA

: Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. It is difficult to have demand wise discussion. So, our speech seems to be General Discussion. We have listened from Dr Lalzama, the Hon'ble Member from Aizawl North-II constituency that we have to keep up the privilege of this House. It is right. But I would like to say that we should not hesitate to point out undesirable things. We have right to oppose wrong practices. On the other hand, the budget speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister is not clear. Our demands started from Demand No.2 . There is no Demand for Legislative Assembly. In other states when the budget is laid, the economists know the budget pattern and they give comments. But in our State it is difficult to make comments on the budget. Besides, in March, 1999 the Governor, in his address to the House, said that project report for Aerodrome at Lunglei Kawmzawl and Champhai were under preparation. But, we never talk about this and no steps have been taken during the last two years. Therefore, the Governor's Address and Budget Speech have no meaning. If so, how can we keep up the privilege of this House. Air communication is very important for Mizoram in case of emergency. Therefore, I want to take rapid steps for the implementation of the Governor's speech.

In regard to Demand No. 8 Taxation Department made good achievement . They have an income of Rs.908,77,000/- While their target is Rs.685,00,000/- At the same time, I wish taxation Department to give awareness and clear education to the people. Otherwise, it is difficult to differentiate direct and indirect taxes. I wish our revenue policy not to make heavy burden upon the poor section of the people.

In regard to Demand No. 26, which is Medical, I would like to request the government to take quicker steps on the on going work of the construction of Civil Hospital Building at Lunglei. the building is being occupied while the construction work is still going on. So, it is very troublesome for the staff and patients as well as the contractor. Besides, there are some specialist Doctors in various Hospitals but they cannot apply their skill due to lack of equipments. Therefore, our Hospitals need better instruments in various field.

Let me mention few points on Demand No. 18, which is vigilance Departments under the charge of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. This department is very important to prevent corruption. But the Hon'ble Chief Minister is now strongly charged for corruption. I was one of the witnesses of this. I have visited Aii-puk farm, I have had spot verification on the supply

of 160 angle iron and 160 Goat proof wire mesh. Therefore, I am sure to say that he committed corruption. I do not defame him with lie. therefore, Parliamentary Enquiry Committee should be established. If not so, he is not qualified to look after Vigilance Committee. Mr Speaker Sir, strongly I demand Parliamentary Enquiry against the Chief Minister on Aii-puk scandal and let him step down while enquiry is going on. Thank you.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. This Government is lawless Government, to prove this, Vanlalruata s/o Saptawna Serchhip was brought to civil Hospital from Jail on 16.4.2001, the post mortem report stated that he was brought dead.

When our Chief Minister took oath of office and oath of secrecy he is to bear true faith and allegiance. However, with the corruption of Aii-puk, the Chief Minister lied under oath, he is committing a forgery. Therefore, he should resign from his post. It is an abuse of power and he violates the prevention of corruption Act 1988.

S P E A K E R : You have often spoken of a Joint Parliamentary. A Joint Parliamentary is when the two Houses of the Parliament, the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha and the sit together in the Parliament.

PU K.T.ROKHAW : It is my mistake, I mean a Parliamentary Enquiry Committee. Therefore, a Parliamentary Enquiry Committee should be set up to investigate this. If he does not agree to this, it will prove that he is guilty. Is not it? Because it is true that he has not agreed to this till today? The then Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla agreed to an enquiry of the Lunglei Greater Water Supply and was found innocent. That is why he did not have to step down. If he is indeed innocent he should consent to the formation of a Parliamentary Enquiry Committee.

S P E A K E R : If you really want this, you should first move the motion so that the matter can be discussed in the House.

PU K.T.ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, the demand was made today, that is why we have brought up the issue. If this is true, a Committee should be set up without our having to demand for it.

S P E A K E R : The house will discuss the motion and then make a decision on it. We should know the way the Parliament functions before making demands.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Our demand is to set up a Parliamentary Enquiry Committee so that the Chief Minister's action can be investigated.

We were informed by the Chief Minister that 24 retired officers have been re-employed or had their services extended. We suggest that the MCS officers from the Mara District Council Area also be given consideration from now on, we are referring to officers belonging to the Mara tribe.

In the Health Department, the Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife Allowances has not be given for 19 months (1st May, 1999 to November, 2000). Since the demands of the Multipurpose Worker Association was satisfactorily met by the Government, it would be helpful if this 19 months arrear could be given to the Nurses. It would also be of great help and convenience if the Health Minister could provide my constituency with an ambulance servicing directly between Aizawl and Tuipang.

S P E A K E R : Let us adjourn for now and continue at 4:30 P.M.

