

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND & BUDGET SESSION OF THE SECOND
MIZORAM STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY : 15TH MARCH, 1989 TO
31ST MARCH, 1989.

SEVENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1989

PRESENT

PU HIPHEI, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 3 Ministers
and 15 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND

2. PU LAL THANHAWLA, Chief Minister to submit to the vote of the House the Supplementary Demand for grants for the year 1988 - 1989.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill to be introduced, considered and passed.

3. PU LAL THANHAWLA, Chief Minister to beg leave of the House.
 - (a) to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 1989
also
to introduce the Bill.
 - (b) to move that the Bill be taken into consideration.
 - (c) to move that the Bill be passed.
4. GENERAL Discussion on the Budget of the Government of Mizoram for the year 1989 - 1990 to commence.

S P E A K E R : "And because you hearken to these ordinances, and keep and do them, the Lord your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love which he swore to your fathers to keep; he will love you, bless you, and multiply you; he will also bless the fruit of your body and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the young of your flock in the land which he swore to your fathers to give you. You shall be blessed above all people; there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle".

Deuteronomy 7 : 12 - 14.

Now, we shall call upon Pu Zoramangliana to ask his Question No. 17.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, Question No. 17 -

'Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education Department be pleased to state -

Is it correct that different School teachers in the Chhintuipui District do not get their salary for a long time? If so, why?

Dr. H. THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, High Schools and Middle Schools teachers in the Chhintuipui District get their salary at the right time, but Primary Schools are under the District Council, sometimes they did not get their salary at the right time.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, there is a grant for the three districts in the budget, which is supervised by the Directorate of Education. Primary Schools in the Chhintuipui District are under the District Council, there used to be a problem between the District Council and the Directorate of Education. Education Budget for the District Councils is not included in the new plan. So will it be possible to include it now, so that Primary School teachers will get their salary at a right time?

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, why did the Primary teachers in the Chhintuipui District do not get pension? Why did they have to deposit money to get their pension?

PU F.MANGHNUNA : Pu Speaker, there are three Autonomous District Councils in the Chhintuipui District. Primary Teachers in the Fawi District Council had faced problems regarding their salaries. This is mainly because that the power is divided fifty fifty between the District Council and Directorate of Education of Mizoram. There

is also a problem of pension contribution as Primary teachers were not allowed to deduct pension contribution from their pay head and their services record are with the Directorate of Education! If a full 100% power is handed over to the District Council, problems would be solved to some extent. So, will it be possible to hand over all the funds to the District Council instead of passing through the Directorate of Education?

Dr. H. THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, Primary schools in the District Council are under the Autonomous District Council but the agreement of 1975 laid down that their service would be counted as Foreign service. Transfer, control and granting of leave is under the control of District Council.

Regarding the revenue, grant is given quarterly (four times a year) just as it was given to Non-Government, Educational Institutions. The problem faced by the Primary teachers in the Pawi District Council is due to the shortage of fund in the budget given to them. So, their salary from November to January is taken into account by the Finance Department for clearance. It seems that some of our members have a new policy regarding teachers in the District Councils and the Government also will have to look into that policy. So, the terms and conditions of the 1975 agreement will be implemented for the time being.

In a matter of inspection, they had to depend on the Government, but the terms and conditions laid down in the Agreement forbids outside interference in regard to transfer and in the administration. So the matter is now taken into consideration so as to solve their problems. In the political constitutional point of view, pension of teachers cannot be granted due to various difficulties and technical problem among the teachers.

PU F. MANGHUNA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question - Firstly what is the reason that the Directorate of Audit Treasury and Account insist on them to produce Exemption Certificate? Secondly, those newly appointed teachers by the District Council were not given approval by the Mizoram Government till these days, that will certainly effect their pension. How would the Government deal with them? and thirdly, a grant sanctioned for the Primary Schools came through the S.D.E.O with an order for works which the District Council cannot accomplished. The District Council cannot even draw the bill of the grant from the treasury unless countersigned. This is the problem faced by the District Council. What remedy the Government have to take in this regard?

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, a grant sanctioned for the upgradation of certain schools in the Lakher District was used for Election campaign by the MNF Division. Did they repay?

Dr. H. THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the term and condition which I
MINISTER have mentioned earlier will be implemented
until further order. The same thing will
be applied in regard to pension (Pu Lian-
suana : If the District Council fund and the pension fund do not
incorporated it has to be seen in the Mizoram Government Budget)
Pu Speaker, that cannot be clarified as their financial rule is not
known by me. The Government will remedy those rules that needs
redressing.

