

9TH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1989

PRESENT

PU VANLALNGENA. Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister
8 Ministers and 15 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

RESOLUTION

2. Dr. H. THANSANGA, Minister in-charge Law, Judicial and Parliamentary Affairs Department to move official resolution in the following form.

" That this House ratifies the amendment to the constitution of India falling within the purview of Clause (2) of Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Sixty second Amendment) Bill, 1988, as passed by the House of Parliament".

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1989-90.

(a) PU J. LALSANGZUALA, Minister in-charge Food and Civil Supply Department etc. to put to the Vote of the House various Demands under his Charge.

(b) PU ROKAMLOVA, Minister in-charge Rural Development etc. to put to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge-

(c) PU ZALAWMA, Minister in -charge Land Revenue and Settlement Department etc. to put to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : "Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Jesus Christ"

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Question No.29 Pu Lalhuthanga to ask.

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PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker I asked my Starred question No.29.

Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Home Department be please to state -

(a) Do our Government have any intention to take out those collected guns during the disturbed period ?

(b) If so, what is the progress ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer for CHIEF MINISTER

(a) is yes and for (b) 695 guns have been taken out from the army. At present 539 guns are at Dergoan (A.P. Bn Assam) which the India Government had permitted us to take out Assam Government is also given notification and our Police officers were send for this purpose .

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Supplementary question - Will it be better to issue a new license to those lost guns instead of issuing a brand new license ? Priority be given to holders of licenses for lost guns.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, after 1986 agreement, the then Chief Minister promised to give back those guns which were deprived of during the disturbed period. Is it that their Ministry progressed without fulfilling their promises ?

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Supplementary question- Aizawl D.C had said that renewal of license can be done only with the issuing authority . Is there, any way to amend or change this system ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Minister in-charge to reply.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are about 1234 unclaimed guns in the group CHIEF MINISTER centres and Police Station. If a person can establish his own gun beyond any doubt, it will be given back to its rightful owner. There is no rule that gun can be deprived of from the owners.

Regarding the lost of licence, they can establish their gun beyond any doubt, we have to find the way to issue a new licence. We will not make any sepe ation whether it was taken by the army or the MNA.

The answer to our Hon'ble Member from Hnahthial Constituency will be that there shall not be any discrimination in issuing the license. If a gun is claim beyond any doubt by its rightful owner, we shall consider to issue a new license for it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 30 Pu Liansuama to ask.

PU LIANSUAMA : PU Deputy Speaker, I asked my starred question No. 30 -

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

- (a) Do the Government know misappropriation of expenditure granted for the construction of Primary School at Phuldungsei ?
- (b) What kind of action will be taken by the Government to those responsible for this ?

Dr H.THANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker,
MINISTER

- (a) The Government do not know anything about this.
- (b) If any misappropriation of expensiture is find out and after proof, action will be taken as they deserve to those responsible.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in our discussion on Education Demand yesterday, I had mentioned that the same thing happened at Saithah Primary School. This thing may happen in various primary as well as in High School, I like our Education Department to supervise more properly in this matter as this thing happened only at few villages. It will be better that supervision be done not only by the C.E.O but by the Department Officers as all the sanction orders are in the Office.

PU VANLALNGHKA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question will it be possible to trace out the grant of Rs 30,000/- for the construction of Thingsai Primary School I used by the V.C,P for his work in the contract ?

Dr H.THANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in term of percent
MINISTER misuse of grant for Achool Building is little in Mizoram. Sanction of

grant by the Government is only in name as public contribution plays an important role in the development of Education. As a whole, we achieved success in school building in Mizoram. But misuse of grant used to be quite visible in every part of Mizoram. Regarding the proposal of our member for supervision, I assured that Officers will be send for this matter.

In Thingsai Primary School, I, we do not received any report of that kind. If that kind of really happened, action will be taken to ensure that such thing do not happend again in future.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer is not specific enough. Will it be possible to send bigger officers than that of C.E.O.? It will not be proper for C.E.O. to supervise the High Schools. Whether will it be possible or not is what I want to know.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as people elected me as their representative in this House. What I have stated must be more important than that of the report. Can the House regard it as correct of What I have said?

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we shall regard anything mentioned in the House as most important. Our Department will take a fresh start, as C.E.O. were of lower staff which cannot supervise High Schools, Higher authority will be send as supervisors in this matter.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No.31 -
Pu F.Sapa to ask -

PU F.SAPA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I asked my starred question No.31.

Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Sports and Youth Services Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is there any intention to prepared Mini Sports Complex at Lunglei ?

(b) If so, when will it be starred?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer for
CHIEF MINISTER (a) is yes and for (b) we are asking for the Central Financial Assistance and when we received the sanction the work will begin.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question - AS Central Government seems to be quite liberal in sanctioning grant to Sports Directorate, I request our Hon'ble Minister to fulfil his promise to construct a Sport Complex at Hnahthial. Will that be possible ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let Pu Lalhuthanga ask before the Minister reply.

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. It is pleasing that our Government intend to construct Mini Sport Complex at Lunglei and Serchhip. When we went outside Mizoram for any Sport Activities we face a problem in plain area due to warm temperature. In order to avoid these problems we have to practice in this type of temperature in which Lengpui seems the most suitable. As Lengpui is not far from Aizawl, is there any intention for the Government to construct Mini Sport Complex at Lengpui?

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, during the V.C. Election, the then Hon'ble Minister of Sport and Youth Services Pu Saingura Sailo had promised to construct Mini Sport Complex in my constituency at Khanpui, Khawruhlian, Sesawng, Thingsulthliah and Tlungvel. Is there any follow up programme in this regard? If so, it will be a great opportunity for my constituency.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let Pu Lalbiaka ask, after that Pu Rosangliana will ask.

PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the proposed place for Mini Sport Complex at Lunglei belongs to Vety Department agreement may be necessary. Can the proposed place be finalised before we receive the sanction from the Central?

PU ROSANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we used to send our Sports persons to plain area in which we faced problems in temperature. So will it be possible to create a training for talented persons in a place where the temperature is a little similar to that of the temperature in plain areas. So, as to have our Sportsmen accustomed to warm temperature before they go outside state.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let Pu Rokamlova ask.

PU ROKAMLOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as all sports persons who represented Mizoram are generally from the Aizawl West side who were trained from small field of Armed Veng. There was an intention to extend that field and in place of Dawrpui Jail Hawla Hall was proposed to be set up. Do the Government had confirmed this intention?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the Minister in-charge reply.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding the
CHIEF MINISTER proposed place for Mini Sport Complex
at Lunglei, its belongs to Vety
Department. As the Vety Department do not use that place
for productive purpose and as they were eager to use that
place more purposefully they have no objection for the cons-
truction of Mini Sport Complex.

Regarding the construction of Mini
Sport Complex at various places, there was a policy of the
Government of India that top priority should be given to
District Head Quarters for the construction of play field.

For the Hnahthial Sport Complex, no
particular promise was made by me but if anyone had promise
in my Name, it will be honour. There are various places
in Mizoram suited for the training of talented persons.
Therefore, necessary things will be taken into consideration
during our term, so that we shall have Sport Complex at
various places.

Talent is the nature of Mizo and we no-
ticed lack of opportunity to exhibit among our youth. There
are many talented persons in every corner of rural area and
the Government intend to provide facilities to each and
everyone to promote sports in Mizoram. Regarding the extent
of M.A.P. Ground, Rs.3,00,000/- is estimated for this
purpose in order to have full fledged football ground.

For the Tlungvel constituency, it will
be taken into consideration and by the end of 4 or 5 years
many Sport Complex will be constructed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No.32- Pu P.C. -
Zoramsangliana.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I asked my
starred question No. 32-

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

- (a) How many old-aged pension were given
by the Government of India ?
(b) How much is given to a single per-
son ?
(c) Any intention to increase in number
and money ?
(d) If so, how many ?

PU P.SIAMLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer for
MINISTER (a) 1883. (b) Rs.60/-p.m.
(c) Number is increased but no
intention on money. (d) 278 during 1988-89 and 130
during 1989-90.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary
questions - there is a preparation
of home for Old-aged pension with
huge expenditure . Whose house was rented for this ?
How many old aged pension were there and what is the monthly
expenditure ? Will it be possible to increase the money
given to them ?

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary
question - In England there was a
home for old aged named 'Dolls' Is
it that our former Chief Minister Pu Laldenga was among
them ? Will it be possible to built a concrete for old age
with good facilities ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the Minister in-charge reply.

PU P.SIAMLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, at present old
MINISTER age-4 women and 7 men were collected
so far. This is the policy of our
former Ministry headed by Pu Laldenga. Regarding the opinion
among our society ,it was started by former Ministry and
we only continued their policy.

In this regard different social
organisation such as M.H.I.P, Y.M.A. and UPA Pawl were
consulted . There are many old pension in rural area who
had no one to look after them .as there was no objection
among us this proposal become a success Rs.7849/- we have
to be spent monthly for the House rent. I do not have the
knowledge that our former Chief Minister recieved old
pension from "DOLL" in England.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is a surprise
that our social Organisation like
M.H.I.P. and Y.M.A agreed on the
old age home. In my opinion, they are the organisation who s
should object to this thing as it is against our custom.
On the other hand Rs.7849/- will be spend monthly only from
their pension excluding all other expenses. Huge amount
have to be spend for House rent . Instead of all these
expenses, it will be better that these amount be distributed
among the old age people. I request to stop this collection
of old age persons as well as the renting of house for old
age Home. Can there be any intention in this regard,

PU P.SIAMLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the presented rented- House is proposed to accomodate 25 people, and the rent is also very high. We also have to appoint some one to look after the House, not only that. Nurses were needed to look the old people. Our Department had also collected 17 persons who had no one to look after them in different part of rural areas which is a rare case in our society. We have to consult our leaders in this regard. I assured our members that we shall look more clearly in this matter. So, on behalf of our Department, I requested our members, YMA and KTP to help me consider this case.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our question hour is over. We shall proceed on. We have one official Resolution. This is the constitution of India (Sixty second Amendment) Bill, 1988 to ratify We shall ask Dr.H.Thansanga to move the Bill.

Dr.H.THANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, our official MINISTER Resolution is the Constitution of India Article 368 for the reduction of voting age from 21 to 18 years. It was passed on Lok Sabha on 15th December and 20th December on Rajya Sabha. The no. of the Bill is 120 of 1988 and it is the Sixty second Amendment.

This Bill had been passed in the Indian Parliament which needs ratification by at least half of the Indian States. To Amend the Constitution we need the Article 368. As we become a state we have to ratify this Bill. The resolution is given below :-

"That this House Ratifies the amendment to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of Clause (d) of the proviso to Clause (2) of Article 368 thereof, proposed to be made by the Constitution (Sixty Second Amendment) Bill, 1988 as passed by the House of Parliament " This is to be added by the House. I requested that the Bill be passed without further discussion.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Anyone who want to speak regarding the motion moved by Dr.H.Thansanga ?

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Our resolution had been passed by the Parliament which greatly encouraged the youth in India. The initiative was taken by the Indian Youth Congress. This Resolution was passed by the N.S.U.I. on August 1984 in the Indian Youth Congress Convention at Tirupati. In the month of September 1984, Convention was again held at Nagpur by N.S.U.I. with the late Prime Minister Mrs.Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, General Secretary of All India Congress Committee. In this convention the Resolution was passed by the N.S.U.I. unanimously.

So, with all these great efforts the 62nd Amendment Bill came into force.

The Congress(I) regarded it very important that youth who attained the age of 18 years must have the right to elect their representatives for this is the age from which they should have the knowledge in politics. So, with great efforts. This Bill was passed by the Parliament last year. Altogether 11 states had ~~this~~ ratified, and verified this Bill. It is pleasing that we also had this Resolution in our House, so, we had 47 crores youth in India who can elect their representatives. This shows the important of youth not only in India but also in the whole world. As a Congress youth President I am very grateful that we have the Resolution, in which our youths shall elect their representatives in the coming election, so personally. I agreed the Resolution.

Thank you.

PU LAL THANHWALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in the second
CHIEF MINISTER last A.I.C.C. meeting, this resolution
was considered with great efforts.
The working Committee and Executive Working Committee had also done the same thing. Opinions varied in this regard, as older section opposed it while the younger sections agreed the Resolution. They feared that the process of Indian Democratic system might be disturbed by this. But by giving important to the youth we gave them the feeling of participation which means we mould their future. If they feel responsibility their mind shall be matured. So, the main thing we can offer the youth for owning the great democracy of India is their voting rights. So, this kind of consideration is with our Hon'ble Prime Minister and with Majority of our Members. With great effort this came into being and it become the constitution for the whole of India. I like the Bill to be passed unanimously. In this regard I am very grateful to our Hon'ble Prime Minister who took a bold step successfully.
Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER, : The Official Resolution " That this
House ratifies the amendment to the
Constitution of India falling within
the purview of clause (d) of the proviso to clause (2) of
Article 368 thereof. Proposed to be made by the Constitution
(Sixty Second Amendment) Bill, 1988 as pass by the House of
Parliament " Those who want pass say yes (Members yes) Any
objection (Members No) So, this Resolution is pass unanimously.