P U Z. H. R O P U I A : I would like to suggest that aggressive demands such as the one made a few days earlier are not repeated in the House again. The Aii-puk scandal seems to me to be more of Aii-puk conspiracy. The issue has been handed in such a way as to fuel gossip. I had anticipated a motion and a no-confidence motion to be moved but it seems that they do not have much conviction to carry things through. This has left me wondering if we are really worthy of our responsibilities as law makers.

The Finance Department deserves to be lauded for its excellent work. In previous governments, the treasury was often closed but until now, the department has kept the government running smoothly.

About 4300 people from the Tlabung Constituency who were of foreign origin have been deleted from the electoral roll and there are now no more insurgent groups from Bangladesh to push back. I would like to added that these are the fruits of the hard work we did while we were in the opposition.

P U J. L A L T H A N G L I A N A : Mr Speaker Sir, the constroction of PHC at Marpara has been completed . Till now, there are no Doctors or Medical staff. The nearest PHC at Kanghmun has a young female Doctor but besides beds there are no other facilities for the patients. The land is rugged and the Doctor has been provided with one run down vehicle. The PHC at West Phaileng has been lying empty for 3/4 years since construction was completed.

The Teirei Hydel Project in my constituency produces 3 MW but the power supply in the area is still very bad. Most of the farmers who lost their farmlands due to this project still have not yet received their compensation.

The Chief Minister says that there is 700/800 crores in the centre for each of the States in the North East. The only criteria of getting the money is through performance that there is always no money for important projects. This can be due to the employment of underqualified personnel.

While the government takes pain to investigate any wrong dorings by any of its employees, there is no one to keep a check on the politicians. In the Parliament, the opposition does not necessarily have to move a motion to set up an Enquiry Committee as is done in the centre.

S P E A K E R : In Tehelka, retired Supreme Court Judge is appointed. Motion should be moved to form the Commission.

P U J. L A L T H A N G L I A N A : Mr Speaker Sir, there is a scandal in Aii-puk, therefore, the Chief Minister should take moral responsibility and should form the Parliamentary inquiry.

S P E A K E R : Motion has to be moved.

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, Chief Minister's wife is a Government - employee, how can she be a member of Aii-puk farming Society ?

PU C. SANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, Today, we are here to discuss the various demands. However, it seems that, we are more interested in Aii-puk conspiracy than the demands. I call it Aii-puk conspiracy rather than Aii-puk scandal.

Our opposition members mentioned about the text book in which Rama is portrayed as God. Pu Speaker, what is wrong with this text book ? It has nothing to do with the faith of the children.

S P E A K E R : You should not argue while others are making a speech

PU C.SANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, in demand No. 13, it was written that there has been an increment by 51 lakhs in the District administration. On the other, there has been a deficit in the work that the Finance Commission has been doing in Lunglei, Champhai, Mamit, Kolasib, Serchhip and Lawngtlai as in non-plan.

Demand No. 46, there is an increment of 2000 in the electricity department 360 lakhs has been sanctioned for the purchase of electricity goods. Although the bills are posing to be a burden to the people, it is necessary for us to be able to pay for the electricity slowly and steadily.

Demand No. 26. There is an increment of 300 in the Medical Department. However, there has been no increment from the Hospital, Dispensary, Subsidiary Health Centre, Primary Health Centre and Non-plan. Also, the State Illness Fund has not been included in the Revised Estimates. An explanation should be given for this. The Centrally sponsor Schemes in Revised Estimate is at subhead 103, the estimate budget for this years has been left blank. The constituency is eagerly awaiting the day that the Kulikawn hospital will begin to function as a true extension of the Hospital.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Pu Speaker, The Chief Minister should withdraw his comment on the newspapers as it shows the media as not trust worthy and unreliable. The then Prime Minister Pu Gowda made a provision that the Central Government will keep aside 10% of its fund in a non-lapseable pool fund for the North East States. The present government has been getting money from this fund and also from the "Peace Bonus". Since there is so much money, why is it that these is so less within the people's reach ?

Demand No. 18, on the Chief Minister's list says that due consideration will be given to the people of the Chhimtuipui District. If this is so, the people demand a reservation in the government offices as is done for minorities.

The Central Government has given the State government 606.15 lakhs as a component for the PMG 191 lakhs has been diverted by the Planning Department.

The matter of hiring of ambulances from Aizawl to Saiha has already been brought up last year but till now, nothing has been done to solve this problem.