As our procedure is that of allotting grant-
in-aid is quarterly. The utilization certificate have to be coun-
ter-signed by the Government servant, after they were satisfied, a
new sanction had to be issued.

S P E A K E R : Question No. 18, we shall call upon Pu
P.C.Zoramsangliana.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister in-
charge Cooperation Department be pleased
to state -

(a) Is it correct that MIZOFED has a great
lost ?

(b) If so, why ?

PU J. BALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, (a) MIZOFED has been running
at a loss. This is indicated in the pro-
visional balance sheet as follows :

(1) Previous year loss Rs. 22,82,627.09p

(2) Current year loss -Rs. 19,03,666.51p.

(b) MIZOFED has been running at a loss due to heavy overhead expen-
diture which exceeds the profit earned from each trading activities.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question, as MIZO-
FED can easily issued Non-availability cer-
tificate, is it correct that there is a
secret countersigned agreement between MIZOFED and the officers who
goes for the indent ?

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Speaker, MIZOFED has a great loss when
it was a Super Market, but improved slowly
from 1984. In the 1987 election, the Mana-
ging Director spent Rs. 3,00,000/- for the flags of M.N.F. Party.
Did they repay ?

PU LIANSUANA : Pu Speaker, MIZOFED is one of the under-
takings of the Government with certain

branches which is expected to yield a huge profit. Instead there has been a loss of Rs. 22,32,627.09p in one year which is terrible. Rs. 19 lakhs is also lost in the current year. Will the Government or appropriate authority have the courage to trace and take action to those responsible for the loss ?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, (1) Regarding the
MINISTER countersign agreement, the Govern-
ment do not know anything. (2) Many new staffs employed by the former
Ministry resulted in the loss, regarding the lending of
Rs. 3 lakhs by the Managing Director to the MNF Party, it
is not known by the Government. (3) Regarding enquiry,
those responsible for the loss were the former Ministry.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, those great lost occurred
not only from the huge salary of the
employees. Those responsible may be
the former Ministry, Chairman, Managing Director or the
other, will the present Government enquire this case and
take action ?

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Speaker, in 1987, the Managing
Director of the MIZOPED went to
Calcutta and supplied flags to the
M.N.F. Party by his own will, how the Government will deal
with it ? On the other hand, as MIZOPED had a great loss,
will it be better to reduce employees rather than closing
it down ?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, (1) The Government will
MINISTER look into the case of those respon-
sible. Regarding the loss occurred,
it's not only the employees, there
are something wrong in the affair of management. (2) Re-
garding the supply of flags, the Government also will look
into this case. Regarding the staffs, as they were appointed,
the Government have to make use of them for useful purposes.
(Pu Liansuama : If anyone is found guilty for the wrong ma-
nagement after enquiry, will the Government takes appropriate
action ?) Pu Speaker, I think Pu Liansuama's statement
has been replied earlier.

S P E A K E R : Question No. 19, we shall call
upon Pu P.C.Zoramsangliana.

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PU P.C.ZORAMSAUGLIANA: Pu Speaker, my starred question
No. 19 -

"Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Local Administration Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Is there any intention to increase the salary of the Village Council President, Vice President, Secretary and Members by the Government?
- (b) If so, how many rupees ?

PU ZALAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is any intention to increase the salary of Village Council President, Vice President, Secretary and Members.

PU P.C.ZORAM : Pu Speaker, last year (i.e. March, '88). I withdraw my private resolution regarding the increasing of salary of Village Council President, Vice President, Secretary and Members as I was satisfied with the replied I got from the Minister, but nothing has been done till now. Is it that the former Ministry did not have any file work or is it that they were satisfied only with House discussion ?

PU P.MANGHNUNA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question - Did the Government provide the Village Council or the Panchayatirias with the Village Council Court ? Will that includes the Autonomous District Council Court ? If so, in which village they provide ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, the Village Council is one of the important foundation stones of Democracy. It is also the main hand for every Department in the capital or even in the remote part of the rural areas. Governor and VIPs cannot work in their jurisdiction without the help of the Village Council. As they have to come to Aizawl occasionally it will be better that the Government provides them their daily and travelling allowances. Can the Government do this ?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question There are some village councils who did not build the village council House after they have received money from the Government. Will those village councils be dissolved by the Government ?