We shall proceed to our next item.
Today we have to pass three Demands of our Ministers. We shall call Pu J.Lalsangzuala to move his Demands for his various Department.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Under recommenda-
MINISTER tion of the Governor of Mizoram and
with your permissions Sir, I move
Demand No. 15, 36 and 42 for Rs.37,88,30,000/- for meeting ex-
penses during the Year 1989-90 in respect of the following
Departments :-179/-

<u>DEMAND NO.</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BUDGET BOOK P/NO.</u>
15	Supplies and disposal	30,00,00,000/-	61 + 67
36	Co-operation	1,72,30,000/-	245 - 261
42	Road and Water transport.	1,16,00,000/-	315 - 322
TOTAL		37,88,00,000/-	

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER, : We will have a discussion on the demand of our Hon'ble Minister Pu J.Lalşangzuala of Supplies and disposal, Co-operation, Road and Water transport, Demand no.15 36 and 42. As we used to have long discussion it will be better to fix the time at 10 minutes each. We shall call Pu Lalhuthanga.

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Demand No. 15 of Supplies and disposal which is Rs.30,00,00,000/- by our Hon'ble Minister of Supply and Transport seems more than enough, but it is a thing we needed for our daily life. The Supply we received from 1984 has been increasing till today. We get our allotment from the FCI but it is unfortunate that when it reaches Mizoram it used to be out of the proper order. There are some who spoiled this supply, majority were Government workers and contractors. The Government have to be careful in the appointing persons to do contract works. It will be better that those who have cases in this regard must not be given any new appointment for at least 10 years.

Let serious action be taken upon those Government workers who spoiled our supply. It is very unfortunate that this thing happened whereas we are not self sufficient, supply has often been tampered while in transit. The retailers in different places also have role in tampering supply, but action has not been taken till today, is it that there is partially in our Government. The people are those who suffered most in this regard. Tampering of supply has found in many godowns and the sale proceeds are not received in my centres. It is known to the Government. For this reason the supply stocking Centre at Lengpui and Rawpuichhip were stop. I like the Department to know that majority of the Supply has been tampered. I therefore proposed that godown be built at Rawpuichhip, as for them it is very far away to collect the supply from Zuangtui in which they have to pay high for carrying charges. Improvement in road is necessary to get regular supply, if the road of Rawpuichhip from Tanhril is blocked, it will mean a famine to the people. So, I like the concern Department to take this into consideration.

The Demand No. 36 of the Co-operation is Rs.1,72,30,000/- The MIZOFED, MUCO, Apex Bank and other societies in rural area are under the Co-operation Department.

In 1984 the congress Ministry I was the Chairman in MIZOFED, I went to different states to study how they functioned. If we can imitate other states, our co-operation will be benefitted especially in the MIZOFED. During the P.C Ministry MIZOFED. Department had a great lost, but the Congress Ministry with the heads of the Department had improved the condition with great efforts. As the staffs were too many, they were distributed to other counters without dismissal them from their job. There was no new appointment and we were blamed even by our own workers in this regard. For all these we get benefitted in our MIZOFED. and that is also the aim of our Government. But the MNF Ministry repeated the something by appointing staff to an exceed. The result is a great loss in MIZOFED. If this process is continue, one day it will lead to closing down the MIZOFED. So, great process of improvement lies a head of us and our Ministry must take great effort, so that our MIZOFED. shall continue for the benefit of our people. Thank you.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, our demands seems to involve huge amount, they are all important as they are for the people especially the demand No.15. Demand for transport of salt and food stuff is less than that of last year by about 129 lakhs. Does this mean that we are self-sufficient in food grain? When we look at our present condition we are not self-sufficient enough, the supply we had stored will not even last the rainy season and the money for carrying the supply is also very little. I like our concern Minister to let us know what shall be done in this regard. We have to face the same problems in the rainy season. So, it is a must that top priority must be given to carrying of supply, let vehicles of other Department also be employed for this purpose.

As we heard from All India Radio that Iodine salt is the best, so we all take this salt. But this Iodine salt can expired after nine months. How can we know that this salt had expired or not? The present diseases prevailing in Mizoram might be the result of our unscientific lesson we get from the All India Radio.

Regarding the distribution of sugar and rice in Aizawl and Lunglei, our Government had taken great effort. Issue of special permits in excess had been abolished which has a great direct effect, this prevented persons from making liquor from supplied rice. In Cherhulun of my constituency it seems that they have not received an order for abolition of special permit. This resulted in the making of liquor out of supplied rice which is against our policy. It will be very pleasing if our Hon'ble Minister look into the matter. Those carrying contractors are of different persons, rich and poor. There must not be any partiality in drawing the Bill. The sixth schedule can be applied in making the Bills and let it be included in the making of Bill. In the Chawngte constituency, carrying contractors draws the Bill without carrying any rice, plus his profit from his black marketing. As there are few carrying contractors in this area, will not very hard to trace this contractors.

The Government must take immediate action if not it is not very easy to agree to the amount of Rs.138 lakhs laid down in the House for carrying of rice. It will not be proper for those campaigners during the election to expect appointment of persons they favoured for carrying contractors.

Due to our Government effort that rice shall be stored in the godown abundantly, which might also resulted in the ration of rice. The Government must take a step in order to avoid having rotten rice as this is very harmful for the people. In my constituency we faced a problem, there was a corruption among the retailers in which the burden fell upon the people. So, the Government must take more effort to avoid these problems.

There is something I want to say in the Demand No.36, the functioning of Apex Bank is worth mentioning. There was no fund to be given as advance for the loan, is it that former Ministry recklessly issued a loan? The Co-operation Minister must be busy with this matter. There must be a matching contribution from Government. A proper making is needed in the Co-operation Society, its been troublesome especially in the Chhintuipui District. During the P.C. Ministry, there were about 743 Co-operative society as a result there were many disadvantages. So, we have to look more clearly regarding the formation of Co-operative societies.

In the Demand No.42, What I want to know is that, carrying of fire-wood for domestic purposes is allowed or not in the state transport Truck? If so, how much is for carrying charges? They used to carry fire-wood with overloaded that almost touches the electric wire which is very dangerous. If this is allow. I like to know the rate for this. Line checkers be re-introduced to check over load of passengers, careless drivers and misbehaviour of conductors. As more and more drivers are employed. We have to be very careful as these are public service vehicles. We must be very strict in issuing the P.V.S. it must be issued to persons who had attained the age of 30 years and not below. Thank you.

PU SAIKIPHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it seems that all our demands to be discussed are very important for they are the things which we needed for our daily life. So, the new Government must take strong initiative in this regard.

The most prominent problems face in the Demand No.15, of the Supply Department is that corruption prevailed among the store keepers, supply Inspectors and carrying contractors. Shortage of Supply rice will again happen not only in rural area, but also at Aizawl, the rainy season will again disrupt our supply and the people will again suffer. So, the Government have to take efforts to avoid the coming problems. There is a difference in the rate fixed by the Government, at Aizawl it is Rs.6/- while in rural area Rs.4/- this also the thing which has to be clarified. In the western side of Mizoram there is an improvement in the road and transport but they used to face shortage of sugar, oil and Kerosine.

This kind of problem also prevailed in various rural areas, is it that supply department could not reach these commodities to rural area. I like our Supply Minister to know that this is the thing that happened in rural area. In the same Demand No.15, Supply department sanctioning of fund for rural areas seems to be contradictory, that led to corruption in the sale process. But action cannot be taken against A.Os and Store Keepers involved by the supply department itself. Store Keeper alone belongs to Supply Department while A.Os belongs to D.C. So, we have to consider the way to amend this process.

Administrative Officers in the rural area contributed less work in the service of Government, as they had more free time. Some are engaged in business, contract works and they could play active role during the election. They contributed more than those of Unit Presidents. They were very obstructive for other parties as they had money. The sooner A.Os are placed under the authority of Supply Department the better will be supply condition. Corruption would be less if the senior Inspector supervise one constituency, let store keeper be at every supply centre and let that sale proceed be supervised by the Store Keeper. If this proposal can be agreed by our Government, the sooner will be the better.

There is nothing much to discuss in the Demand No.36, of Co-operation. It seems that MIZOFED used to be very crowded and that may be the reason that there is a huge deficit in it. But Co-operation seems to be faded away in the rural areas. Huge amount has been allocated for the Co-operation, if the people of rural area are to be benefited, Co operation has to be started again from the beginning. During the MNE Ministry, Co-operation Society was established in every constituency, when it was about to function, order was issued that materials must be taken from MIZOFED. There are various materials in MIZOFED which has no value for the people of rural areas. Enforcement also come from the MIZOFED regarding the sale of materials. The Government would therefore do well in paying more attention to the functioning of co-operatives societies.

It seems that there is also corruption in the Demand No.42 of Road and Water Transport. The main problem faced by the western part of Mizoram is in transport system. People were not assured for the service of buses as there used to be a few passengers. But drivers and conductors took advantages of few passengers, they used to take passengers on the way as they wish, which make uncomfortable for the original passengers. It seems that drivers and conductors had more authority in this regard. Not only buses, trucks were also used for other purposes for which they were not supposed to be used. Regarding the cleaning of vehicles, authority must appoint person for this purpose.

Proper guide must be introduced in the uses of our buses. In Tamil Nadu, Services of Buses are the best in India in which drivers or workers were changed from one station to another, this mean that five hours rest can be made out of 24 hours services. Even though

we had few buses and trucks better consideration must be made so that we can have more sufficiency in our transport system. As government changes, new proposals were introduced for the development of our states. We must regard all responsibilities as our own so that corruption would be less in our state. Our Government must have the courage to take action upon those found guilty whether they are big officers or small. as they deserve, if not the same problems have to be faced by the Department and I am afraid that this huge amount which we get from the Central will be wasted. Pu Deputy Speaker, as we have 51 trucks in the department why do we have to use private trucks for carrying supply? Is it that the engine of private trucks were more better than that of the Department trucks. So, we have to check more carefully in this regard. Various problems had been faced by MLAs of rural area that discouraged them to tour their constituency, rainy season is ahead of us and the people of rural areas are sure to face problem of Supply. So, I like the concern department to start taking efforts from after this session so that the coming problem, shall be avoided.

Thank you.

PU P.C. BAWITLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is pleasing that huge amount had been laid down for the Supply but I am afraid that these amount will be wasted for other purpose. Last year there was a loss of 13,00,000 quintals of rice, that means there was a great corruption and it will be better that this thing may not be repeated this time. We are beginning to face the rainy season, problem of rice will again be faced by the rural areas. As we cannot live without rice, our carrying contractors as well as our Supply Inspectors must take efforts not to create any more problems for rural areas.

The Supply of rice was done by the Supply department but the distribution was by the Administrative officers. The sale proceeds has been supervised by the A.Os who is from the other department. As there used to be huge amount deposited in the sale proceeds, this greatly encouraged to indulge in corruption. But there is no law that supply department can take action upon A.O. Which resulted various difficulties in the Supply department. So, we have to look more clearly the condition of Supply department.

On the other hand, it seems that Supply Inspectors were not provided with enough facilities for the inspection of Supply Godown in different rural areas. Suspicious may arise in the carrying contractors and storekeepers in rural areas. Inspectors may be asked to verify at the spot. Inspection may not be provided with the vehicles, he may get lifted from suspected person by his Maruti or Gypsy. So, from this point of view, it is impossible to receive the correct report from the Inspector, that we mean corruption prevailed among them. It becomes necessary that we have to look more clearly in this case. It will be a shame if our huge amount for the supply is wasted for other purposes, to make our rich more and poor more poorer.

We have to be careful in our expenditure of our huge amount of money . Our retailers were of political appointment and our present retailers were mostly MNF retailers. They were not sure of their position that is whether they will be suspended or not. So, they neglected their duty which creates problems upon our people. In this case , I like our authority and officers to take efforts especially in the supply of rice , ad this is the thing which we cannot live without.

In the Demand No.36, of Co-operation, I like to discuss few points. Government seems to neglect the Co-operation from the part which we should not have neglected. When we look at the Registration of Co-operation, the Co-operative society includes many things such as Agriculture , seed , marketing and Hand loom Co-operative Societies . Poultry farm can also be include in it. This is the thing that cannot be neglected. In other states lakhs and lakhs of rupees has been sanctioned for the subsidy whereas we had only 2,000/- in our state. In Tamil Nadu co-operative societies is a big department where they employed expert workers provided with good facilities. In our state ,Co-operative Society has been set up in different parts of rural areas. Inspectors were also appointed with no facilities given to them to inspect each and every corner part of our state. In this condition it is very difficult to expect good result of the Co-operative Society. There is a chance of success if the Government provides huge amount to enable them to do their work effectively and to have the Department expanded.

In the Co-operation, Apex Bank has been set up which is very popular among the businessman and it seems very very successful . The management is not proper enough as there is no managing director since the formation of this Bank. Proper management is necessary as huge amount were deposited in this Bank. The same thing happened in MIZOFED ,the great loss in it is horrible. The discipline of the staffs as well as the Managing director clearly shows that there is no proper management in it. We have to look how the Government supervise and how many times had it been audited. Mismanagement happened in it because the Government do not pay enough attention. The House rent is also very high comparing to the profit the MIZOFED has the Government must consider the place, for the building of MIZOFED so that large amount will not be wasted for rent any longer.

There is some few points to be discuss in the Transport . It is pleasing that Transport Department had even recieved on Award in the previous year for the contribution it had in the safe- maintenance . It seems there has been an improvement in the condition of workers. But transport and electric Services were same with Revenue Service in which there is an expect of return money. We have to look clearly that the expected money had been recieved or not. Adjustment had to be made in the appointment of conductors for which they were so eager to be appointed . In other states wayside tickets were issued to wayside passengers and the correct slips were submitted to the Superintendent. But this thing do not happened in our Transport Department, so we have to look more clearly into it.

