

SEVENTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 23RD
MARCH, 1990

PRESENT

PU HIPHEI, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 11 (eleven) Ministers and 13 (thirteen) members were present.

LIST OF BUSINESS

QUESTIONS

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

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET

1. GENERAL discussion on the Annual Budget for the year 1990-91 to continue (To be concluded).

S P E A K E R

'The Lord's curse is on the House of the wicked; but he blesses the abode of the righteous.

Toward the scorers he is scornful, but to the humble he shows favour.

Proverb 3 : 33 - 34.

Now, we will summon Pu Lalrawnliana to ask starred question No - 73.

PU LALRAWNLIANA

: Pu Speaker, I ask my starred question No. 73.

"Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Public Works Department be pleased to state"-

'Why the Hmuifang Division (Public Works Department) is shifted from Sialsuk ?

PU LAL THANAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, to answer the question of our Hon'ble member, this Division is shifted for the convenience of the public.

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PU LALRAWNLIANA : Pu Speaker, the Hmuifang Division is shifted to Sialsuk headquarter in order to hasten construction of roads between Lunglei - Sialsuk and Aizawl - Sialsuk - Lunglei. However, it seems that this Division is shifted simply for the convenience of our Hon'ble Minister Pu Liansuama's Constituency. If our Hon'ble Minister can shift this Division, is it correct to say that I too can shift this Division ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, during the previous Ministry, CHIEF MINISTER it was proposed to set up a Division which would take up and manage the Aizawl - Thenzawl - Lunglei road.

Moreover, since it is commitment for the public, the Aibawk Village was established by our first Hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Chhunga. Hence it is decided to set up various departments at Aibawk. For the reason, the B.D.O. Office was also set up in this village, and any families who want to settle in this village are given C.I. sheets to start construction of building. So, the P.W.D., Division, proposed to be set up at Aibawk by the previous Congress Ministry is now finalised.

PU R.ROMAWIA : Pu Speaker, how many more expenditures will be incurred for shifting the Headquarter ? The T.M.B. road between Sialsuk - Thenzawl - Chhipphir falls under this Division, so is Sialsuk more convenient than Aibawk ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, the financial implication are CHIEF MINISTER Rs. 6,50,000/- for this particular task, the Thenzawl S.D.O. is not transferred.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, I ask my starred question No. 74.

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

'Is the P.A. set given to all the village Councils ?

PU ZALAWMA : Pu Speaker, the P.A. set is being dis- MINISTER tributed to the Village Council, 43 Village councils have not yet received thus set, but they will be provided soon.

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- PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, another question, can a list of 43 Village Councils, who have not yet received the P.A. set be given to us ?
- PU ZALAWMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, this should be enquired from the department. However, it is already finalised to give the P.A. set to the remaining 43 Village Councils.
- PU LALRAWNLIANA : Pu Speaker, another question, the supplier stated that they have given out the P.A. sets for the 43 Village Councils,. Does this mean that the P.A. sets were lost ?
- PU ZALAWMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the suppliers did not give the full sets, but now they have given the full sets, after we informed them to do so.
- S P E A K E R : Question No. 75 is shared by Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga and Pu Zosiama Pachuau. Now, we will call Pu Zosiama to ask the question.
- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, I ask my starred question No. 75.

"Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education and Human Resources department be pleased to state -"

- (a) The reasons for failure to appoint substitute teachers in Primary, Middle and High Schools in places of teacher deputed for training.
- (b) In Primary School, how many pupils are proposed to be managed by a single teacher ?

- Dr. H. THANSANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, to answer the first question, our Hon'ble members are aware of the fact that this matter is being considered at the moment.

Regarding question No (b), the present system is as follows :

<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>TEACHERS</u>
1 - 30	1
31 - 50	2
51 - 80	3

STUDENTS

TEACHERS

81 - 120
121 - 150
151 - 180
181 - 210
211 - 350
351 - and above

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PU LALRAWNLIANA : Pu Speaker, more question, at present, how many students are there in the Primary School, and how many teachers do we have in the Primary Schools ?

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, is the ratio laid out in the above Table followed in the Primary Schools of Mizoram ?

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Speaker, at last year's session, I have asked the same question, and I have pointed out the fact that due to large numbers of students at Khawzawl, there are not enough teachers. Our Hon'ble Minister stated that this matter was being considered. But there is no change till today. At Khawzawl, there are 6 Primary schools with 25 teachers, Previously, there were 30 teachers, but 5 of them were transferred. At a village near Khawzawl, there are 20 and 18 students at two separate Schools, and there is one teacher each in these Schools. My question here is, Can a solution be if chalked out immediately in order to overcome this shortage of teachers ?