PU ZALAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the salary of Village Council was introduced when we got our Union Territory. There was a

proposal for revision of their salary in the former Congress Ministry and the salary increased to some extent. In 1987, MNE Ministry proposed to revise it again, and asked for the sanction to the Central under the scheme of draineur and expansion of Department and the salary of V.C. was gradually omitted. So, it seems that file work was not done in the former Ministry.

There is a sanction for the construction of Village Council Court, which may varied in their sizes. But V.C.s in the Autonomous District are under the direct control of the District Council, so nothing is proposed for them. Regarding the T.A. and D.A., though V.C. were summoned for conference or other purposed, there is no clear provision for them to draw D.A. or T.A.

Regarding misuse of money sanctioned for the construction of Village Council House, if they were reported, and after verification there is a rule for dissolving the Village Council.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, money was sanctioned for the construction of V.C. Houses and furniture grant was Rs. 1,1000/-. But many Village Councils have not received any grant. Is it only for a show or that no grant was given to them?

S P E A K E R : Let no other questions outside the present starred question be asked.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, Is there a way to trace the assurance which I got for my resolution on 11th March, 1988 by the Assurance Committee? On the other hand, as our Government is a friend of the poor, is their any intention to increase the salary of V.C.P. Secretary and Members?

FU ZALAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as the Local Department is not self-sufficient, all Village Council Houses cannot be constructed at one time. But I assured that it will be all constructed turn by turn as there is a clear scheme and proposal in this matter. (Speaker : Clarify the proposal for the increase in the salary of V.C. and V.C. members). At present the increase of salary of V.C. Secretary and members is taken into consideration at all India Level.

S P E A K E R : Question No. 20 - We shall call upon Pu Vanlalnghaka to ask.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education Department be pleased to state -

The amount of fund allotted during the current financial year for re-construction of Government College at Lunglei.

Dr. H. THANSANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Rs. 5.00 lakhs has been allotted under Plan Budget for re-constructions of Lunglei Government College, this fund was transferred to Public Works Department for utilisation during current financial year.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question In which place will it be constructed What will be the structure of the building with only Rs. 5 lakhs ?

Dr. H. THANSANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as Master Plan has already been made in the year '83, '84 and '85. It seems that Rs. 5 lakhs is for the beginning of the construction. Regarding the place, there is not any intention to change the place of construction.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question - Expenditure on extension is not my question. Is Government intend to add more funds to Rs. 5 lakhs for reconstruction ? Is it that extension and re-construction is to be done with only Rs 5 lakhs ?

Dr. H. THANSANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there must be an enormous provision and it does not mean that Rs. 5 lakhs is enough, it is our provision, and that is only for the beginning. As the financial year is about to end, a new plan, after that real work will be started.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, Question No. 21 - "Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Rural Development Department be pleased to state -

- (a) How many poor families to be provided G.C.I sheet in this financial year (1988-89)
- (b) How many bundles of G.C.I Sheet to be given for one family ?

- PU ROKAMLOVA : Pu Speaker, (a) G.C.I. Sheet will be provided to 2000 families and (b) Not more than 4 bundles of G.C.I sheet, it will depend on the sizes of their houses.
- PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, its pleasing that G.C.I will be provided to 2000 families and let the Minister provides more for my constituency.
Thank You.
- S P E A K E R : Question hous is over, We will proceed to other items. Let Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister in-charge Finance ask permission to move the supplementary demands for grants for 1988 - 89.
- PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the administrator of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move that an additional amount of Rs. 49 crores, 40 lakhs, 15 thousands only. The grant is to meet expenses in the year 1988-89 in respect of the services as shown in the supplementary demands for grants for the year 1988 - 89.
Thank You.
- S P E A K E R : So he moved and let him ask permission to pass.
- PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, this supplementary demands for grant for the year 1988-89 has been mentioned earlier. As it has been agreed and the book is with us I request our Hon'ble members to accept without further discussion.
- S P E A K E R : Members who want to say anything may stand.
- PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, may be some of the members do not understand, It is a supplementary demands with a listed service written the book. As it is not a budget discussion members can look the book for understanding.
- S P E A K E R : According to the opinion of the House we agreed to pass without discussion. It seems proper as it is known to all of us.

Dr. H. THANSANGA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, if anybody want to say something, let them say before it is pass for they may have something to clarify.

S P E A K E R

: What will be our procedure ?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA

: Pu Speaker, as you have taken majority opinions it is your power.

S P E A K E R

: Is not a Minister made a proposal ?

PU LIANSUAMA

: Pu Speaker, that proposal was not by a concern Minister, let our Chief Minister directly ask the permission to pass.