Regarding the services of buses, we have to consider the necessity of the people and not on the business purpose. Let the huge amount be benefited by the people.

In other developed states. Co-operation Department used to be a big establishment and this must be taken into account by our Government also. Co-operation was greatly encouraged by our Late Prime Minister Nehru and so we also have to take interest for the development of Co-operation in our state.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall call Pu Zosiana for five minutes, we will recess and he will again continue after recess.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Dy. Speaker, the Supply, Co-operation and Transport are the three things, which we needed in our daily life. Supply had been discussed by our Hon'ble Members which need not be repeated. Our Supply are generally from other states and are distributed again to various parts of Mizoram. The Supply Department bought it, the contractors carried the supply staff stored and the retailers distributed. Misdeed by anyone of these can create problems in the whole system. So, team work is necessary among them and for this Government had the responsible to take efforts.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The time is up for the morning session. We will recess till 2 P.M.
Recess till 2 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall call Pu Zosiana Pachuau to continue.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Deputy Speaker, as I had mentioned earlier, Supply Department contractors, Supply Staffs and retailers were all important. The discussion from our members generally blame the retailers for starving the people. But in my opinion the retailers were not the only ones who can create problems in our daily life. The retailers may blame A.Os. blame contractors and the carrying contractors blame the Government. So, the main responsibilities felt upon the Government. The Govt. have to buy the rice at the earliest opportunity in order to avoid starvation in our land. Our Govt. must be very careful in carrying supply, responsibility is not enough in this regard to keep an eye upon is the duty of our Government. Majority of our carrying contractors were from well-to-do family, who know how to please some of our Ministers and Officials, and known to high officials of our Government. The Government must be very careful in selecting the Retailers, let those

people be appointed who would not create the problem for the people.

In the Demand No.36 at Co-operation there are few points to discuss. It seems non-co-operation movement occurred in this Department for this department had faced great problems. The relation between R.C.S. Office, Apex Bank and MIZOFED is not satisfactory which mean co-operation is not good enough in our State. The reason may be that there is not much competition in the authority level. It will be better that the Co-ordinator in the head office must be the one who is born in Mizoram. To have co-operation among Mizos ourselves are responsible. Let Mizo officer be selected to head of the post of co-ordinator so that the prevailing non-co operation would be avoided. By the sympathy of people and Assembly I am the Chairman the Public Account Committee and I found that there is not much to be benefited in the Co-operation. There is no proper supersession in the functioning of Societies to whom aids were given. It will be better that department Officers inform the Minister in-charge about functioning and development of the Co-operation. At present the successful co-operative society can be seen at Kawlhem in the Ngopa constituency. The rate of commodities are some with Aizawl and their capital had risen to more than a lakh. This is because of the great contribution made by the people. Co-operative Society has also been a success at Siphphir. The government must also spread the news of Siphphir Co-operative Society throughout our State in order to encourage other Co-operative Society in Mizoram.

The reason for the failure of Co-operative society is that there is no knowledge of theory of Co-operation and its aim. A good lesson must be given that the Co-operative Society has been set up for the people and the workers must know that they work for the people and not for their own benefit.

In the demand No.42 our road Transport received a wide discussion. Various criticism may arise whereas there are many to praise. We have to keep in mind that without road transport we would be in a state of poverty. In every state the Transport department usually could not reach the level of satisfaction. The reason is that whenever Transport department came under the government, the workers as well as the people used to enjoy pleasure as a repercussion. In Mizoram various parties had formed the government, the ruling party used to show their power even in the transport department. It is the duty of the public leaders to give lesson to drivers, Booking clerks and the selling of tickets. There must be a consideration for the welfare of the workers. It will not be proper to blame drivers and the conductor for they worked without rest. Government holidays could not be observed by them as they worked for the people. Their salaries, T.A. could not even met their demands. As this is their condition we must have wide understanding for the drivers and conductors in the transport department.

If the state transport department monopolises public transport single handedly, they were incapable of meeting the need of the public. Therefore, it will be better that more permits for private buses be issued to compete with State transport. In this way standard and discipline would be far more better than the present condition. As it is very difficult to have good road, it is fortunate that BRTF had excavated road upto Ngopa but there is no service of bus in this road. Concerned Officers has been asked, but the reply is that there is no clearance from the engineers. I like to our Minister to know that the road had reached upto Ngopa as such it may be proper to introduce service of bus.

Private bus can run upto Ngopa but for private bus service no one have the bus permit. If permits were given for the private bus service, it will be benefitted the people as well as the owner for they will be able to help their fellow villagers. So, it will be netter to be liberal in this regard. Thank you.

PULIANSUUMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in the demand No.15 of Supplies and Disposal there is Rs.5,00,00,000/- for carrying charge of food stuff and Rs.3,18,50,000/- for the subsidy. With arrear claimed we have a total of about Rs.8,53,50,000/- It is pleasing that we had these amount for carrying the needs of our people. As most of our members regard their constituency very important, that mean they knew the need of their people and the same thing happen in my case. One retailer from my constituency who used to take supply of food stuff from Phaileng for the Dampa, Rengpui and adjoining areas, said he draw the supply and had it arrived at the required place. The reports seems to be false, but a long with store-keeper they submittee a Bill to DCSO in which he claimed more than lakh of rupees. This means that the retailer along with some government workers are committing corruption in carrying supply. As there is still time to stop this thing, our Minister must take step to prevent such corruption practice. So, save this much money for the people of Phaileng and the adjoining areas. This kind of cases also happened in various parts of Mizoram. Our Minister and officers must take effort and it will be better that those kind of retailers be removed. If fund alloted for Transport and carrying charge be used for its rightful purposes, the amount sanctioned for it is quite enough, we shall have more developments than the previous year.

The road to Pukzing and Marpara Godown is not good enough and the storing of supply had to be done before the rainy reason. But the carrying order issued for Pukzing is only 300 quintals which is not enough to be distributed to Laisawral, Kawnpui and Darngawn. The same happened for Marpara Centre, so I requested our Minister and Officers to take efforts as these are the thing which I regard most important. There are too many fake ration cards in Mizoram. Our supply is quite enough which would feed our population, but the fake ration cards had increase our population which resulted in problems of supply in Mizoram.

Our distribution system needs to be adjusted to avoid all these problems we have been facing. It will be better to make Ration cards on the basis of electoral roll and those who were excluded from it have to buy from the shop for their supply.

In the supply and disposal, especially in the disposal there can also be wrong disposal. Cement and Oil could not reach the rural area properly. We have great hope in our New Government that there will be improvement in this regard. If we have real ownership of land in our mind, efforts would be taken so that we shall have more development than the previous years. Regarding the carrying of supply, we have to do it before the rainy season. The Transport Department had about 51 serviceable trucks which may not be enough for carrying the supply, it will be fortunate that trucks, from other departments be requisitioned for this purpose. In this way corruption from carrying contractors and black marketing of food stuff by drivers would be avoided.

Regarding drivers conductors and handyman in the transport department, consideration must be given to the improvement of their conditions as they have no promotion chance and that their salary is not much to meet their requirement. As under their present condition, there cannot be incentive, so encouragement is necessary for them. They could not observe Government holidays and for this reason they deserved to get 13 months salary. On the other hand they must know that the money collected as from fare passengers do not belong to them and so they should submit properly to the government.

I have pointed out this matter several times, and with the help of our excellent officers, Minister and the new Ministry, there is certainly ways of improving the Bus services. Ticketless passengers sit on the luggage carriers and no fare is received from them. When our Hon'ble Minister laid out the Budget, the revenue received from the Transport department is very little the total amount being Rs.1,63,000/- only.

The statement made by our Hon'ble Member from Kawrthah constituency is quite correct, for next year Rs.6,16,000/- is allotted for Transport department, and 1601 staff will be employed and Rs.1,92,000/- is allotted for their salaries. According to the 9th Finance Commission Report, with the exception of Karnataka and Maharashtra, there is no surplus in Transport department in any other states.

Besides, the staff Bus ratio also differ from state to state. For instances, in some state transport department, a single Bus is managed by four staff, whereas in some others, it is managed by twenty staff resulting in heavy loss. For example, if the distance between Silchar and Aizawl is 180 KM, 140 litres of Diesel costing Rs.460 is required. If one Bus can accommodate 40 passengers and the fare is Rs.25/- Rs.2,000/- could be received from the Bus that plies between Aizawl and Silchar. Even after deducting the T.A. and D.A. of the Drivers and Conductors/handleman, profit could be still made.

Therefore I firmly believe that if these 1601 staff who will manage 6 Buses and 51 Trucks render new efforts, at least they will be able to afford their salaries. The Town buses in Aizawl town are able to make a profit of Rs.500/- to 500/- per day. Considering this fact it is meaningless that the State transport is always indebted with heavy loss. Since the Transport Department is a revenue earning Department, they should work harder under this new Ministry, so that we can expect higher revenues from this department. Moreover, if the owners of the private Buses and trucks can make lots of profit even after paying the interest of the loans and for the maintenance, then the Transport Department can undoubtedly be the main source of revenue if the staff work more harder and more sincerely. As our Hon'ble Member from Ngopa Constituency has stated it is true that transport department could become the best and most dependable Department.

Finally, I would like to add a few points regarding the Bus Services. The road between Phaileng and Marpara was constructed by the BRTF. As stated by our Hon'ble Member from Ngopa, I submitted an application to the authority and obtained a clearance from the BRTF. Besides, I met the Chief Engineer who instructed me to meet the Commanding Officer who issued no-objection certificates. So, black topping of these roads has been completed, and now there is a regular Bus services in these areas. Therefore, I would like to remind our Hon'ble Member from Ngopa that if he takes up the same work, I am certain that a regular Bus service to Ngopa could be started from next week.

Thank you.

PU T. MANGHUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to point out my opinion regarding Demand No.42,36 and 15. As we have already learnt, the Aizawl Bus station is located below the Directorate Office near Vanapa Hall creating a lot of traffic problems. In other towns and cities, Bus station is usually located in the heart of the Capital for the convenience of the Passengers, it is learnt that the Assam Rifles are vacating their occupied areas. Therefore, I suggest that the Bus Station be shifted in these since it is more convenient.

Moreover, our Buses lack cleanliness, and the persons employed for this work are neglecting their duties. I have served in the Assam State Transport Department for five years between 1963-67. There, the IV Grade staff were very sincere in their duties. But in Mizoram, cleanliness is not maintained in our State Bus. So, in my opinion, it is better to introduce certain rules like prohibition of smoking and other vices inside the Bus.

Speaking about Bus Station, mention may be made of the Lawngtlai Bus Station. Here, the road leading to this Station is very steep, and recently, one driver lost his life when his tractor met an accident. At present, construction of road is being carried on by the BRTF, and it is their desire to dispose heaps of sand just -

infrent of the Booking Office. If this is done, there is a need to set up a new office. In connection with the matter the District council has made certain proposals and sent a message to the authority. So, I request our Hon'ble Minister to be aware of this fact.

Moreover, it is a Bus and not a Van that plies in these areas, which collects and deposits all the Postal bags at every Post-Office. This creates immense problems and inconveniencs for the passengers.

Nowadays, even private Buses ply between Silchar and Aizawl. In my opinion, it is better to set up a Bus Station at Kolosib in order to check over loading or any other forms of corruptions. Besides, travelling allowances are given both to the drivers as well as the Conductor, and when travelling long distances, the Conductor is placed as second driver.

Coming to demand No.15 Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding supply of rice, when rice is distributed from the centre, there is no witness if this rice really reach their destination. Back in the year 1975-76, an order was issued by our Hon'ble Supply Minister on matter concerning the Supply of rice to the interior villages. According to one order, whenever rice was distributed to the villages, a challan copy should be given to the V/C.P, so that he would be aware of this matter. In this way, there was a regular supply of rice. Besides, proper check on the counter could be done. Otherwise the A.O. and Store-Keeper utilised the sale profits their own interest. Likewise, the Diltlang A.O. had spent Rs.4,00,000/- and the Bungtlang A.O. and the Store-Keeper utilised about Rs.48,000/-. I think these people are given one month for repayment of their debt. But, this store-keeper is placed again at Lawngtlai centre. In my opinion, it is advisable to keep the store-keeper in other centres. So, I request our Hon'ble Minister to take action in this regard.

Moreover, permission has been given to open a supply centre at Vanthuampui, but till date, no staff is posted to this centre. Not only that, certain amount of money have been alloted for construction of building, which is not yet started. Therefore, I would like to suggest that the proposed supply centre at Vanthuampui should be shifted to Nghalimlui village, which is more to note convenient in many ways. I request our Hon'ble Minister to note down this point. At present, supply of rice to the Sangau centre is very irregular. The reason was that the carrying contractor was stopped three times by the supply Inspector of Hnahthial. Since he preferred the previous carrying contractor to carry on this work. Here again, I request our Hon'ble Minister to consider this matter.

As our Hon'ble member Pu Bawitluanga has stated, under the Co-operative Society, there are many sub-societies, and these are registered as life stock at Chhintuipui District, but thses sub societies failed to operate so far. The main reason seems to be at that, we are unaware of the procedures and system of the Co-operative society, but we are only interested in re-cieving grant-in-aid. So, I suggest that those people, residing in the south, and who undertake this sort of business must be given loans. It is given in the northern side of Mizoram.