Demand No.26, Health Minister has formed a fiscal reform Committee. The people now have to pay hefty taxes while nothing is being done to control the Department. The Government has indented a medicine worth Rs.1,20,00,000/- while there are still hospitals without even life saving drugs. Further, the emergency light which has been bought is one used during wars.

The Chief Minister has to take moral responsibility and resign from office. If he does not have courage to take this responsibility then we cannot agree to the demands that he has moved.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA H. PAUTU : Pu Speaker, not only are Sub-Centres needed, even PHCs are needed in my constituency especially in three villages and a Health Workers is needed in the villages.

The Pharmacy and Nursing Council has received Rs.3,00,000/- from the grant in aid. The Pharmacy Council only registers newly passed Pharmacists. It is involved in making the syllabus, the exams certificates and Registration. It also takes care of the certificates of Health Workers. In addition, the Para and Medical Institution, especially those studying B.Sc. have been entrusted to the Council by the Indian Nursing Council.

The electric line between N. Chaltlang and Bukpui needs to be re-aligned to the Serkhan - Bagha road due to maintenance problems and street lights need to be put up in Kawnpui.

The Census needs to be used to keep a check on the population on the state of education in the State.

In reference to Aii-puk, it is just a chart to bring a bad name to the Chief Minister without any proof.

Demand No.55, concerning loan to Government servant is no doubt very useful but care has not given to married working couples steps should be taken to prevent this.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, Demand No. 8. Taxes, comparing the population of the State, the Government should realise that it is impossible for the State to raise tax. The fiscal reform committee should discuss about this so that the people are not over-burdened with taxes.

Demand No. 26, Nurses should be given personal and risk allowances.

Persons and facilities of Ex-MDCs who have passed away should be provided to their wives.

Work charge and M.R. Workers should be given better job security and if possible they be inducted into Service without creating new posts.

Demand No. 34, on Social security and Welfare- will it be possible for the government to set up a Scheme for the Welfare and rehabilitation of those returnees who still live in abject condition.

The MNDS has sanctioned Rs.22 crores for the Serlui 'B' project and a matching contribution has to be made by the State Government to ensure that the Work is fast and smooth.

The benefits of most Schemes mostly go to the ruling party for the betterment of their constituency. What about the constituencies of the opposition parties which have been side lined ? One way of ensuring equal distribution of the benefits of Schemes is to create quotas for the opposition parties to take care of their constituencies.

Demand No. 20, on retirement benefit, a speedier way of payment of pensions to the aged should be arranged. Consideration should be given to those who do not have proper service books, because of the many changes in administration of the State from being part of the Assam Government, to becoming an Union Territory and finally into a full fledged State.

The Aii-puk scandal that some members so insistently called a conspiracy is not a conspiracy but a result of misuse of power and corruption. Since there is a precedent, the House Leader should set up an enquiry out of moral responsibility.

S P E A K E R : We will now call the House Leader to wind-up his demand.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the discrepancy in the numbers of demands that we have made and that written in the book of demand for grants is because they are voted and charged. After the States have implemented the Pay Commission, most States are having trouble with the payment of Salaries to the employees. Because of this, we have to rely on the 10% reserved for the North East States for development. The Central Government has warned the State Governments that the plan fund would be taken away if they cannot reduce the administrative cost and the Non-plan expenditure.

We are trying to speed-up the process of withdrawal of pensions, making the system computerised.

Although the airport belongs to the State, the operations are being undertaken by the Airport Authority. We have been informed by them of the high cost of maintenance. We are now negotiating the terms in which we can work together.

The compensation for the Teirei Project is now ready and the recipients are now being located. The government is trying to include the Ex-MDC into the Cabinet.

In connection with the media, what we meant was that not all the things printed by the media is completely true.

The MPSC which was without a Chairman for sometime will soon have one within a month. The member's suggestion of including people who have excelled in their own fields are taken into account.

To tackle the problem of foreigners, the Government is taking steps to issue I.D. cards as well as Village Registration. the Indentity Cards will be made with the help of the Election Commission.

68 lakhs has been put aside for Maicham Phase-II in the Power Department. We now have a debt of 133 lakhs for the purchase of electricity and Mizoram is among the States with lower debts. This is also a big culprit in creasting a budget deficit. That is why we

are exploring non-conventional resources of energy like Solar Energy and the thermal Plant at Bairabi. the Plant is to cost 800 lakhs which we hope to cover from the Peace Bonus. The plant is generate 20 MW upto 22 to 24 MW and should be completed within 2 years. There are also many hydel Project in the process now. The MNES has sanctioned 220 lakhs which we hope to pool with money from the Peace Bonus to amount 600 lakhs for the Serlui 'B' project maintenance. We are now negotiating the terms in which we can work together.