S P E A K E R

: If so, let our Chief Minister ask permission to pass.

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, as I have mentioned in the budget speech, different ex-services and purposes has been listed in it. As our member had played with it, we do not have to discuss it anymore. So, I requested the August House to pass.

S P E A K E R

: So, he requested to pass, members who agree say 'Yes'.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU

: Pu Speaker, in the discussion I expect that Minister will explain what we do not understand, but there is no further discussion. Only for the point of clarification it is better to know, for example the supplementary demands No. 6 for Zokhawsang compensation is Rs. 92.25 lakhs. Have the former Ministry committed corruption or that we are trying to cover up ? Who are the recipients of this money ?

Under the National Calamity there was Rs. 96.35 lakhs. What kind of National Calamity we had or is it that it is a unnational calamity. This have to be clarified if not, we will not be able to understand even if we keep the book. As there is no general discussion, there is not a chance for understanding. It is against democracy. As there is a tune, this thing had to be clarified.

S P E A K E R : Let this be enough, no one stands while there was a chance. As the Minister in-charge had asked the permission. Those who agreed to pass say 'Yes' (Members -- 'Yes') Any objection ?

DEMAND NO. I

DEMAND APPROPRIATION NUMBER	SERVICES AND PURPOSES	SUMS NOT EXCEEDING VOTED BY THE CHARGE ON THE LEGISLATIVE CONSOLIDATED ASSEMBLY FUND	TOTAL
1. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	CAPITAL	7,00,000.00	7,00,000.00
2. ELECTION	REVENUE	1,24,21,000.00	1,24,21,000.00
3. REVENUE	REVENUE	92,55,000.00	92,55,000.00
4. SALES TAX	REVENUE	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00
5. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION	REVENUE	40,00,000.00	40,00,000.00
6. SUPPLIES AND DISPOSAL	CAPITAL	88,00,000.00	88,00,000.00
7. STATIONARY AND PRINTING	REVENUE	1,25,000.00	1,25,000.00
8. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE	REVENUE CAPITAL	40,00,000.00 50,00,000.00	40,00,000.00 50,00,000.00
9. RETIREMENT BENEFIT	REVENUE	1,20,48,000.00	1,20,48,000.00
10. EDUCATION	REVENUE	70,73,000.00	70,73,000.00
11. SPORT & YOUTH WELFARE	REVENUE	59,24,000.00	59,24,000.00
12. MEDICAL	REVENUE CAPITAL	94,77,000.00 80,80,000.00	94,77,000.00 80,80,000.00
13. PUBLIC HEALTH SANITATION & WATER SUPPLY	REVENUE	4,58,00,000.00	4,58,00,000.00
14. HOUSING	CAPITAL	1,90,25,000.00	1,90,25,000.00
15. DISTRICT COUNCILS	REVENUE	24,36,000.00	24,36,000.00
16. SOCIAL WELFARE	REVENUE	1,28,82,000.00	1,28,82,000.00
17. SOCIAL SECURITY & WELFARE	REVENUE	2,17,24,000.00	2,17,24,000.00
18. RELIEF ON ACCOUNT OF NATURAL CALAMITIES	REVENUE	1,10,00,000.00	1,10,00,000.00
19. AGRICULTURE	REVENUE	3,55,87,000.00	3,55,87,000.00

20. FISHERISH	REVENUE	40,000.00	40,000.00
21. SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION	REVENUE	40,000.00	40,000.00
22. ANIMAL HUSBANDRY	REVENUE	8,51,000.00	8,51,000.00
23. FOREST	REVENUE	2,30,00,000.00	2,30,00,000.00
24. CO-OPERATIVE	REVENUE	6,37,000.00	6,37,000.00
	CAPITAL	37,61,000.00	37,61,000.00
25. RURAL DEVE- LOPMENT	REVENUE	3,00,40,000.00	3,00,40,000.00
26. NORTH EASTERN AREA	REVENUE	16,15,000.00	16,15,000.00
27. ELECTRICITY	REVENUE	1,93,89,000.00	1,93,89,000.00
	CAPITAL	1,46,50,000.00	1,46,50,000.00
28. INDUSTRY	REVENUE	13,48,000.00	13,48,000.00
	CAPITAL	82,50,000.00	82,50,000.00
29. ROAD & WATER	REVENUE	17,00,000.00	17,00,000.00
30. CENSUS SURVEY & STATISTIC	REVENUE	6,43,000.00	6,43,000.00
31. OTHER GENERAL ECONOMIC SERVICES	REVENUE	91,000.00	,91,000.00
32. PUBLIC WORKS	REVENUE	10,93,22,000.00	10,93,22,000.00
	CAPITAL	4,29,71,000.00	4,29,71,000.00
TOTAL		-	48,76,07,000.00

This is the total of the supplementary demands which I have read out. So, this morning. I announced that this supplementary demand was passed in the House unanimously.