Dr. H. THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, Khawzawl is a big Village, and there are large numbers of Schools, To solve the problems of shortage of teachers, arrangement is being made among the teachers and some transfer order have been issued. All the members are requested to scrutinize their constituencies and then submit the reports.

Presently, the ratio laid out in the above table is followed in the Primary Schools. Regarding the number of High Schools, there are 194 High Schools. The number of Primary School teachers are 3664, the number of students are not yet known as it is the beginning of the year.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, if the above criteria is followed in the Primary schools of Mizoram, then why is it that in the school at Serzawl, there are 98 students with only two teachers, and one of the teachers draw a fixed salary. Can our Hon'ble Minister find a solution to this problem ?

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, I would like to know the number of Primary, Middle and High School teachers who are to undergo training this year, and can our Hon'ble Minister give assurance that only qualified teachers of the locality should be appointed.

Dr. H. THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, this year out of 74 High School teachers called for training, 70 teachers turned up, in the middle section, 49 teachers turned up for training, in the Primary section out of 287 teachers 28 teachers failed to turn up and 259 teachers have joined.

As our Hon'ble member Pu Zosiama had mentioned, substitute-teachers should be appointed from the local people or from the near by village. It is true that some teachers hesitate to go to the interior village and this creates immense problems for the department.

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Speaker, I ask my starred question No. 76 -

*Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Sport and Youth Service Department be pleased to state -

'When will the second Instalment for construction of Khawzawl field No. 2 be given ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, to answer the question raised by our Hon'ble member from Khawzawl, the second Instalment will be given as soon as it is sanctioned by the Central Government. In connection with this matter, I would like to add that for construction of this field, the Mizoram Government applied for Rs. 32,11,200/- from the Central Government. Then the Central Government allotted Rs. 1,50,000/- on 11th March, 1988, and out of these amounts, only Rs. 75,000/- were allotted in each. Now, the First Instalment, Rs. 75,000/- are utilised for construction of this field, and the second Instalment Rs. 75,000/- is awaited.

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Speaker, another question. Since October last year, we were informed by the leaders of the Khawzawl Game Association that this fund can be drawn out with the Department seal or with the authorised letter from the M.L.A. Hence, we took up steps in this direction but without any success. However, our Hon'ble Chief Minister has clarified this point, but at the same time, it is my desire that special attention should be paid towards this matter as it is already sanctioned by the Central Government.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, I am fully aware of the above facts mentioned by our Hon'ble member, and I have instructed the

Secretary of the concerned department to thoroughly check this matter. We are all aware of the fact that to obtain this grant from the Central Government, we have to contribute 50%, but unfortunately we do not have such amount, so, to meet this required amount, we have arranged a Lottery.

Dr. R.LALPHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, more question. The Dubi Playground at Lunglei is so far, the best field at Lunglei, where all public functions are held. But the condition of this field is very poor. Is the government intend to repair this field ? If so, how many amount of money is allotted for this purpose ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, when I visited Lunglei, I was accompanied by the Sports Director and the Secretary. And we found the area occupied by the Vety. Department is most suitable for sport complex, but such an arrangement will require a long period of time. Therefore, we are planning to repair and improve the conditions of the Dubi playground, and this could serve as a temporary playground until the real one could be constructed.

PU K.VANLALAUVA : Pu Speaker, I ask my starred question No. 77.

"Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Public Works Department be pleased to state -

How many Muster Roll and Work-Charge do we have between March 1989 and February 1990 ? Why were they terminated ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, to answer the question of our Hon'ble member from Khawbung, between March 1989 - February 1990, 92 work-charges were dismissed, and out of 17 P.W.D. Divisions, 648 Muster Roll were terminated. They were terminated due to financial difficulties and misuse of the salaries meant for the Muster Roll Staff. Hence, the Government instructed our Chief Controller of Accounts and our OSD Pu Bawlliana to investigate this matter. And according to their reports and the instructions, given by our Chief Engineer in the year 1985, 92 Work-Charge and 648 Muster Roll Staff were terminated.

However, in spite of the investigations carried out by our officers, it is obvious that funds are still misused. Therefore, this is a waste of government's funds. Hence, it is necessary to carry out a survey so that the Muster Roll Staff can be re-employed in a more proper way.

As far as Work-Charge is concerned, at the moment, a proposal is being made to regularise the work charge staff, so that the positions of the staff will be more secure and stable.