For instance, the co-operative Society at Lawngtlai was set up in the year 1972-73, which has been running without any profit. To run it more successfully, loan is needed. For two years, we had been busy applying loans, but this is not yet granted to us. So, the Co-operative Society is mangled with the help of a small amount grant-in-aid given solely for this purpose. Hence registration and formation of Association merely to receive grant-in-aid should be prohibited from now on. On the other hand, loan should be given to those persons who are truly interested to take up this task, in this way, trading by non-tribals can be restricted to a certain extent. In other States, State-Transport is placed under the Co-operation department, and the Co-operation plan is also put in the hands of some business man. But in our State, we are totally dependent on our Government, hence our Ministry should consider ways of improving and uplifting the Co-operative Society. We have talk about Road and Water Transport. It seems that Water transport does not seem to exist in Mizoram. During monsoon season, the roads leading to Lungsan and Chawngte are always damaged by heavy rains. So, I suggest that there should be provision for setting up water transport. I pointed out this suggestion because the PWD has failed to mention it.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our discussion has been going on for two and half hours. Now, we will call Pu H.K.Chakma to give his statement.

PU H.K.CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you I would like to speak about Demand No.15, regarding Supply and Disposal. In my constituency around Tlabung area, the Supply of rice is very irregular, which creates great difficulties for the people. Soon, monsoon season will come and there will be a flood. The BRTF will cut off the bridge, and the people around Tlabung area are awaited by hunger and starvation. Therefore, Pu Deputy Speaker, before monsoon season begins, it is necessary to stock rice in my Constituency, which will last whole of monsoon season. At the same time, I request our Ministry to consider this matter immediately. Moreover, supply Department is the most important among all other Departments, because the public are solely dependent on this department in order to satisfy their basic needs. Now, with the help of our Almighty, the Congress Ministry has come into power, and the success of this Ministry greatly depends upon the regular supply of rice to the different parts of Mizoram. We are awaited by the election of MLA at Lokicherra and the election of M.P. If any problem is created for the Villagers should in the field of supply, this will have an adverse effect on our party in the forthcoming election. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, the villagers should be kept satisfied by our Ministry as far as the work of supply is concerned.

I have been an MLA since 1972, and during the P.C. Ministry, there was no supply of rice to some villages, which cause greatly anger and discontentment among the people. Then the Congress party came into power, and there was no hardship in the supply of rice. This made the entire public happy and contented. Then came the Peace Accord, and the MNF informed the public that their party would give compensation, and that there would be regular supply of rice. And due to this information, the public voted the MNF to power. Nevertheless, within a short period, the irregular supply of rice left the people annoyed and desperate. But now, the Congress Ministry has come into power again. And I am certain that our Ministry will be more successful, as long as the public are kept satisfied in this respect.

At present, from the Tlabung Godown, rice has to be distributed to Punakhai, Jarulsury, Udasury & Borapansury, and Tiperaghat, so, before monsoon season begins, rice should be stocked in all these villages. Otherwise, we will face on immense problems in the near future.

Besides, there should also be supply of sugar, kerosene and seed oil. But so far, this supply has not yet reach our areas. So, before monsoon season, what is the reason? The government has set up an agent here, but why there is no supply till today? In my opinion, this matter should be taken up and considered by the concerned department. Not only that, since there is no electric current in our areas, the cost of kerosene is very high, one bottle cost about Rs.6/- or 7/- sometimes the price goes as high as Rs.12/- a bottle. Even Pu Nirupam's Constituency is facing a similar problem. Truly speaking, the carrying contractors and the A.O. after making certain arrangements, used to sell a portion of rice for their own benefits and only the challan is received. Therefore, the government should take up a proper and thorough investigation of this case.

Coming to demand No.36, concerning Co-operation, in the villages, we do not have such facilities. A Co-operative Society is set up at Tlabung, and if loan can be applied to the branch of the Apex Bank, then it will be much easier for the villagers to earn a living. Here, what I would like to suggest is that the various department in Mizoram should deposit cash to the Apex Bank, and in turn, this Bank can offer loan to the poorer sections of people in Mizoram. Although, the people of Mizoram deposit lots of cash to the Vijaya Bank and the Commercial Bank, these Banks can offer loans only to 20% as 25% of the people, while the Apex Bank can offer loans to 70% or 75%. If the different Departments are benefitted by the Apex Bank, then the entire public in Mizoram will gain a lot of advantage.

I would also like to mention about fisheries Department. There should be a proposals for setting up this Department at Tlabung. At present, no fishes arrived at the Demagiri Fisheries Co-operative Society. What is the reason and who is the president?

Can this matter be clarified? The Chakmas and the people in this area grow Wheat, Cotton etc. But it is unfortunate that these local products have to be sold outside and cannot be utilised for the benefits of the villagers. So, the government should find ways of making these local products more useful.

Next, I would like to speak about Road and Water transport which is in Demand No.42. During rainy season, rice supply cannot reach Chawngte due to blockade of road. As such, rice is carried in a ship from one place to another. But here, there are numerous inconveniences, and accidents occur sometimes. Therefore, the government should appoint certain personnel, who will undertake the task of removing all these problems. Besides, water transport can be set up through the two big rivers namely Tuichawng and Sakei lui.

Besides, the roads leading to Tlaburg and Borapansuri have been made into a jeepable road, but black-topping is not yet done. The people in this area have not seen a Bus. And it will be a matter of satisfaction, if our Hon'ble Minister Supply can arrange a Bus service in this area at least twice or thrice a week. If this is done during the Congress Ministry, it will be a great achievement and benefit not only for the public, but for the Congress party as well. Hence I ardently request our Ministry to fulfill our hopes and desires. Besides, if the road between Lungsen and Chawngte is made into a truckable road, it will be a tremendous progress and this will, undoubtedly show the efficiency of the Congress party. Jai Hind.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, It is pleasing to see the amount of money allotted for supply and disposal which is in Demand No.15. As far as the supply of rice is concerned, the people of Mizoram are grateful and happy with the Congress Ministry. During the MNF Ministry, one of our leaders has stated that unlike the MNF and the P.C. Ministry, in the Congress Ministry headed by Pu Lal Thanhawla, there are plenty of rice. During the discussion of budget, our Hon'ble Chief Minister pointed out that for the year 1989-90 steps have been taken to upgrade and develop the Supply Department, and the new staff will be appointed. As our Hon'ble Members from Phuldungsei had stated, the members of staff in this Department appear to be plenty. But it is unpleasant to learn about the disappearance of a large quantity of rice. Pu Deputy Speaker, last year I have pointed out this case in the House, but no action is taken against the responsible civil S.D.O. instead to his great relief, he was transferred to Aizawl. From what I learnt, investigations seem to be in favour of this responsible officers. In my opinion, any persons who muddled up the supply of rice must be duly punished.

As a matter of fact, the store keepers and the Inspector in the Supply Department are all well-off and unlawful.

They take up a task of carrying contractors . Because of this rice supply always fail to reach their rightful destination.

Moreover, I think that suppliers and retailers for various commodities are too prominent. Here, mention may be made of Pi Ngurziki of Venghlui, who has been a retailer for many year. But we do not know whether they may have under taken their task seriously not. However, the main cause of our problem in this field is that the retailers and the suppliers carry on their works for their own benefits, and ignore the needs and welfare of the people. Now, Rs.3,00,00,00,000/- will be allotted for supply and disposal , great care should be taken since this task involves large amount of money.

As stated earlier, while the Congress Ministry, upon which rest the hope and expectations of the public, I am afraid that there might be certain persons ,who work only for their personal benefits, thus creating problems and hardships for the people. Last year Rs.4,47,00,000/- and sixty one paise were allotted for transport subsidy . As compared with last year, the money allotted this year is very little. In my Constituency as well as in the interior villages, the retailers are faced with tremendous problems, due to irregular of supply.

Besides, the godown at Khawruhlian is always empty. Since the people of the village have great expectations from the Congress Ministry, it is my desires that the hopes of these villagers should not be shattered. At the same time the godown in the villages should be given top priority as far as the work of supply is concerned. This will relieve the burdens of villagers to some extent.

In this way not only the Zuangtui godowns, but also the rest at various places must always filled up. Therefore, it is necessary that our Ministry should render more efforts and all possible measures must be done adopted in order to prevent the transportation of rice from mudding up. Moreover, supplu of rice can be carried on in a convey system, so that rice supply will reach their rightful destination. As stated by our Hon'ble member from Tlabung , if no efforts made to improve the conditions of transport and hardships awaited us once the monsoon season begins.

From reliable source, I learnt that the Bus plying between Lunglei and Tlabung is unlawfully leaded with alcohol since the MNF Ministry, thus supplying huge quantities of liquor to Lunglei town. This needs immediate checking. And punishment must be inflicted upon the responsible drivers and conductors.

Further, our buses are given poor maintenance, if all the money allotted are utilised for their rightful purpose, this will produce a better and meaningful outcome. Therefore, today Pu Deputy Speaker, although it is pleasing that we are passing a budget involving huge amount of money, we must be extremely cautious that they are not wasted. And the large quantity of rice arriving from FCI at Silchar and Gwahati should be transported in a convey

system, here the MLAs should not hesitate to take the lead in this task. In this way, the entire public will learn the efficiency of our Ministry, it is a matter of satisfaction to see that large sum of money are allotted for every Demand, but we have to be careful that these are utilised for wisely and properly. Moreover, immediate actions must be taken against any persons involving in corruptions. This undoubtedly, delight and please the public, and the congress party can be in power.

Thank you.

Dr. H. THANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to
MINISTER : to give a brief statement. Last year, I was given our information that the retailers are in possession of extra ration-cards. As a matter of fact, these cards cannot be prepared without an authorised letter from the U.C. This certainly is a big corruption, because with the extra cards the retailer keep a side large quantities of rice, and later sell them again at higher price. I think this can be easily found out by a careful verification. This is the reason why there is always shortage of rations, and I suggest that there should be an immediate solution.

Further, I give my full support to the statement made by our Hon'ble member Pu Manghnuna, regarding the prohibition of smoking and other vices inside the Bus. It is better if our Hon'ble Transport - Minister chalk out more effective rules to stop these bad practices.

Thank you.

PU J. LALSANGZULA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have submitted
MINISTER : Demands for three Department to be passed by the House, and I am grateful that my statement regarding the Demands have been duely supported by our Hon'ble Minister Pu H. Thansanga and other members. We are all aware that our Minister have been in power since the pass two months. As such, we have no intention of bringing total change to these Departments. However, the work of previous Ministry is being carefully examined by our Ministry, in order to find that if amendments is necessary or not.

Our Ministry is determined to take up more effective steps in this regard. The various statement made by our Hon'ble member will go along way in developing and upgrading these departments. But I will not have enough time to clarifying all the points raised by our Hon'ble members. So, let me give me clarification of only the essential points.

Our Hon'ble member Pu Lalhuthanga has mentioned about our quota. Here every months, 7,5000/- quintals of rice area allotted to us. And Pu Liansuama has stated that these allotments are more than enough for 5,40,000/- lakhs of people. However, this figure is in accordance with the 1987 census. At present, according to the calculation of the Government, there are about 6,50,000/- lakhs of people in Mizoram.

Besides, investigation is being taken up by the Government against the corrupted contractor and Government Officers, and actions will be taken against them as they deserve.

Regarding the problems of Rawpuichhip and Lengpui, previously A.O. was posted at every big villages since Mizoram was disturbed area. And godown were set up in these Villages. It was not an easy task to maintain these godown for the government and as a result, there were heavy loss in these godowns. So, it was arranged that retailers of the neighbouring Villages would directly take the supplies from Aizawl, and the retailers were responsible over the loss of safety of these supplies. In this way, supplies were presented from muddling up to a great extent. Coming to the points raised by our Hon'ble Member Pu Vanlalinghaka over the transport subsidy, here there are two types of transport subsidy, one is mentioned in the state budget, and the other goes to the F.C.I. account. And the reason why the transportation fee is less at present is due to the fact that a godown was set up at Kolosib by the F.C.I. and this would be used by the month of April. Here about 50,000/- quintals of rice could be stored, and the account would be met by the F.C.I. thereby reducing the figures of the subsidy. At the present, efforts are being made to store large quantity of rice at Vairengte, from where rice will be distributed, and quintals of rice to be stored at Kolosib by the F.C.I. are solely for the people of Mizoram. This way, there can be regular supplies of rice to the whole of Mizoram. Moreover, the work of supply is taken up by our Ministry only recently. During the Ministry headed by Pu CH. Chhunga, tenders was called in the month of October, in order to enable the contractor to take their task from 1st January. This way, enough rice could be stored even for the monsoon. As such, our Ministry is intending to take up the same procedure from next year.

Next, coming to the question on the expiry date of iodine salt, the government is not yet aware of the possible expire of this salt after nine months, however, the government will make a further enquiry that of this matter. Regarding the issue of special permit, it is learnt that certain A.Os are still issuing permits. So, circular to this effect is being prepared by our Chief Secretary. Besides, the poor quality and irregularity of rice supply to the Chawngte area have been pointed out by some of our Hon'ble Members. Here, efforts are being made to find a solution to this problems, and at the same time, I request the entire public to give their full support and co-operation.