Techno-Economic clearance and side clearance has been granted for the Bairabi hydel project which needs around 400/500 crores more to complete. We are now actively searching for ways to acquire funds.

A website for the Mizoram State is now being created by a Chandigarh based consultancy firm.

We are trying our best to provide regular power supply to the villages. The metering system will soon be introduced. The department is looking at all the tampered proof meters available.

300 lakhs has been put aside for loans to Government servants which is also to be used for privatisation.

The Legislative Secretariat has granted to use funds from other areas to make up for the deficit in the amount that has been proposed in the budget.

Pu Speaker, I request this August House to pass the various demands under me.

S P E A K E R : The Chief Minister has asked to pass his demand Nos. 1,2,3,5,9,10,13,18,20,21,34,44,46,49 and 55 total Rs. 183,88,25,000/- . All those who agree say 'yes' and those who disagree say 'no'. Now the House have passed the various demands under the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A : Thank you.
C H I E F M I N I S T E R

S P E A K E R : Now we will call Pu Lalchamliana to move his demands.

P U L A L C H A M L I A N A : On the Recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the demand Nos. 8 and 26 for Rs. 53,98,77,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2001-2002 in respect of the following demands No. 8 Taxes etc. Rs. 2,16,00,000/- only demand No. 26 Medical Rs. 51,82,77,000/- total Rs. 53,98,77,000/-

Rs. 31,34,700/- has been set for the Health Department budget which is far from enough. Much effort has been made for the care of the Mental patients. The Mental programme is being followed in the Aizawl Civil Hospital which has room for 14 patients. A proposal has been made to the Centre to establish an Institute for Human Behaviour and Allied Science 'INHVEAS'.

We are trying to keep the Hospital supplied with all the medicines that they need.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : A patient from Phuaibuang was conned by a Sister on duty who sold to him medicines which were supplied for free.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, An enquiry was made into this and we found that such an incident did not take place.

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15 Doctors have been selected on a contract basis who are to be posted in the villages, so that the Primary Health Centre's and other things connected with Health Services mentioned before, start functioning within a month or so. The R.H.C. Programme proposed at Sangau has been delayed because of funding problems. Since Tlabung is a Malaria prone Area it is ideal to have two ambulances there. It is the District Chief Medical Officer who oversees the posting of Health Workers in the Sub-Centres. All these are being enquired from the Directorate.

Polio Immunization Programme not being implement in Tlabung constituency enquired will be made by the Department. But the matters of Endoscope facility and Blood Bank are not possible right now.

There is already a proposal to increase the MBBS stipend by Rs.500-1000/-

In the Lawngtlai constituency, there is already a good Community Health Centre functioning there but we will try our best.

There is a feeling that the MB & TS Act is not adequate. The notified drug Act 2001 is now ready to be discussed by the Cabinet

The C.T. Scan machine has been through a technical examination and now STAB has made recommendations and approval has also been given by the Government and a rate is being prepared by the Law Department for agreement.

The matters brought in by the MLA from Saiha about the Laryngoscope and Emergency light are now under investigation the report of which is not yet ready.

We are now being given 84 lakhs of loans for Health Workers to buy Scooters so that they can cover their areas better.

The Central Government has awarded the Mizoram Health Department for excellent work in the Leprosy Programme for which most of the money set aside is reserved for the workers. 1185 patients have been detected so far out of which 1119 have been released and 66 are undergoing treatment. It seems to be more prevalent in the Bangladesh border.

Last year 25 RCCs for Sub-Centres were constructed and 100 others have been constructed, also, Labour Room have been added to 15 Primary Health Centres, 7 Hospitals and 6 Community Health Centre. A Nurse quarter has been constructed at all PHCs, so also a tank with a storage capacity of 50000 litres. 60 Health Workers have been employed on contract basis and also 16 Laboratory Technicians for Rs.5000/-

56 Primary Health Centres have been consituted according to records.

The Chawngte Hospital is to be constructed with fund from BAPD.

Steps have been taken to ensure that specialist Doctors to visit the rural areas on rotation basis.

- PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : What is going to be done about the Community Health Centre building which has been lying vacant at Dinthar Veng for the past 3/4 years.
- PU K. L. LIANCHIA : The Primary Health Centre buildings under construction in my constituency Sialhawk have not been mentioned at all. What is our situation.?
- PU LALCHAMLIANA : It was written, reconstruction will be continued. As for ambulances, there are only two in Aizawl and there are times in which both are out on duty. Lunglei is phoned ahead of time so that an ambulance is ready, of course, there are times when it is not available. So it will not be possible.
- PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : It is not right that people have to go through so much problem to transport a dead body.
- PU LALCHAMLIANA MINISTER : We will see if our resources can allow us to solve this problem.
- PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : This problem has been there for over a year.
- PU LALCHAMLIANA MINISTER : It is disappointing that the Taxation Department is not supported by anyone here even though all the things that have been demanded and asked for are possible only through taxes. The post of Inspector of Taxes will be upgraded to a Gazetted status.