On the other hand, the Muster Roll Staff are appointed only on a temporary basis, and their services can be terminated as long as the specific purpose for which they are employed is completed. For this reason, the Muster Roll Staff mentioned above are terminated, and they will be re-employed as the need arises.

PU K.VANLALAUVA : Pu Speaker, my questions included the Power and P.H.E. Department, will this be answered later? We have heard only about the P.W.D. (SPEAKER : The P.H.E. Department is under the charge of a different Minister) Does this mean that the answer will come out with the others?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, so far, the questions concern only the P.W.D., hence answers were provided by the P.W.D. Minister.

PU K.VANLALAUVA : Pu Speaker, according to the letter received by me, let us expect to get the answers for P.H.E. and Power Department.

However, Pu Speaker, I would like to raise more questions, undoubtedly, the statement of our Hon'ble Minister is quite good. Nevertheless, as far as Muster Roll and Work-Charge are concerned, why only the M.N.F. staff are terminated? Can a change be made in this connection?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am not aware that the Government officials discrimination members of the MNF and that they are interfering in politics, however this matter will be considered.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, about 600 Muster Roll staff were terminated. Will actions be taken against the officers who illegally employed them?

PU P.LALBIKA : Pu Speaker, is the P.W.D. faced with problems and difficulties after the Work-Charge and Muster Roll Staff were terminated?

PU LALRAWNLIANA : Pu Speaker, another question. We often heard about financial problems faced by us. Nevertheless, large sums of money are utilised for G.C.I. sheets. Is it a fact that beneficiaries of C.I. sheets are favoured more than the work-charge and the Muster Roll staff?

PU LAL THANHAULA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, looking at last year's budget, the NLUP is seen at every department. Hence, the department money cannot be diverted by anybody.

To answer the question raised by our Hon'ble member from Buarpui, the termination of the above mentioned staff had no adverse effect on the P.W.D. Regarding the question of our Hon'ble member Pu Tlanghmingthanga, this matter is being investigated now, and it might be necessary to terminate more staff as you have already learnt. Actions will be taken against the wrong doers and in doing that, there will be no partiality.

PU AICHHINGA : Pu Speaker, I ask my starred question No. 78 -

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

The grouping of of Tuikuk at Hortoki and Pangbalkawn seemed to be initiated by the Christian Church. Is the Government aware of this matter ?

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, just one point for clarification here. The community in question is TUIKUK. What I feel is this, when we call Tuikuk, it may not be official, and the community in question here do not want to be called Tuikuk. So, in the highest forum of democracy, this is the Assembly, the Legislative Assembly, and such question using the backward name TUIKUK should not arise. They feel hurt and let us not misuse this highest forum of democracy. As such, would you kindly amend your question replacing the name Tuikuk by either Riang or Bru.

PU ZALAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, at Hortoki, the Riang/Bru are residing at small villages. And while the government is considering ways of improving their educational standard and ways of life, the Presbyterian Church had asked the government for the same thing. So, the government sent C.A. to verify this matter, and now a proposal is being made to group 306 houses together.

As far as the Riang/Bru at Pangbalkawn is concerned, since they are residing together in a single village, the government has no intention of grouping them together.

PU AICHHINGA : Pu Speaker, since the Riang/Bru are popularly known as Tuikuk, we used the name Tuikuk in the question. I, therefore ask for forgiveness for my mistake. As proposed by the government, if the Riang/Bru are to be grouped together, will they have a separate Village Council? What is the proposal of the government as far as this matter is concerned ?

PU ZALAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, after the Re-Settlement is finalised, administrative system will be considered by the government.

PU J.H.ROTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I ask my starred question No. 79.

"Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Public Works Department be pleased to state -"

(a) Is the Public Works Department intend to black-top the the read between Khawzawl and East Lungdar ?

(b) If so, when will they take up this task ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers of the question raised by our Hon'ble member are as follows;

(a) The P.W.D. intends to black top the read between Khawzawl and East Lungdar.

(b) This task will be taken up from 1990-91 during the next Financial year.

PU J.H.ROTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, another question, it is a matter of satisfaction to learn that black-topping of the above mentioned road will soon be taken up. Nevertheless, in the 1989-'90 Annual Plan, Rs. 50,00,000/- are allotted for maintenance of this road alone. The length of this road is 73 Kms and solving of 33 Kms have been completed. It is proposed that this fund will be utilised for black-topping as far as possible. However, only a few days left for the month of March, black-topping of this road is not yet started. At my request the Road Roller was sent to Khawzawl, but this was diverted to Champhai. Since then, the Road Roller had never entered the above mentioned area. In such cases, are the Rs. 50,00,000/- remained untouched or have they been diverted for something else ?