Now, we have to pass the Bill of expenditure and that will be introduced as Appropriation Bill, 1989. Let the Chief Minister with Finance in-charge ask permission in the House to introduce the Bill.

SHU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to introduce in the August House the Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 1989.

S P E A K E R

: Do we accept? (Members: 'Yes') and so let him introduce.

SHU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, with your permission, I introduced in the August House the Mizoram appropriation Bill 1989 and I beg the House to pass the Bill.

S P E A K E R : He introduced and let him ask for its consideration. Let the copy be distributed.

PU LAL THANAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the aim of this Bill is that -
In pursuance of the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram this Bill is introduced to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of money out of the consolidated fund of the state of Mizoram for certain services during the financial year ending 31st day of March, 1989. In addition to the amount granted for those services and for that, or those services for that year.

Members might say that the supplementary demands for the year 1988-89 is Rs. 49 crore 65 lakhs not Rs. 49 crore 15 thousands as written in the first page? It is because the complimentary fund is not included in it.

S P E A K E R : This kind of Bill need not any further discussion. Now, we will call Pu Zosiam Pachuau if he have anything to say.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, what I want to say is the supplementary demand not the appropriation bill. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : If so, let him ask to pass the Bill.

PU LAL THANAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I requested this August House to pass the Appropriation Bill 1989.

S P E A K E R : Those who agree to pass the Appropriation Bill 1989, may say yes. (Members - 'Yes') Any objection? So, the Mizoram appropriation Bill 1989 had been passed unanimously.

Now we will begin the General Discussion on Budget for the year 1989-90. As the Opposition Leader used to have in auguration speech in other States, we shall call upon our love opposition Pu Zosiam Pachuau to say what he wants to say.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, In this general discussion, will it be a department wise or in general (Speaker : General discussion will take two days and the department wise will be later when we have discussion on the demands). That is what I want to know as there is limited time.

PU LAL THANHANLA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, It will not be proper if our members do not understand. The introduction of appropriation Bill and Supplementary has been accepted and agreed by the

House. Our discussion will be on budget general discussion as it is written but not an individual department discussion.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU

: Pu Speaker, the reason is that if we look clearly at our list of Business (i) Question entered in separate list to be asked and answers given and (ii) Discussion on voting of supplementary demands we have no any discussion in the House. (SPEAKER : We will have our general discussion today and tomorrow). I regard discussion as necessary, but you have taken the opinion of the House. It is a relevant question, that will we proceed as a written programme ? (SPEAKER : Are we used to proceed against the programme ?).

PU LAL THANHANLA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, let me explain, we have finished both question and answer entered in separate list to be asked and answer given and discussion on supplementary demand. The

majority members in the House considered it unnecessary to discuss and so we proceed that way.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU

: Pu Speaker, we have to discuss our budget with seriousness as it is for our own State. We all represent our own constituency as well as our state, let our speech be real and not false.

Our discussion will not be an ordinary thing and we have to proceed with the expectation of our people, if not, we can make people desperate. We developed rapidly on different sphere of life, but we had disadvantages in House administration. We have to adjust ourself according to other states of India. The development in the field of economic, social and political will not be possible if there is no unity among our people. This is the responsibility of all Ministers and our members to consider it, if not our intention to go forward might lead us to backward. The reason is that we have been influenced by materialism and that our people are competing to be rich, it seems that to be wealthy is our only lesson and I am afraid that we are following the Wrong way. It seems that selfishness began to crop up among the people. Materialism also leads to temptation among the people which effected our religion as well as our Mizo nature. In order to stop this, it will be better to start from our Hon'ble Members of the House. On the other hand, it seems that selfishness prevails among the employees in every departments especially among the officers. This is because they only obey the order of superior authority. The result is that the burden has fallen upon the people. In the previous year there was a budget scandal and I expect that this will continue. So, what I mean to say is that as budget is for the people and that budget be used for the rightful purposes.

As we have discussing crore and crore of rupees and we have passed some of it, it might result as a burden some for someone while others were happy to hear it. Misunderstanding can even occur between neighbours.