Moreover, the Government is not aware of matter concerning the disposal of unfertile and rotten rice. And our Hon'ble members Pu Saikapthianga has mentioned that due attention is not paid towards the work of supply by the concerned Department. On the other hand, great efforts being made by this department. As a matter of fact, when this Ministry came into power, all the godowns were empty, and there are plenty of works left for this department. Our Hon'ble members Pu Saikapthianga has pointed out about A.O and the store-keepers. Undoubtedly, we are facing certain problems in this field, because the A.O are not specifically -

under any departments. Hence they tend to ignore the directive issued from the departments.

At presents, the Government is considering whether the supply administration should be placed in the hands of the supply department, in order to arrive at a more fruitful outcome. It has been stated that the private truck could carry more load than the Government trucks. But the Government is not aware of this matter, anyway, this will be further investigated by the Government. To clarify the statement made by our Hon'ble member Pu Bawitluanga, during the year 1988, 30000/- quintals of rice were allotted to Mizoram, and out of these the Government received 7,99,307 quintals of rice. Here, it was discovered that 7,75,27/- quintals and 49 kgs were missing. Matters concerning the distribution of rations will be further pursued by the Government. Coming to Hon'ble members Pu Zosiana's statements, regarding the allotment of rice, here, I would like to remind our Hon'ble members that an all out effort is being made to bring in large quintals of rice to Mizoram. Now, it's almost the end of the year, and if you agree to pass this Demand, supply of rice can be carried out regularly, and regarding the muddling up of this rice supply, a thorough check is being done by the Government.

Next, provisions have been made for dropping of rice in order to safeguard against shortage of rice during the rainy season. And the Government will take up and consider the cases of retailers and store-keeper Dampa Rengpui.

Problems concerning ration card have been pointed out by our Hon'ble Minister and members. In fact we have been troubled by this case since the time are pure under the Assam Government. So, this problem is being considered by the Government. And these cards are compared on the basis of Electoral Roll, if this is not good enough, another steps will be taken up by the Government. Besides, the supply department is changed into food and Civil supply with a request from the national level.

Some of our members have pointed out that there is no supply of essential commodities like sugar, kerosene, seed oil etc. to the villages. However, the Government is unaware of such matter. In any case, according to the plan outlay, sugar and seed oil are to be distributed at a submitted rate throughout India. To enable a wider distribution of kerosene oil at Lawngtlai, Ratu, Champhai and Kanmun, permission was obtained from the oil company during the Ch. Chhunga's Ministry. In this connection a proposal is being made by the Government to set up an oil distributing centre at Lengpui, and this centre can supply the Marpara and Tuipuibari areas. Similarly two other centres are proposed to be set up at Hmunpui and Rawpuichhip which will supply the neighbouring areas. Any problems regarding transport mobilisation will be duly considered by the Government. Referring to Pu Manghnuna's statements, more systematic and proper collection of sale-proceed is being considered by the Government.

Now, coming to the points raised by our Hon'ble members Pu Zosangliana, it is true that some of our contractors are prominent, never the less, they are the ones who undertake their works and duties faithfully and sincerely. On the other hand, a corrupted contractor fails to gain favour and do not last long.

Matter concerning the Co-operation Department have been clearly stated by me as well as some other members. Regarding Apex Bank, the Government is now planning to set up a board constitution. Our Hon'ble Members Pu Saikapthianga has pointed out that the Villages lack the Co-operative movement. For this reason, a training centre is proposed to be set up under the guidance of co-operative of India. And I believe this will certainly bring a great improvement. According to the proposal prepared during our first Minister an Inspector was to be posted at every sub-division, and this proposal is still carried on. In Mizoram co-operative education is of utmost importance because the entire public are still ignorant in this field. Moreover, it was mentioned that certain commodities are being supplied to the Co-operative store by the MIZOFED, which are not order to Demanded by any of these stores. However, the Government is totally unaware of this matter. This practices should be prohibited.

Our Hon'ble member Pu Bawitluanga has stated a co-operative Department is neglected department. This is true to a certain extent, but great efforts is being made by the Government in order to upgrade this department. As I have mentioned earlier, we fail to gain any benefit because we are still ignorant for as the co-operative movement is concerned. In contrast to the statements of our Hon'ble member Pu Zosiana Pachuau there is no unhealthy relations between the RCS and the MIZOFED. It is suggested that a local Officers should be posted at the co-operation department. But we need an experienced officer in this Department, and if this cannot be found among the Mizo officers, it is necessary to appoint a non-Mizo officer in this Department, and I do hope and believe that this will be understand by our Hon'ble members. As some of our member have pointed out it is true to say that the Government is not paying enough attention towards the Co-operative society in the villages. And I am deeply regretted to learn about the failures and problems faced by the co-operative society at Lawngtlai, Here I should like to assure that it is the intention of the Government to chalk out proper ways of financing this Co-operative society through the Co-operative Bank.

To clarify the points raised by our Hon'ble member Pu H.K. Chakma, steps are being taken to utilised and get benefits from local products. Matter concerning the over loading of state transport Buses have also came in, but the government is completely unaware of this matter. To answer our Hon'ble member Pu Vanlalinghaka's question, at present we have five line Inspectors, six line checkers, and five persons for supervision.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : What is it Pu Suam ? Do you have a question ?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is a fact
MINISTER that few inefficient staff can ruin the population of department.

To clarify our Hon'ble member Pu Saikapthianga's statements, steps are being taken by the Government in order to organise regular Bus services to his constituency and its neighbouring areas. Ticketless travellers will be disallowed and I believe that this can be stopped if the travellers purchase tickets in a proper way, regarding the cleanliness of our Buses. But sometimes, some buses arrive by night and have to depart again in the morning. In such cases, there is hardly any time for cleaning and repairing. Besides, servicing and repairing facilities are still lacking here, except the one in Chaltlang, which is always very congested. During Pu Chhunga's Ministry, there was a proposal to set up a central workshop is being constructed at Hlimen, and we hope to complete it after three months. Hence, we are looking forward to have a better facilities for servicing and repairing.

Action will be taken against misuse of trucks, and at the same time, I request our Hon'ble members to inform me or the Department on such matter. Our Hon'ble member Pu Bawitluanga has mentioned that there are many, who are eager to take up the post of Conductors. As a matter of fact, not only the conductor but for every vacant jobs, there are always plenty of applicant.

Our Hon'ble member Pu Zosiama has pointed about the staff welfare. In fact, the Government is aware of this matter, and is considering ways of improving them. Regarding lack of holidays in this department, in different parts of the world, any type of transport, be it a train or plane, there is always regular services. But Mizoram being a christian state, there are no services on sundays. I hope this should be accepted and understood by all. Matter concerning the competition between private and Government Buses, here, let me point out the fact that in India, private enterprises are always more efficient than the Government. This truth can be seen even from the statements of some of our members.

Further, the needs around Borapansuri which is not yet Officially recognised or mentioned by our Hon'ble member Pu H.K. Chakma will be duely pursued by the Government, and action will be taken as found necessary. However, permit cannot be issued by the Government unless these roads are declared Officially motorable. On the other hand, if the BRTF can somehow issue this permit, then this will be accepted by the Government.

The locations of the Aizawl Bus station was also pointed out by Pu F. Manghnuna. Previously the Bus station was proposed to be set up at the area now presently occupied by the Assam Rifles.

Since it was assumed that the Assam Rifles would soon vacate this area. But as mentioned earlier, when the workshop at Hlimen is completed, there can be more space at the workshop at Chaltlang, and unloading can be done here. Therefore, the present Bus station need not be spacious. Regarding the prohibition of smoking and other vices inside the Bus, the Government will duly consider this matter.

Besides, postal bags are usually carried by transport Buses even in other states. In our state if this brings convenience to the passengers, then the Government will try to find a solution. In the national level, road and water transport are always together in the budget. But in our state, the water transport is placed under the PWD. So, although, road and water transport is written in the heading, you will see that nothing is written in the provision.

Finally Pu Deputy Speaker, I request this August House to pass the following demands which are as follows, Demand No.15 Supply and Disposal involving Rs.3,00,00,000/- crores, Demand No. 36 - Rations involving Rs.1,72,30,000/- and Demand No. 42- Road and Water Transport involving Rs.6,16,00,000/-

Thank you.

PU VANLALNGENA : As requested by our Hon'ble DEPUTY SPEAKER Minister in-charge, member who agreed to pass these demands will say agreed (Members agreed). Alright, the demands have been passed since all members have their agreement.

Now we will proceed to the next demands such as demands No 27 and 33. I request our Hon'ble Minister Pu Rokamlova to move these demands.

PU ROKAMLOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permissions MINISTER Sir, I move the Demand No. 27, 33, 37 for Rs.10,19,000/- (Rupees ten crores nineteen lakhs and sixty thousand) only for meeting the expenses during the year 1989-90, in respect of the following departments, Details of the Demand :- Demand No.27- Labour and Employment Rs. 69, - 10,000/- Demand No. 33 - Soil and Water conservation Rs. 4,00,50,000/- Demand No. 37 - Rural Development being Rs.10,19,60,000/- thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Discussion will be started now, and correct timing will be maintained. Each persons will be given 10 mins. please do understand this time restriction, specially those who cannot speak fast.

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, why do you criticised the inherent quality of a person, some of us cannot speak fast.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : When you are angry, you can speak very fast.

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, you are being partial, because you have been criticising me since the morning.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright, each members will be given fifteen minutes.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, due to limitation of time, I will speak about only Demand No.27, which is about Labour & Employment. We have been discussing the problems of labour since the P.C.Ministry, but inspite our discussions, we have not yet found a solution, there are many non-tribals in the Bazaar areas, and when goods arrive from different places, there is always chaos and confusion in these areas. I believe that the best solution is to immediately fix the rate of transportation between the Mizo Traders and the non-tribals labourers.

As far as employment is concerned, the villagers are facing immense problems, because they have to come personally and travel long distance for registration in the Employment exchange. In spite of all the troubles taken by them, there are some who have not yet received any calling letter till today, while some received this only a day after their registration. For instance, for recruitment of police personnel, the newly registered ones are called while the senior ones are neglected moreover as far as this matter is concerned, the minorities in Mizoram like the Chakma, Tuikuk, sakechek and Hrangkhawl should be given priority and consideration, moreover, the qualification required for this post (Police) is class VIII passed, But the qualified minorities are again left out in spite of my repeat request. This clearly reveal that there is a communal feeling in this Department.

Therefore, this Ministry as well as its officers should try to be efficient and devote more time towards the upliftment and welfare of the poorer section of people. And considering the problems of the people in the interior villages, this Department should have due consideration towards them.

Thank you.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, let me add few point to the statements of our hon'ble members from Kawrthah.

Matter concerning employment is a big problem specially for those who are in-charge of the villages. Regarding the recruitment of Police recently, those who are in the villages did not received any proper calling letter. In my opinion, it is better if recruitment of Police is done at the different districts.

Moreover, the calling letter sent out from the employment exchange to the villages are never received in time and I pray that there should be a solution to this problem.

It is a matter of satisfaction to learn that Rs.1,80,000/- have been allotted for land use survey in Demand No.33 and it is a good to hear that a proper survey can be carried out. We also see that Rs.3,85,000/- have been allotted for mixed Nursery, which was not seen before. Here, I request our Hon'ble Minister to clarify the reason for introducing this mixed Nursery. The Department of Soils seems to have plenty of vehicles because Rs.35,00,000/- have been allotted for maintenance alone besides in the plan Rs.27,00,000/- have also been allotted for this Department. This is not a big Department and why do they need so many vehicles, is it for carrying out the land use survey or for collecting seeds for the mixed Nursery.

We have discussed about the rural Development Department and the distribution of C.I sheets in particular. However, this can bring problem and burdens to some interior villages where there are no deepable roads for transportation, Here, I would like to know the exact cost of one bundle of C.I. sheets, and from where they purchased.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C.Zoramsangliana.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in particular I would like to stress about demand No.27-which is Labour and Employment. It is a matter of satisfaction that a big amount of money have been allotted for this Department. Nevertheless, I request to say that the system of employment registration can give rise to a lot of corruptions, so this should be altered immediately. What prompt me to say this is that for IV Grade staff, qualification required is class VIII passed, while most of the applicant are illiterate, who are unable to spell even their own names. Hence, it is not right to demand class VIII Certificate from them.

Even in the recent recruitment of Police, many persons who are physically fit lack the academic requirement. And corruption started right here because some of the applicants easily purchase the required Certificate for Rs.10/- to Rs.100/- only. Therefore, there is our urgent need to modify the system of Employment registration.

Moreover, the calling letters emitted by the Employment exchanges in time and they rarely receive such letters.

It is interesting to see a new heading that appears in Demand No.33- Soil & Water Conservation which involves Rs.4,00,50,000/- At the same time, our

our Hon'ble Chief Minister speech pleased immensely. In his speech, we learn that the Congress party is launching a new land use policy (NLUP) for the year 1988-89 in order to keep up its promises made before the election. This in fact is a great achievement.

Coming to demand No.37 - on rural development department, it is a pleasing matter that this department has certain C.I. sheets for distribution. Last year, expenditure incurred for C.I. sheets were Rs.2 - crores, and Rs.170 lakhs are kept aside for the same purpose. When Congress Ministry the friend of the under-privileged people came into power, C.I. sheets worth Rs-20,000,000/- could be distributed among the lower section of people, which brought great relief to them, on the other hand, it is a great loss for the traders in the town. Moreover, steps should be taken to increase subsidy on certain goods which can be utilised by our youth in a fruitful way.