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Speaker, I would be very grateful if our Hon'ble Minister could kindly give us the name of the contractor, who is assigned to take up construction of road between Thingdawl and East Lungdar. Is there a sanction for completion of this road or is the contractor unable to complete the construction ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the above question raised by our Hon'ble members are matters concerning their own constituencies, and they are very much aware of the contractor and Vice Versa. So, it is better not to give any statements in this regard cases concerning outstanding bills are often found in the

P.W.D., and during the President's Rule, many tasks remained incomplete. For this reason, progress of work in this area is very slow (Pu TAWNLUJA : Does it mean that certain problems that occur during the President's rule took place around the Khawzawl-Lungdar area ?) And problems involving finance certainly occurred in this area, and only after forming the Ministry, we had liability to solve this problem. Although it is our desire to settle this problem immediately, we are unable to proceed as prompt as want. In spite of that, we have taken up certain steps and have utilised certain amount of money for construction of side-drains, for Home pipes and for black-topping of roads. And as far as the works of the contractors are concerned, we have been more strict, and the Estimates are prepared after these are checked and certified by the concerned officer. So, we hope to start the tasks of metalling and black-topping from next year.

PU J.H.ROTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I do appreciate the answers provided by our Hon'ble Chief Minister, and at the same time, I would like to request to complete the task of black-topping as soon as possible. As pointed out by our Hon'ble member yesterday, we do not have a work schedule, our Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that works will be started from next year. However, we will be very grateful if work could be taken up earlier. Lastly, I would like to raise another question; how many amount of money have been allotted for construction of the above mentioned area in the 1991 Budget being discussed now ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, we have heard from our Hon'ble CHIEF MINISTER members that there is no work schedule to be seen, the matter is regretted. If there is a Work Sheet, we can discuss together, and we can give suggestions regarding points to add or points to erase. But this year, no work schedule is prepared because changes are always made by the Planning and the Finance Department, although the Plan allocation is finalised. Therefore, things cannot go on as prepared in the work Plan.

Moreover, the Planning department and the Finance Department are the controllers of our finances. As such, we cannot raise any objections against them, and the failure to produce a Work Schedule is deeply regretted. After a thorough consideration, we find that it is far wiser to chalk out a Work Schedule after learning the decision of the Planning department. Hence, after the Work Schedule is prepared, it will be distributed to the members. If this is not good enough, then it will be revised and amendments will be made.

PU J.H. ROTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, my question is not yet answered. During the year 1991, how many amount of money have been allotted for construction of the above mentioned road ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, I think my statement had cleared everything. We are unaware as to what changes will be made in our Plan by the Planning Department. For this reason there is no Work Schedule today. Although, we pay due attention towards construction of Aizawl-Thenzawl road, the exact amount to be utilised for this purpose cannot be given now. However we do realise that it is necessary to increase the amount.

PU J. THANGHUAMA

: Pu Speaker, since there is no Work Schedule, we made a decision not to include this matter in the Budget discussion. Here, I request our Hon'ble leaders to pardon me for taking initiative action in this respect. Besides, without Work Schedule, it is impossible to discuss anything in detail. (SPEAKER : Even other departments do not open their Annual Plan in the House, unlike the Budget, demands for Work Schedule should not be made).

Pu Speaker, I would like to raise more questions which are as follows;

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

- (a) The total amount of money spent by the government in the form of compensation for acquiring private lands in Aizawl town for the period between September, 1988 and February, 1990.
- (b) To whom highest compensation was paid ?
- (c) If there has been any double payment ?
- (d) If compensation was paid without the knowledge of Revenue Department ?

PU ZALAWMA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, the answers of the above questions are as follows :-

(a) The total amount of money spent by the Government in the form of compensation for acquiring private lands in Aizawl town for the period between September, 1988 and February, 1990 are Rs. 1,73,000,005,502/-.

(b) Highest compensation was paid to Pu Lalhmingliana S/o Liandala (L) D.Vengthar, the total being Rs. 19,00,000/-.

(c) There has not been any double payment.

(d) Compensation was paid with the knowledge of the Revenue Department, and collection was done by the officers of this department.

PU J. THANGHUAMA

: Pu Speaker, the Government allotted site for building to an individual, and by granting compensation, it seems that the
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government is buying back its own price of land. For instance, one person wanted to set up a hospital, and the other would like to open a High School, but in reality, these institutions never came up. Recently, I learnt that Rs. 12,00,000/- were granted as a compensation around Zuangtui area. In that way, we are utilising compensation as a means of business or as a source of income.