We have to be very careful in our budget discussion and we have to remember that our budget is for the development of our own state. On the other hand, we deposited funds in different ways and we made development in various aspects. If there is any misappropriation in our budget we have to adjust now while we still have time as we all the members are responsible for this.

It seems that evil practices are common among our society. We have to think who began, when and how all these were started. We had poll finding, which is a great thing in the development. But I am afraid that this House will be indulged too far instead of thinking for the development of our state. In Mizoram defamation lodged against former Ministry used to be very common whenever a new Ministry is formed. So, if we really love our own state, we have to work sincerely in our responsibility and it will be better if it started from this House.

When we compare Mizoram with Arunachal Pradesh which we regarded as backward area, we will find that they began to surpass our state in every field, they are self-sufficient in electricity in which we are almost in every aspect? What will be the reason? I am afraid that this began from our House or is it that we do not want to continue the good work done by the former Ministries? This has to be traced and who felt responsible individually or as a group or even as the Government. If not, we will remain the same even if we pass our budget again and again. It is unfortunate that we only look and search for easy way.

When we compare our state with other states, we are not lagging behind especially in literature. But it is unfortunate that we criticised one another especially in politics and this seems to be one of the obstacles of development. In other states with thickly populated, if they hate each other, it is easy to understand. But here in Mizoram with only 4 to 5 lakhs of people there is enmity among the people especially in politics with party feeling. This is the reason which caused unpleasantness in our state. So, Pu Speaker, I want our Hon'ble Minister and Hon'ble Members to have a clear view of what we get, what we lost and what will be the most proper way of development for our own state.

Thank you.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, there is nothing much to say but one thing I would like to point out. When we look at the budget it seems quite alright but there may be some mistakes in it. In the P.H.E. works Schedule, there is a proposal to provide water where there is no human being in my constituency. This kind of proposal is to be found in the border with Bangladesh where census villages were deserted.

When we clearly look at the budget, there may be certain points to criticise. When we compare

with the budgets of the past years, there is something differences in it. There is a token provision of 20% especially for the poor in the rural area. G.C.I. sheets will be provided to them and permanent works for earning a living will be made for them. This budget generally means to rescue the poor from their living condition.

In the token provision of the budget, 20,000 families will be provided with G.C.I sheet and for permanent earn of living, Rs. 10,000 each will be given to poor family. On the other hand, I am afraid that beneficiaries may misuse it. As a whole, this budget is for the poor, so there is no chance to misuse it and I am sure that this budget will turn the face of Mizoram.

In some places workers may face problems and the Government intend to solve gradually. When we are proceeding towards development we have to face various problems. I hope that the Government will find the way to solve the problems. But we have to know that, in the way of development everything cannot be done perfectly as we are also human beings.

When we work for development, we have to work sincerely if not, our work can be a danger to human life. The collapse of a bridge between Chawngte (P) and Chawngte (L) on the 23rd March which resulted in the loss of one life is the result of carelessness in our work. I like the Government to take careful step that this kind do not happen in future.

One of the pleasing effects of our budget is in the work for P.W.D. Introduction of concentrated afford system is a great thing in which they have to concentrate on one work only. This system is also being used by the Power and Electricity Department. The present Maicham Project will enable us to perform the concentrated afford system. I like all Departments to follow this system. As a whole our budget aim to rescue the poor from their condition.

Thank you.

PU VAIVENGA : Pu Speaker, I am grateful that the fund location on plan is Rs. 102 crore, that mean 20% increased than the previous year of Rs. 85 crore. It is a difficult thing to increase by 20%. On the other hand, we intended to increase our revenue by about 16.48 crore in 1988-89, but it was decreased by about 5.78 crore. The reason was the abolition of wine permit demanded by the people as this budget is only for the people.

Our Government have not had much further intervention in this plan, as this plan was made during the M.N.F. Ministry and President's Rule. But luckily we had a hand in the concluded part of this plan to divert it for useful purposes. So, our main intention in the coming Five Year Plan is to provide G.C.I. sheets to all the houses in Mizoram. When we look at the Agricultural Department, it is clearly seen that Land Use Po-

licy is given a top priority and for that Rs. 57 lakh is sanctioned in the Revised Estimate. So, in the current budget Rs. 2 crore is sanctioned, for the Land Use Policy in the Agriculture Department. Rs. 2 crore has been laid down on new housing scheme for rural areas in the Rural Development. Allocation of Rs. 2,38,00,000/- is for the Vety Department to meet the grants in-aid demanded by the people. Large number of people will be given subsidiary for piggery and farms under this plan. The Forest Department also had Rs. 5,60,00,000.00 in the present plan budget. We have to search the utility of our bamboos in which we are rich.