Besides, when grants are given to certain Block definite instructions should be given to them, for instance, if Rs.10,0000/- lakhs are allotted for construction of a community Hall, this should be followed by an instructions from the Government indicating that the grants are solely for the purpose of building a community Hall. This way, there cannot be any partialities and equal amount could be granted to the various blocks.

Therefore, these three Demands No.27, 33, 37 should be taken with great care and sincerity because, they are directly connected with the welfare of the under privileged people. Further, it is a pleasing matter to see huge amount of money being allotted for the work of survey. If these are utilised wisely and carefully then our commitments towards the poorer sections could be fulfilled. Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as far as Demand No.27 is concerned, I fully supported the statement of our Hon'ble member from Kawrthah, undoubtedly. Employment registration is a great problem for them. Therefore, I request our Hon'ble Minister to give a definite instructions of this matter.

Although steps have been taken to promote the Department of Soil and Conservation, which is in Demand No.33- there is nothing new to be seen in the budget. But now we can hope for a better change from this newly formed Ministry. Together with the new staff to be appointed, there are 448 staff in this Department. So not only for the development of their own Department, I hope this department will work as a source of revenue as well. I was a Minister of State from the beginning of February 1986 till the time of Peace accord. During this time, we decided to alter the entire set up of the rural development. However, before our decision could be finalised, the peace accord was signed and a new Ministry came into power.

As a result, this Department was not utilised as an agency of Rural Development. Now, what I do not understand is why 'Housing' form the sub-head in the Budget of the rural Development Department. On the other hand, this should go under the Housing scheme of the local administration Department. Besides, the whole set up will be more successful if we go according to our earlier proposals. Here, this Department is to be handed by a commissioner, who will be called the Commissioner of Rural Development Department. In the present set up, there are 20 BDOs who draw their salaries from the D.C. office, Hence, the Rural Development Department has no control over them. This shows that the whole system is defective.

Now with the New Land Use Policy, if we are truly determined to upgrade the conditions of the poorer section of people, then the rural Development Department should function as it should be. And for that it is necessary to change the entire structures and system of the Department. The DMDA, launched by the national institution of rural development is undoubtedly good and progressive, but this cannot yield a fruitful effect in Mizoram, because our system is quite different. Therefore, it is necessary to re-instruct this Department which is an agency for promoting the conditions of the underprivileged sections, moreover, I believe that all our programmes will come to nothing if no amendment is made in the system. According to our present set up the new land use policy is to be co-ordinate by the rural development department. This will result in total failure because the Director of the Rural Development Department cannot exercise control over the Director of Agriculture or the Chief Conservator of Forest. Therefore, full implementation of the programme cannot be carried out unless there is amendment in the system and in order to co-ordinate this programme, this department should be re-structured, the BDO will be placed under the D.C. or in the Revenue Department since they are in the civil service, otherwise Rs.1,02,00,00,000/- allotted for implementation of the Land use Programme will not have any fruitful results, At the same time, I request our Hon'ble Minister to give a serious thought over this matter. If we really want to erase poverty, our present system will not be effective. Hence I request all our Hon'ble members to pay their attentions towards revolving a new structures or system. Thank you.

PU VAIVENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, looking at Demand No.33- the Land Use Policy forms the basis of the rural Area Development, for which Rs.58,00,000.38 have been allotted for village grouping centre Development, Rs.36,00,000.39 were allotted, and for village grazing ground Development Rs.4,00,000/- have been allotted. Here I would like to know is the main objective of the village grouping centre Development. Is it a fact that Rs.36,00,000.39 are meant for the Development of all the grouping Centre? I think this matter should be clarified.

It is alright if the village grazing ground development is initiated by the Soil Conservation Department. But there can be a problem in its implementation unless there is co-ordination between this Department and the L.A.D. next, we also see an expenditure for building that comes under land use policy, Will the money allotted for building be utilised for C.I.sheets only ?

Speaking about Rural Development, the R.L.E.G.P. is implemented, to give employment to the poor villages but the money allotted for this purpose is very little. Can more money be allotted for this purpose or is it a fact that funds are to be applied to the centre only after arranging the projects ? I think this point should be clarified. It is a pleasing matter that TRYSEM is launched on wide scale, and this gives employment to a number of our youth in the villages. Who are incapable of continuing their studies, but if we look at the budget, the funds allotted for this purpose is very little.

Moreover, if we look at pages 267, the grant in aid subsidy is seen under the NREP what is the main purpose of this grant ? considering various needs for the whole year, the fund in the budget is too low. So, can there be a way of increasing our demands in the budget ?

It is quite satisfactory that Rs. - 1,70,00,000/- have been allotted for rural housing. Nevertheless, the amount is not adequate enough for this purpose. However, if this is meant to be a taken provision, then it is alright, and then we will be able to change and cover all the thatched roofs with C.I.sheets.

As pointed out earlier, who is the actual in-charge of this rural housing ? Previously, the L.A.D. was engaged in this task, now the Town and Urban development Board Bill has been passed, so can this be co-ordinated with HUDCO ? Finally, I would be grateful if Demand No.33- and certain points I have raised can be clarified. Thank you.

PJ F.MANGHNUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have discussed about Demand No.27- regarding employment Exchange. And we from the Lawngtlai area are facing immense problem in this field. Problems of Transport arise during the monsoon season, and as a result, we loose many of our employment chance. As such, I would like to give certain suggestion regarding this topic. Justice is done if employment exchange is set up at every sub-division, which will be headed by assistant employment officers, and written test and interview should be conducted at every district head quarters. In this way, the applicant will not have to travel long distances, and many of their problem will be solved.

Next, looking at the demand No.33 regarding soil and water conservation, there is no mention of soil survey. In my opinion, there can be no conservation of soil unless a survey is undertaken before. Hence, it seems that the framework of our budget is not quite upto the mark, I hope this error can be amended. Moreover, soil testing is ought to be done by the soil department, it might be that they leave this task in the hands of the Agriculture Department. In our area, testing of soil is done very frequently, and there are certain persons, who own a garden-colony, hence, soil testing is ought to be done. But there are no instruction for results given till date. Therefore, soil and water conservation Department has failed to take up their responsibilities.

Regarding Rural Development, our Hon'ble members have pointed out about the distribution of C.I. sheets, and they have also given certain proposals for the 8th Plan. Now, I am unaware as to which department will take up the task of distributing C.I. sheets. There can be some obstacle in this task, whether the work of distribution should be under taken by the L.A.D. or the Rural Development Department. It is better if a definite conclusion could be given once and for all. Hence, I request our Hon'ble Minister in-charge to give a clarification of this matter. Thank you.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUANG: Pu Deputy Speaker, as far as Demand No.27 - Labour & Employment is concerned, I have some objection to the statements of our Hon'ble members we are all aware of the fact that class VIII passed certificate is required for registration in the Employment Exchange, and this department has nothing to do with this requirement. But this is the work of the department who framed the recruitment Rules. Therefore, it is wrong to criticise the employment department inside this august House. As a matter of fact, this is a hand working department without much facilities. And this department cannot attend to all the needs of the public simultaneously. Moreover, some of our members blamed this department for prohibiting registration of Non-Mizo, but in my opinion, this only shows the efficiency of this department, and that they work mainly for the welfare of our people.

Our budget on Soil and Water Conservation is far from satisfaction. In my opinion, the work-plan should be laid before all members, because without this work plan, we are ignorant of our Hon'ble Minister intention as to where and how the budget is to be utilised. It does not mean that we mistrust our Hon'ble Ministers, but a big corruption can be committed here.

Besides, our Hon'ble Minister should give due attention towards Soil Forest and Agriculture. If there is a good conservation of soil and Water, agriculture and forest will be more progressive.

At Ngopa area, there is not a single trace of development progress under the agriculture department headed by the A.E.O. whereas the soil department headed by the R.O. had done great works for agriculture. In my opinion, it is better to prepared work plan for both the soil and agriculture, so that comparison between their achievement could be made. Moreover, while there are plenty of cardamom at Ngopa, these are always purchase from Sikkim. It seems that there is a reason behind this. Instead of purchasing only cardamom in plenty is it better to buy some other suitable seeds which can be utilised by the people of Mizoram? Besides, to obtained good quality of seeds, we should always purchase them from the actual cultivators.

I give my full support the statement made by our Hon'ble Members from Phuldungsei. However, I would like to add a few points in this matter. Even for this, a work plan should be prepared. Looking at the way the Directorate of Rural Development functions, it seems almost impossible to prepare a work plan. At present, the RLGP and the IRDP are placed under the rural development since this is the work of of the rural development department. Closer study shows that the structure is not efficient. It has also been reported that the funds allotted for IRDP, NREP and RELGP are not disbursed immediately by the B.D.O. So, the funds for helping the poor have been misused, and here I request our Hon'ble Minister to consider this matter, so, that the rightful beneficiaries are benefited by these funds, besides, he should also see that there is no delay in the distribution of these funds. Moreover, the distribution of petrolmax, kettle etc. to the villagers by the Rural Development Department is criticised by some of us. But these are needed by the villagers, however, a good quality must be given to them.

Finally, work plan both for Soil & Agriculture must be prepared, and a copy should be given to all members after the session, and the V.C. should keep a record of all the aids given the villagers by the Department of Rural Development. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we will summon Pu P.Lalbiaka.

PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, our Hon'ble member from Ngopa has stated that the problems of Employment registration is due to the strick rules maintained by the staff. It is true that great care has to be taken in this field, and that the interest of the Mizos should be strongly protected as far as registration is concerned, but here, some of us have a wrong notion and regard the Chakma, Tuikuk, Pawi and Lakher as non-Mizos which creates a lot of problem for us. Therefore, I request the staff of this Department not to impose any problems on us. At the same time, I request our Hon'ble Minister to understand our problems and not to lock down the people of this region.

Moreover, the requirement of class VIII passed certificate for IV Grade post has brought immense difficulties for the villagers. So, to remove this difficulties and burdens, amendment should be made in the require qualification.

Besides, written test or interview are always conducted at Aizawl. Infact, this is another problems faced by the villagers. So, as far as possible arrangements should be made to hold written test or interview at the District headquarters or Sub-headquarters.

Regarding Rural Development Department. Mizoram has been greatly benefitted by the RLEGP and such schemes should specially be launched on a wide scale in the villages. Although the money allotted for this purpose in the budget is quite less, our Hon'ble Chief - Minister has pointed out that we still have certain amount of money left. In connection with this, I would like to make a request if some portion could be allotted for R.L.E.G.P. and N.E.R.P. At the same time, there are road and bridges to be constructed around Hnahthial and Reiek areas. So, I request our Hon'ble Minister and other leaders to pay attention towards this necessity.

The task of distributing C.I. sheets has been taken up by the Rural Development Department. Although the C.I. sheets are of good quality, we recieved an information that they have been purchased by the P.W.D and not the in-charge Department. It has also been reported that if C.I. sheets were purchased from the L.A.D. the cost of transportation could have been much less. As such, this prompted to say that it would be more profitable if the task of purchasing and distributing the C.I. sheets are taken up by the L.A.D. Thank you.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Demand to be discussed today is concerned with my constituency. And at the same time, I am grateful that we have such a big amount of money in our budget. Firstly, referring to Rural Development, in my constituency, i.e. around Saitual area, there are four villages to which there are no accesible roads for any kinds of vehicles. As our Hon'ble member from Ngopa has stated that, the task of Rural Development is not taken up systematically and that is the reason why this department has huge amount of money in the Bank. So far, no steps have been taken up regarding the blockade of road at Lenchim area. However, we have high expectations from this newly formed Ministry.

Besides, under N.E.R.P. more than Rs-60 lakhs have been spent for construction of roads, and due to lack of financial support, construction of roads between Tami and Mualpheng is not yet taken up, As such our Hon'ble Minister should see that funds are utilised in a proper way.

Pu Deputy Speaker, just before the fall of the previous Ministry, we had a meeting regarding the implementation of D.R.D.A. In this meeting, we proposed that under R.L.E.G.P. the road between Maite and Mualpheng should be made into a jeepable road. The proposal was approved and passed unanimously. It seems that this proposal was passed only in theory, because till date there is nothing to be seen in practical. Nevertheless, since the scheme has been approved and passed. I request our Ministry to take up steps towards this direction.

Moreover, the Government had incurred certain expenditures for construction of roads leading to Buhban and this village was reached by a jeep only once. In spite of that, the task of repairing is not yet taken up. We have seen that Rs.8,00,000/- are allotted for rural communication, and so without incurring much expenditures, the road to Buhban could be easily repaired and turn it into a jeepable road. So, I request this Ministry to extend their helping hand in this direction.

Coming to matters concerning labour and Employment, in my constituency, there are many persons who registered their names at the employment exchange. But they rarely get any calling letters, even if they do, the letters fails to reach them in time. So, in my opinion, proper arrangement should be made in this matter.

As far as Labour and Employment is concerned, many non-tribal traders are hired in Mizoram, who stay on here even after completing their works. This is not correct and so, rules should be checked barring them to stay on in Mizoram, and this should be checked thoroughly in order to avoid any problems in future. Thank you.