Mizoram has been paying the least tax even among the North East States. We have to mobilise this resource and we have to work together. Out of last year's budget of Rs.9,34,39,000/- only 35,80,00,000/- was provided by the State. Out of every 1000 people 44.74% are Government employees. The Finance Commission now does not give the whole amount for gap grant, but now there has to be a supplementary recommendation. Then 15% is put aside as an incentive fund, last year, we were informed that this could be withdrawn only after tax reforms have been made.

I ask that demand No. 8 taxes Rs. 2,16,00,000/- and demand No. 26 Medical Rs. 51,82,77,000/- altogether Rs. 53,98,77,000/- be passed by this House.

- S P E A K E R : Now, all those who agree may say 'Yes' and those who disagree say 'No'.
Let the House Leader who is in charge of Finance introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) bill.
- PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : With your permission, I will now introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) bill.
- S P E A K E R : Now we will ask the Hon'ble Chief Minister to request the House to pass the bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : The Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill 2001 is
CHIEF MINISTER important the other bills are already passed. It
does not need much discussion, so I request this august house to pass the bill.

S P E A K E R : The bill has been introduced and is passed by the
House (Pu Zoramthanga : Thank you). Let me
recount a summary of Business transacted during the
Session from 20.3.2001 to 19.4.2001, Fourth Mizoram Legislative Assembly. The 9th Session and
Budget Session began on 20.3.2001. The Chief Minister introduced the Supplementary Demand
for 2001-2002, vote on Account and Annual budget for 2001-2002 with a paper laid to be discussed
in the House. Other Ministers also introduced their demands to be discussed in the House, which
were passed without much difficulty. Questions were asked on all days except the first day.

Questions were asked in this order - There were 438 Starred
Questions, 8 rejected, 429 admitted, 66 Starred Questions, 83 Unstarred, number of Unstarred
Questions received was 167, 1 rejected.

It was announced that the Governor has given ascent to the bills
passed in the last session. These are The Mizoram Tenancy and Government Land Settlement Bill
200, The Mizoram Ancient Monument and Archeological Sites and Remains bill, 2001. The
Panel of Chairmen Pu Sanghmingthanga H.Pautu, Pu H. Rammawi, Pu L.N.Tluanga, Pu K.T. Rokhaw
were announced in the House.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Changes have been made on top from tenancy to land
MINISTER holding.

S P E A K E R : This can be understood to be a misprint then. Motion
for election to financial Committees, three Financial
Committees - a Public Accounts Committee, a
Committee on Public Undertakings and Estimates Committee have their terms extended for 30
months was put up by the chairman of these Committees. It was agreed. Reports were laid by the
respective chairman.

These are the bills passed - The Mizoram Water Tarrif Amendment
bill 2001 by Pu Tawnluia Minister, Pu Zoramthanga Chief Minister, The Mizoram Appropriation
No. 1, 2 and 3 bill 2001. Important rules and reports by various Ministers. The 9th Report of the
Mizoram Public Service Commission for the year 1999-2000 by Pu Tawnluia. The Appropriation
Accounts and Finance Accounts for 1999-2000 from the Chief Minister. The Mizoram State
Legal Services Authority 2nd Amendment rules 1999 by Pu F.Malsawma 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th
Annual Report of Mizoram Food and Allied Corporation Limited MIFCO for the years 1989-1990,
1991-1992, 1993-1994, 1994-1995 by Pu K.Thangzuala, corrections to Starred Question No.17(a)
by Pu B.Lalthlengliana and of Question No. 199 and 200 by Pu C.Lalrinsanga, 86 private resolutions
were received 4 were rejected and 3 were passed. Fencing of the Mizoram International Borders
resolution to be prepared by Pu C. Sangzuala was to be submitted to the Central Government.
Resolution for changing of Seling to Zokhawthar road to a National High way to be prepared by Pu
Z.H. Ropuia to be submitted to the Central Government and the resolution to make the roads within
Aizawl to be taken care of by Dr Lalzama.

All members have worked together keeping aside personal feelings
for the betterment of the whole State that the Session has come to an end in an amicable atmosphere.

The House is adjourned Sine Die at 7:30 P.M.