In some places, especially near Reiek, forest has been destroyed by soil conservation or Forest Department. This seem a great lost as these areas are suitable for domestic purposes. I request the concerned department to preserve the forest. Teak plantation had been encouraged which is a great thing in Mizoram but we should also encourage preservation of nature forests and its products.

In our budget we also had Rs. 314.17 lakhs for Health and Family Welfare Department. There is an intention to upgrade Primary Health Centres of Hnahthial, Darlawn, Saitual and Lokicherra. In the Revenue Department we have to discuss clearly about our land. We have to reform our law which was adopted during the District Council. Land Use Policy and teak plantation to some outcut encourages capitalism as the scheme covers vast land. This has to be checked and let the vast area of land be distributed equally among the people. It will also be better to have land, ceiling and there should be proper check of sales of land from one person to another. There must be a proper survey so that we can know the number of land owned or held by a single person.

The initiative taken by the P.W.D. is pleasing to all of us, and the proposal for the expenditure is satisfactory. The policy of partiality will not be continued. There is also an opinion that the work of B.R.T.F. be taken over by the P.W.D. as the huge expenditure is also involve in the work of B.R.T.F. This does not mean that changing made of work in the P.W.D. will not mean that they will be lagging behind. It is very good to see the work of P.W.D. between Bairabi and Kolasib. From this work we can know that the work of B.R.T.F. can also be done by our P.W.D. Applying of mechanisation policy is a great help to PW.D. even if it means the reduction of labours, it does a great work for the development.

Regarding the supply of power, there is a shortage in every part of Mizoram. The supply of power is mainly outside Mizoram, at present an investigation had been done at Tlawng and Tuivai Hydel Project, when completed we will be self-sufficient to some extend in the supply of power. The encouragement of Mini-Hydel project is very pleasing it will supply power to its adjoining areas. It is clearly seen that our budget is to rescue poor people from living condition.

Thank you.

PU F. PAHNUNA : Pu Speaker, it seems that we are all grateful for the budget especially the given detail of the work schedule in the P.H.E. Department. I like the concerned Department to look more clearly on the work schedule for Lamdin Village in the constituency of Lawngtlai, remark as 'the populated' and even claimed Rs. 30,000 for water supply scheme.

The investigation taken by the Geological survey has shown that setting up of Village is not possible in Thinghlan. But there is a provision of Rs. 1 lakhs for the Thinghlan village. I like the concerned department to look into this matter.

It seems that every departments do not get prepared enough in the making of our budget from the grass root level. Each departments proposed from their own importance, every department had made proposal more on other charges such as Office expenses and rent. This may result in misappropriation of fund in our state. It will be better that every department make a fresh start in the major and minor works. In the Pawi District Council the estimated expenditure in the Non-Plan is Rs. 9736,000.00 last year while it was Rs. 9,00,000.00 in 1989-90. This has to be increased by at least 4% as committed expenditure will be included in the Non-plan. Is there any mistake in this regard? As a whole, it is pleasing that more power was granted to the District Council by our Hon'ble Chief Minister with the enchenced of F.R.S. But it may be a mistake that F.R.S. is not seen in it. It's pleasing that every parts of rural area is taken care of by our Government.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We have only 5 minutes left, we will have recess. We will continue again at 2 P.M.

Recess till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We will continue on General discussion on budget. In the morning four members had spoken member who want to speak may stand up now Pu Liansuama may be called.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, as a whole our present budget is pleasing as our plan outlay is increased by 20% we had the privilage of having a leader who is a member of the Finance Commission. The main proposal is to provide G.C.I. sheets to poor and to lift the condition of the poor who are under proverty line under the scheme of land use programme. When we laid down our Appropriate Bill, we shall have Rs. 49 crore for our expenditure. This will mean that most of our

officers will have more works for the days to come, especially the concern Department. We have to look the way to avoid all these problems we had at the end of the year. Its been a shame, that by the end of our former Ministry and the beginning of the M.N.F. Ministry we had a surplus of Rs. 58.7 crore and at present we have a dificit of Rs. 53.41 crore.

Pu Speaker, it will be better to have discussion on the expenditure of huge amount, given to us by the Central Government within a very short period of only 19 months. It is unfortunate that while our budget is increased by 20% we have a deficit in our budget of 1988 - 89. It is also unfortunate that the former Ministry had spoiled our budget and may be they are ashame of this that they do not attend the session from the beginning. It is clearly seen that they were not capable of ruling our land.