PU P.C.BAWITLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank you for giving me time to speak. The problems faced in the field of employment has been widely discussed by us, whether we are matriculate or non-matriculate, our main desires seems to be to get an employment in the government since this gives us security and stability. But those residing in the interior villages are unable to turn up for written test or interview, because they hardly receive the calling letter in time. I think there can be a solution to this problem. In connection with this, I ask our Hon'ble Minister if the calling letters could be emitted three or four months in advance, in order to give sufficient to those in the villages, in this way, selection could be fair and proper.

Regarding this matter, we have to point out the election Manifesto. In that we promised to give employment to the families of non-Government officials since we are aware that the students in the villages received their education with great difficulty. Besides, some of these vacant post are for the rural areas, In such cases, written test or interview could be held in the rural areas so that it could be more convenient for the villagers.

As a matter of fact, the standard of life in the urban areas greatly differ from that of the rural areas. People in the urban areas enjoy great facilities, and so the standard of education is much higher than that of the rural areas. Therefore, special consideration should be given to the villagers as far as possible. As we have obtained a statehood, more attention should be paid towards the welfare and upliftment of the backward classes in Mizoram. As our Hon'ble member from Saitual has suggested, there should be a proper registration of the non-tribal labourers.

Further the welfare of the educated unemployed should not be neglected. In my opinion, the method of lending loans to the educated unemployment is quite beneficial to them, and it will be a matter of satisfaction if this scheme could be continued in future. Coming to Soil and Water Conservation, it is pleasing to see that several developments like the rural area development, village grouping centre development and village grazing ground development are proposed under this department. In fact, the villages in my constituency are all grouping centres that greatly need development in various fields. It seems that our Hon'ble member from Kawnpui is unaware of the necessity of developing the grazing grounds for instance, the grazing grounds Hmawngkawn, Lungpho and other places are far from satisfaction, and I request our Hon'ble Minister in-charge to be aware of this fact.

Regarding construction of road, in my opinion, this is not the prime necessity as it is in my constituency. If there is an excellent system of road transport, the transportation of local production like pineapple will be much more easier. Hence the rural areas need developments in various fields. As we have seen with the distribution of I.R.D.P. beneficiaries for any funds should be selected properly and carefully, only the deserved ones and the needy should be selected.

According to the report received from Hnahthial, out of Rs.2,000/- The beneficiaries of I.R.D.P. were given only Rs.1,800/- In fact, this is a big corruption and Our Hon'ble Minister in-charge should be aware of this fact. Therefore, Pu Deputy Speaker, all the funds allocated for the Development of rural areas should be utilised for its rightful purposes.

PU H.K.CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am grateful for giving me time to speak, and I would like to mention a few things regarding labour and Employment, for the Chakma, Tuikuk and other minorities, it is extremely difficult to get registration at Employment Exchange. Even the Lunglei Employment office refuse to give registration to the Chakmas. If things continued this way, a communal feeling will seem to be implanted among the Chakma, Tuikuk, Lakher and Pawi. If registration is restricted to the minorities, then we will not get Employment even after 100 years. If no special provision is granted to the minorities and the villagers employment is out of reach for them. Therefore,

Pu Deputy Speaker, as suggested by our Hon'ble member from Lawngtlai, Employment exchange office should be set up at every sub-divisions, then our problems will be solved to a certain extent. Next, I would like to give a brief statement regarding Demand No-33. During the M.N.F. Ministry, the Soil Conservation Division was set up at Demagiri unfortunately, this was set up at Hnahthial. So, I hereby request to kindly shift this division at Tlabung. Besides, in my opinion, it is advisable if seed farm is set up at every divisions. This will more benefitable and save a lot of trouble.

Coming to Demand No-37 on rural Development, majority of the villagers in my constituency are under the rural area, and the conditions of road transport is far from satisfaction. Therefore, due attention should be paid towards the Development of road transport. Besides, Pu Deputy Speaker, there is a great need to construct play ground and a community Hall in my constituency, and I would like to point out that priority should be given towards the welfare of the villagers, moreover, if the C.I. sheets are distributed to the poorer sections of the people, this will bring great satisfaction to them and the position of the Congress Party will be strengthened to a great extent. Finally, majority of the villages in Mizoram are under the rural areas which need further development in various fields.
Jai Hind.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will request our Hon'ble Minister to wine-up our meeting.

PU ROKAMLOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, our Hon'ble
MINISTER members have stated the problem and needs of the constituency.

However, the distribution of portfolios is not to the mark, and so that should be re-structured. As a matter of fact, Labour and Employment Department has existed for a long time, and in the year 1953, seeing the needs of the North East India, the Soil Conservation Department was initiated by Pu Nehru. It seems that this Department do not get enough attention as they deserved. Moreover, amendments should be made in the Labour and Employment Department. The manifesto of the ruling party and poorer sections. In spite of that, all the pre-villages are enjoyed by the upper class people. We have heard all the problems faced by the villagers in the field of employment, and it is our duty to find a solution to this problem.

Regarding registration of Non-tribal, out of 25000/- persons registered, 56 of them are non-tribals, and 156 of them are Gurkhas who are considered as benefited citizens of Mizoram, Here it is necessary to have a broader view regarding the welfare of the Minorities, on the other hands, if there is a law which bars the registration and employment of Non-tribals, then this should be investigated by the concerned department. Regarding the setting up of an employment office at every sub-division, at the moment, a definite answer cannot be -

given. In the 8th plan, there is a recommendation not to create any new posts, so we are quite unfortunate in this respect. As mentioned earlier, the number of staff in this department is very limited, and we pray that our Ministry would be kind enough to appoint more staff in this Department.

In my opinion, the Ministry should see that only skilled and efficient labourers are employed here in Mizoram, and their permits should be renewed once in every six months. In this way, the problems faced by the entire public could be solved.

As stated by our Hon'ble member from Ngopa, the Soil Department fails to function as it should be. For instance, the task of planting trees at Chhiahlang Lungdai etc. were done by the Forest Department. As mentioned by our Hon'ble member from Lawngtlai, in the North Eastern region, the water set management and the Soil test are the responsibility of the Soil Department. But in our case, the task cannot be taken up by the Soil Department due to its inefficiency, recently, we submitted a Bill, which is not yet passed, if the Bill is passed, rules and regulations could be followed in various fields of works.

Regarding mixed nursery, as the name implies, this is meant for producing different kinds of things. Besides, regarding the number of vehicles owned by this Department, there are a number of fields staff like R.O., A.S.C.O. etc. and 23 vehicles were provided to them. Further, maintenance of other thing and maintenance of vehicles are placed together. So, I would like to remind our Hon'ble members that this is not the maintenance of vehicles alone.

As pointed out by our Hon'ble member from Phuldungsei and Lungpho, it is necessary to upgrade and extend the rural development department. For instance, during our previous Ministry, the post of BDO was increased from 10 to 20 their salaries, vehicles, T.A & D.A were provided by the R.D, but the management was placed in the hands of the D.C, therefore, the Rural development department is deprived of much of its power and responsibilities, hence, it fails to function as it should be.

According to rules followed in different parts of India, the soil department is responsiled with the treatment of the Soil, cultivation of crops is the sole responsibility and duty of the Agriculture Department, and in tche same way, the rural development department should concentrate only on the development of rural areas. So, distribution of C.I.sheets should be in the hands of this Department. Besides, the yogna ward meant for the backward classes is presently in the hands of the rural development department, as the name implies, this department ought to manage and control the land used policy too. Therefore, it is the duty of our Ministry to upgrade and promote this Department.

Further, there is slight change in the R.L.G.E.P. and N.R.E.G.P., now it is known as Jawaharlal Nehru Rojghar Yagna. In our request to increase this funds, the Central government replied that since a new scheme is going to come up, the exact figure cannot be shown now, so this is given in the form of taken provision.

Regarding the supply of Petromax, only a good quality should be provided. This case should be checked by the concerned department. Moreover, more attention should be paid towards construction of Community Hall in various villages.

Next, regarding construction of roads, here the concept of this work is to uplift the lower sections and backwards classes, and the salaries of the labourers are equally important as the construction of roads. It is also learnt that the new scheme is concentrating more on the construction and development of roads. As such, we can expect to complete all the construction of roads. As a matter of fact, these three departments such as labour employment, Soil and Water Conservation and Rural Development is directly concerned with the welfare and interest of the Backward classes. In spite of that, the funds of these departments are extremely little therefore, to enable these departments to fulfil its duties and responsibilities, I request this August House to pass the following demands under my charge, (1). Labour and Employment Rs.69,10,000/- (2). Soil and Water Conservation Rs.4,50,000/- (3). Rural Development department Rs.5,50,00,000/- the total being Rs.10,19,60,000/-. Thank you.

PU VANLALNGENA : Our Hon'ble Minister has requested
DEPUTY SPEAKER to pass the various demands under
his charge. Those willing to
pass these demands will say 'Agree'. Is there anybody who
do not agree? Alright, the demands have been passed.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is better
if you maintain strictness as
far as timing is concerned.
(Deputy Speaker : Every member spoke for about 15 mins.)

PU VANLALNGENA : Now we will summon our Hon'ble
DEPUTY SPEAKER Minister Pu Zalawma to move the
Demands for four Departments.

PU ZALAWMA : Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, on the
MINISTER recommendation of the Governor
of Mizoram and with your
permission Sir, I move the Demand No.6,17,23 and 24 for
Rs. 23 crores 57 lakhs, 17 thousands for meeting the
expenditure within the year 1989-90 in respect of the
following Departments.

Demand No.6 , 2 crores 8 lakhs, Demand No.17, Other administrative services- 8 crores, 52 lakhs, Demands No.23 - Housing- 10 crores 38 lakhs 17 thousands. Demand No.24 - Urban Development -2 crores 60 lakhs . Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will begin our discussion now. And the timing is shortened to 5 minutes.

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we see that Rs.2 crores 8 lakhs have been demanded for the department of Revenue. However, this Department which is in charge of land Settlement does not seem to have any lands for settlement, but heavy expenditure is incurred every year. This matter is deeply regretted.

Coming to Demand No.17-when we had a general discussion on this demand yesterday, we proposed to raise the L.A.D. from minor to major department, as such the demand for L.A.D. is quite high. In this connection I would like to thank our Hon'ble Chief Minister for his statement of uplifting the L.A.D. into major Department. If this proposal is taken up, the smaller towns and villages under the V.C. could be managed in better way.

Moreover, more staff will be appointed in the departments where there are shortage of staff. In my opinion, this will improve the works and discipline of the various departments.

Finally, the Department of urban development is quite high, nevertheless seeing various demands the funds might not last for monsoon season. Regarding the beautification of our capital and other towns, since the concerned department is being lifted to a major department, we can hope for a more excellent supervision. Therefore, during the year 1989-90 we expect to see a new Aizawl.

Thank you.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to point out that the success and failure of our state depends greatly on the revenue. According to our usual set up we have Rs.30 lakhs for Land Records. Looking at the Sub-head, there is no change in the method of utilising this fund. For Settlement of Lands. It is necessary to introduce a Revenue Act. Previously, this has been discussed with our Hon'ble member from Kawnpui. So, it is better to finalised and imploment this Act immediately. Otherwise, we will be confronted with land dispute in future. Therefore, great care should be taken as far as Land Records and Settlement are concerned. And any materials or equipments needed for such purposes must be produced as found necessary. If not Land dispute will certainly come up among the failure generation. Hence, Pu Deputy Speaker, steps should be taken up towards implementation of the Revenue Act.

Coming to Demand No.23, HUDCO loan under Housing has been increased to Rs.400 lakhs. This in fact, is a pleasing matter. Nevertheless, I think we are a little in experienced in the distribution of HUDCO loan. For instance one loanee had given away the HUDCO loan to his relatives. I have informed our Hon'ble Minister of this matter. In my opinion the concerned department should see that HUDCO loan is distributed in a more systematic and proper way.

The E.W.S. is very beneficial for the Villages. Last year, Rs.5 lakhs were allotted for E.W.S. and Rs.10 lakhs for R.D. and we expect to get the same amount for this year. We should be extremely cautious in selecting the beneficiaries, and we should keep in mind that these funds are solely for the upliftment and interest of the poorer sections of people.

Regarding Urban Development which is in Demand No.24, here it seems that there is distinction between the districts. In Aizawl district, the second installment of the building Advance is already given out, whereas the Lunglei District has not yet received the first installment. Can our Hon'ble minister clarify this matter?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is a need to re-structure the Revenue Department which is in Demand No.6, The shortage of staff in this department creates a lot of problems.

Moreover, the surveyors and the Officers in this Department possess large plot of lands, and settlement of lands is always done in their favour. This practice should be totally stopped. Further, the fields staff are the Government servants and their duty is to measure land and issue LSC (Land Settlement Certificate). However, in performing their duties, they seem to expect certain personal benefits. Therefore, re-structuring and amendments are necessary.

Besides, I would like to inform this August House how I have been cleverly tricked by this department. During the Congress Ministry in (226) 1984, at the suggestion of two persons working in this Department, I was offered a plot of lands with the LSC. Then we started collecting materials for construction of the Building. But before starting the actual work, we found out that this plot of land belongs to another persons. I pointed out this matter because it is a serious mistake that needs to be corrected.

PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as far as distribution of Housing loan is concerned, the Government should give preferences to the Chhimituipui District than the Aizawl District, because the later District has more advantage.

Besides, while LSC is issued at Chawngte 'C' and Chawngte 'P' this is not issued at Chawngte 'L' which is in Lunglei district. And at the same time, I request that LSC cannot be issued to Chawngte 'P' and 'C'.