Our budget this year clearly shows the revenue we had to receive and also shows that we need to have self sufficient. We expect to get Rs. 16.48 crore for the current year, but there is a short fall of Rs.5.78 crore. The reason is the abolition of wine permit and a reduction of revenue from the lottery.

Pu Speaker, in this regard I have few points to state, it is our progaganda to abolish the selling of wine. It was at the request of religious leaders and voluntary organisations that the permit of wine was abolished. We have to understand that there is a sortfall in our plan outlay. But the debt expenditure of Rs. 53 crore by the M.N.F. is a misfortune. For this reason there might be a slow process in the work of a new Government. So I requested the people of Mizoram to have a consideration on the new Government. It was difficult to understand that we, the opposition M.L.A.s were excluded in the Resources Mobilisation Committee during the M.N.F. Ministry, Mizoram will contribute only Rs. 12 crore where there is a Demand of Rs. 343.16 crore. So, in this regard we must have to begin with tax which will not effect the poor people. It is important that the Resources Mobilisation must be very strong unlike the former Ministry. The fare of the crowded transport buses be submitted to the Government so that revenue will be increased. We have to take more steps in every way in order to increase the revenue of the Government.

Various forms for asking various loans/grants-in-aid have been printed in various Departments and were sold at about Re 1/-. Do we have a good credit in this thing ? If the Resources Mobilisation Committee functions properly, those prices of the forms will be collected by the Government which is an important revenue resources for the Government. As a whole, the work of various Departments for development is pleasing. There are huge amount for Industry and Agriculture and in the Department of Jail fund is very small. Let our Ministers ensure that these amount are spend properly by the Department. Well planned programme will result in savings for the Government. For different District Administration there is about Rs. 51 lakhs out of Rs. 348 lakhs and our Secretariat had about

Rs. 150 lakhs out of Rs. 692 for the maintenance. I requested our Ministers to look upon the expenditure of our Departments. If any salary of the employees is to be increased, I like our Government to have a clear view that the Government have advantages from this increase salary. In the Home Department Law and Order has been well under controlled. It will be better that our Minister in-charge encourages to trace out the culprits in connection with the attempted murder of the Chief Minister at Moonlight Hotel and the Lunglei S.P., lottery scandal, cigarettes factory scandal at Vairengte and the killing of the sambar deer by the Forest Authority.

Pu Speaker, as a whole, we satisfied with our plan. Even though I wanted to have favouritism in the appointment of employees but it seems that the staff component is satisfactory. In this regard, Transport Department is worth mentioning which we shall have detail discussion later on. In the whole budget, this Department had the amount of Rs. 616 lakhs. The salary of 1161 staffs will be about Rs. 192 lakhs. Medical Re-imbusement, travelling facilities and other expenses will be kept aside. The total staffs of about 1161 will have to look maintain 106 buses and 51 trucks efficiently. So, when we passed our annual plan of Rs. 102 crore, every Departments had to see clearly that these amount be spend for its useful purposes.

When we are to pass our annual plan, we must have clear view on the aim and purposes of the plan such as, where will the new place of Vety Department be installed and how many Health Sub-Centre are we going to have? Will a new supply centre be opened? For this reason we

have to be careful in our planning and let the evolution and monetary cell be improved. Pu Speaker, I like to mention about our education system. The proposed provincialization of Champhai, Serchhip and Aizawl College during the M.N.F. Ministry and President's Rule will have to be administered by us. We have to improve the condition of services in Mizoram education as most of them hesitates to be on the side of Arts and Culture, even if we have system like when we were under the Assam, the education policy will not be proper enough. When we can have Civil Services, why not the Education Services? Sometime it will be in the College, Directorate and even at the Primary. So it must to have School Education Services. It is our mineral as well as our natural resources, for our best resources in Mizoram is the Human resources. To improve our speaking quality we have to make our education services better. So, for this reason our plan for education must be given more attention. As a whole we shall have about Rs. 102 crore in our plan and let this plan be used for its useful purposes.

Thank you.

FU ROKAMLOVA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, I have a proposal for we shall have our budget discussion for two days. It is time to exercise your power and by your power, give us a rest so that we can continue our discussion tomorrow with earnest.

S P E A K E R : The opinion of the House will be most important. Is there any objection to this proposal? If there is no objection we will have recess and we shall continue tomorrow at 10:00 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

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