Regarding Circuit House, the Government Rest House in Aizawl is not spacious enough and cannot accommodate much people. In spite of that, there are many other private Hotels with good facilities and accommodation. As compared to the Rest House at Lunglei and Chhimituipui Districts are far from satisfaction. For maintenance of Rest House at Aizawl Rs.8,00,000/- are allotted Rs.4,00,000/- for Lunglei and Rs.5,00,000/- for Chhimituipui. The Rest House at Saiha is quite up to the mark although it is not a concrete Building.

At Lawngtlai, besides, the I.B. construction of Circuit House is almost completed. Considering all this, more attention should be paid towards the improvement of the Rest House at Lunglei.

Lastly, I request our Hon'ble Minister to offer HUDCO loan to Lunglei and Chhimituipui District as well.

PU F.MANGHNUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I give my full agreement to the statement made by our Hon'ble member from Buarpui. And construction of Circuit House at Chawngte is extremely necessary as this will be useful for the Government as well as the Public. Moreover, we have already set up rules for wild life protection post. In spite of that Rs.2,60,000/- are allotted for a reward of Wild Life Destruction. So, I object this matter.
Thank you.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to give a brief statement on Demand No.6 -Revenue Department. Here, I request our Hon'ble Minister to note down the fact that Re-structuring is necessary in the Revenue Department. After the Assam Rifles vacate their occupied areas, the Revenue Department as well as other departments can come in their place. Presently, Rs. - 7,50,000/- are allotted for house rent. So, we should find a new way of settling this matter.

Coming to Demand No.17 - on other Administrative services, we have Mizoram Houses at various places. In particular, I would like to mention the Mizoram House at Gauhati, Now the POPLA'S INN at Gauhati is rented for Mizoram House although the government has already given plot of land for construction of this House. In my opinion, it is better to increase the accommodation fee for the official visitors, which is only Rs.10/-per night, on the other hand, accommodation fee for the non-official visitors is Rs.80/-per night. And this House is rented for Rs.80,000/- per month.

However, according to Circuit and Session House, it is seen that the cost of renting this House is Rs.6 lakhs per month. Here, it is important to construct Mizoram House at Gauhati immediately. In my opinion the Mizoram House should maintain equal rates of accomadation fee, and these House should be managed and maintained more carefully.

Moreover, I would like to suggest that for the convenience of the Mizo travellers, Mizoram Houses should be opened at Madras, Vellore and Bombay. Looking at Demand No.17, on page 76 and sub-head 144, are learnt that Rs.205 lakhs have been alloted for purchase and maintenance of Helicopter. In this connection, we are eager to know the persons entitled to use this helicopter, whether the Government gain or lose from the Helicopter services and is it worth continueing this services? In the mean time this services is treated as a kind of Business and one department is kept in charge of the Helicopter services, and the Director, neglecting his own department, is paying full attention towards this task. Thank you.

PU P.C.BAWITLUANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, there is something lacking in the revenue department. I would like to point out few things regarding taxes. As far as Land revenue tax is concerned, this is not collected regularly and there is no uniformity in the grades. So, this needs proper and thorough checking.

Moreover, our officers in the Revenue department have no power to settle Land disputes, for this the power and responsibility of the Magistrate. This creat certain confusions and problems, so it is necessary to sent out all these problems. Regarding the other Administrative services, the Mizoram Houses are scattered at various places. But the House in Shillong cannot provide adequate accomadation and the facilities are far from satisfaction. If the rental charge of the Mizoram House at Gauhati is considered too high, then the same thing can be said of the House in Shillong.

Regarding Urban development, the septic Tank loan and the water tank loan are very useful and beneficial specially for big towns. However, while the HUDCO loan can be given in lakhs, the septic tank loan which is about Rs.5,000/- is too less. So, can the Ministry chalk out ways of increasing the amount of septic tank loan. Besides, the V.I.P. Latrine and Sanitation which are under the chatge of the P.H.E. should be shifted to the Lands of the Urban Development department. Lastly, more wider steps should be taken up to encourage water tank loan. Thank you.

PU F.SAPA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Revenue is one of the most important department in Mizoram, and the development of our state greatly depends upon the revenue. What I would like to suggest here is that the revenue department should give larger amount of loan for this will bring great benefits to our State.

As stated by our Hon'ble member from Lungpho, certain rules of this department should be amended. Considering the importance of this Department, this department is vested with limited power and authority. Therefore, our Hon'ble Minister should check and amend the rules of this department.

Besides, works concerning Land Settlement are not carried out systematically or properly. In my opinion, our state will be greatly benefitted if the Revenue Department functions as it should be. Thank you.

PU H.K.CHAKMA :

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to speak about Demand No.6-

In my constituency Tlabung area, supply of electricity is very irregular, and it is also difficult to obtain Land Settlement Certificate due to shortage of staff in the Revenue Department. So, I request our Ministry to consider this matter. Besides, according to the Demand, without LSC farmers in the Villages will not get any financial aid from the soil and Agriculture department. Besides, at Tlabung area, loan is not awarded to any persons unless he possesses LSC. In my constituency, that is at Chawngte P and Chawngte C, L.S.C. is issued while the Chawngte L is faced with tremendous difficulty in this matter. So, I request our Hon'ble Minister to note down this fact.

Moreover, in the Lunglei District, the distribution of C.I sheets and Housing loan are too meagre. Hence, our Ministry should give special consideration towards this matter. In the Chakma District Council, there is no Circuit House as such our Hon'ble Minister, M.L.A., Chief Secretary and other officers have no place to rest when they visit our District.

Besides, the condition of the Circuit House at Tlabung is far from satisfaction. Tlabung is a boarder town but there is no good accommodation, so, I do hope that our new Ministry will solve and erase all our hardship and problems.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA :

Pu Deputy Speaker, I will give short statement regarding the revenue department. In the street

of Aizawl, the reserve areas are well marked by this department, undoubtedly, this is a good move, but no further steps have been taken beyond that. And so, I request our Hon'ble Minister to take up an initiative action in this regard.

As population increase, it is difficult for the new generation of Mizoram to obtain lands. Meanwhile, there are other who possess large plot of land much more than they need. In this cases, it is advisable to make certain changes in the Legislative and increase the land revenue. This way, settlement of land will be more proper and the land owners will no longer hesitate to sell their lands to the needy.

As a consequence, house site will be available for every family.

Finally, as the upliftment of our State depends greatly upon the revenue, land settlement revenue and other form of taxes should be increased.

Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it seems that we still place ourselves in status of Union Territory, because such an important task involving all the Local Administration, town-planning, Housing, Sanitation, Mizoram Village Council Aizawl, Lunglei District is merely written as other Administrative Services in Demand - 17.

However, our Finance Department too cannot give a suitable Budget Head, So, like the Rural Development, it is better to amend the nomenclature. During the MNF Ministry last year, when a resolution concerning the increment of the Village Council's salary moved by Pu Zoramangliana was discussed. I pointed out the matter. The various department in Villages as well as in Aizawl cannot take up any works without the Village Council. However, the true nature of the Local Administration Department, who looks after all the village Council, is not yet shown in the Budget. And till date, the District Local Administrative Officers (D.L.A.O.) is still under the authority of the D.C. while the District Agriculture Officers and the Forest Divisional Officers are not under the D.C. So, the rules of the Union Territory are still followed in this case.

Coming to Demand No.6- If necessary, Settlement officer should be given Magisterial power. Hence Pu Deputy Speaker, the Local Administration Department which involves town planning, Housing and Sanitation should get a fair treatment as it deserved. The existing system is not satisfactory as to be continued by the Congress Ministry. So, I sincerely request our Ministry in charge as well as other Minister in the cabinet to pursue and consider this matter.

Now, Rs.14 crores have been allotted for L.A.D. and this department has Director, senior Civil Service Officers and I.A.S officers. So, it is necessary to uplift this department to a major Department.

The statement made by our Hon'ble Rural Development Minister regarding Housing is connect and at the same times, the Yogna award is given under the RLEGP. The various schemes of Housing loan should be placed under Housing. Hence, this Department has a number of task to perform, and we will turn it into a major department with two Joint Director to look after village Council Administration, Town planning etc. Now we are entering the 8th Plan, and we have great expectations from Planning Minister and other Ministers.

The L.A.D. is loaded with immense responsibility, but this department is neglected in many ways. So, this should not be continued by our Congress Ministry. Thank you.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I request our Hon'ble Minister to clarify an important matter concerning revenue. Recently, we have seen an order issued by the Government that any families who do not have private lands for House-site should report themselves to the government between 10th-15th March 1989. The above statement is taken from the notice given by the I.N.A. branch, Republic Veng, Hearing this, a report was immediately given to the concerned Minister, and the P.S. replied that the government was unaware of such any matter. In fact, this is a serious matter, and the government should take immediate action. A copy of the Notice is also seen at the Republic Veng is here with me. The same Notice also seen in other localities like Ramthar Veng. Ramhlun Veng etc. This matter should not be neglected as it ruins the prestige and reputation of our Ministry.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, can we have a copy of such Notice ? If this is the property of the House, when will it be shown to the members ? Thank you. (Deputy Speaker : A copy will be prepared soon).

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will summon our Hon'ble Minister to wind up our discussion and let him make a plea to pass the various Demands.

PU ZALAWMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, we are fortunate to have Demand No.6,17, and 24. Our Hon'ble members have given a detail statement of Demand No.6, and I give much attention to this Department since it takes up the task of Land Settlement.

Back in the year 1935, during the British rule in India, the Governor placed Mizoram in the ' Excluded Area '. This showed that Lands should be treasure and great care should be taken in its settlement

The Revenue Department plays a major role as far as Inner Line Reserve is concerned. According to the programmes laid out by the department, a thorough and careful survey of Lands will be carried out, private lands will be identified, and in this way, settlement of lands will be taken up. A number of our staff are employed for this work in different parts of Mizoram like Kolosib area, Champhai, Serchhip, Thenzawl, Khawzawl, N.Vanlaiphai etc. So, this department always felt shortage of staff.

We have made several proposals in order to strengthened the Revenue administration, unless this department is managed by a Commissioner, efficient Officers and staff, the task of survey and settlement cannot be successful. Land Settlement is not an easy task, so it is necessary to under go training course in survey. As such, certain persons are set to the survey of India Training Institute at Hyderabad. It is also proposed to train the officer and staff in this field. The duration of this training course will be one or two yeats. Moreover, several persons were also sent to undergo a three months training course at Madhya Pradesh. The fee for tranee of a two-years course is Rs.40 thaousands and qualification required is P.U. passed, and persons with good marks in Mathematics are usually selected to undergo training. Today I request to say that information regarding Revenue collection survey and Land Records cannot be provided. Presently, the total amount of taxes collected in Mizoram are about Rs. 15 crores.

As far as the task of revenue is concerned, rules formed back in the year 1935 -54 is still followed. The Land settlement revenue is too less, and at the moment the department proposes to increase the rate of this revenue.

Besides, in Aizawl, Lunglei and other bigger towns, it is decided to upgrade Land valuation, to identify all the private lands and issue the L.S.C. This way, fee can be collected regularly which in turn will increase our revenue. We have also made proposals to upgrade the revenue department, and to place it under the Commissioner. Further, to strengthened the organisation of the department, it is decided to confer Magisterial power to the Revenue collector and the Deputy collector. Hence, it is necessary and important to re-enforce and strengthen the revenue department, so that the works of this department will have a beneficial effects on our states.

Regarding other administrative Service, I extend my gratitudes towards our Hon'ble members since they give full co-operation and study the various rules and systems of the departments. As pointed out by our Hon'ble members, the responsibility and duty of LAD is very vast, including the management of all the village councils and administration of Mizoram as a whole.

Looking at other states, there is no dispute over the question of Minor or Major departments. However, in Mizoram, due to the wrong set up in the beginning, the L.A.D. functions as a minor department.

As a matter of fact, before obtaining a statehood, in the budget, Rs.1 crore was allotted for each department. At present, both in the plan and non-plan, Rs.14 crores are allotted for LAD. Therefore, this department should be raised to a Major department.

In other states, the set up and organisation of the L.A.D. consist of 4 directorates such as Directorate of Municipality and Directorate of Panchayat.

Hence, even in Mizoram, this department is important enough to have at least 3 Directors. So, great efforts will have to be made in order to upgrade this department. Moreover, the different kinds of loans such as HUDCO, LIC, GIC. etc. will be distributed according to District wise. There will be equal distribution and partiality will be avoided as far as possible.

Finally, I request this august House to pass the following Demands such as Demand No.6 - Revenue. Demand No.17 - Other administrative Services. Demand No.23 - Housing. Demand No.24 - Urban Development. Thank you.

PU V. INLAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the House building advance is only for urban development. Is this included in the Urban development ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Demand No.6 Revenue - Rs. 2,08,00,000/- Demand No.17 Other Administrative Services Rs.5,82,00,000/- Demand No.23 Housing Rs.10,38,17,000/- Demand No.24 - Urban Development Rs.2,60,00,000/-. The total being Rs.23,58,17,000/- our Hon'ble Minister in charge has asked to pass the above Demands. Those who agree to pass will say 'Agree' Is there any objection ? Alright, we all agreed to pass the various Demands.

We have completed our programmes for today and dinner will be served for our Hon'ble Minister Members, senior Officers and staff. We will meet together again tomorrow at 10 : 30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

J.K.KHENGLAWT
Secretary.