Secondly, the lands acquired by the P.H.E. Department is about 30 ft. Square only, in spite of that Rs.5,00,000/- were granted for that small plot of land. In my opinion, a solution should be chalked out in order to stop the unfair system of granting compensation. However, I do not make this statement out of envy, but Pu Lalhmingliana was granted Rs. 19,00,000/- a huge amount to last for a life time. Where is this land and what is the extent of the land? Besides, there are double payment around Tanhril and Luangmual, and if necessary, I can give the names of such persons, who are granted double payment.

Moreover, it is stated that compensation is never granted without the knowledge of the Revenue Department. Infact, while I visit this department, and order for award of compensation came from the D.C. without the knowledge of the officials of this department. Here, it is not wise to mention the name, but Pu Speaker, I request our Hon'ble Revenue Minister to clarify this matter, and whether intends to take action in this matter.

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Speaker, is it a fact that Rs. 70,00,000/- were granted to the Police Department for the Mualpui area?

PU ZALAWMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, private lands are taken by the various departments for their projects. As Aizawl town has become bigger and wider, clarification of lands have been completed by the Revenue Department. As a result, Small Villages outside the Aizawl town like Tanhril, Sairang and Nawlhran are included within the town area. And it is a matter of satisfaction that minor Villages like Luangmual, Tanhril and Sakawrtuichhun are now sharing the atmosphere of our Capital Aizawl. These Villagers are not well-off, hence, compensation was granted with a cost of Rs. 2/+ per square ft. So. you should realise that this Ministry is full of kindness and understanding.

The lands belonging to these Villagers were taken for the purpose of setting up an Industrial Red Centre, and a compensation of Rs. 95,00,000/- were granted to 202 families, which was undoubtedly a great achievement. Moreover, compensation was given in accordance with the Land Acquisition Act 1894. Besides, the Central Government do not give the F.C.I from the Mizoram Budget. Likewise, compensation of private lands taken for O.N.G.C. are not granted from our budget. And to answer the question of our Hon'ble member Pu J.Thanghuama, the extent of the land mentioned earlier is 16 bighas and 30 Sq.ft. This land resembles the Table land of Shilong, and F.C.I Godown was set up here.

Moreover, since the P.W.D. was going to take up works near the Luangmual Complex Area complete survey of the area was carried out first, and compensation statement was left in

the hands of the Revenue Department. Therefore, compensation statement was prepared in accordance with the rules by the Revenue Department. (Pu Aichhinga : Is it a fact that the Industry area was given at the rate of Rs 2/- per sq. ft.?). The area between Tanhril and Luangmual was selected as it was found most suitable for setting up an Industrial Board Centre. Since the dwellers of this particular area were poor, the government fixed a uniform rate of Rs. 2/-. (Pu Tawnluia : Can compensation be granted on lands settled illegally by the government?) Pu Speaker, during the time of the District Council, I have learnt from the High Court verdict of Pu Thangdela, Zembawk that the Village Council's House side Act 1956 is valid in the Indian Constitution.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, the Village Council's permit has been accepted even by the High Court. No compensation is granted to Pu Sailothanga, who owned the Home Guard area at Sesawng, although, he possessed the V.C.'s permit.

S P E A K E R : I think we will have time to discuss this matter at the Budget discussion, and I request our Hon'ble Minister to be ready for this discussion. Yesterday, we made a mistake in the answers of question No. 68 raised by Pu J. Thanghuama. There, instead of writing Dr. H. Thansanga, Minister in-charge Education, Dr. R. Thangliana was written in the answer. This is purely our mistake and I do apologise for it.

Moreover, Work Schedule should not be demanded from the PHE for anyone who would like to give a statement.

PU RUALCHHINA : Pu Speaker, now we are starting our Annual Budget discussion, and unlike the previous years, there is no Work-Schedule from the P.W.D. In fact, this is very unfortunate for us, and at the same time, it is disgraceful for the Ministry. Besides, there are too many errors which reveals the inefficiency of our Ministry. As such, it is quite impossible to discuss our budget. Will the budget discussion be postponed? For instance, there is nothing to discuss from the blank Budget. So, Pu Speaker, what is to be done? Will the Finance Minister apologise and his apology be accepted? Anyway, from which sheets will be discussion be started? So, Pu Speaker, I would like to open the sheets in front of you.

S P E A K E R : Are you satisfied with your statement?

PU RUALCHHINA : Pu Speaker, it is impossible to discuss further. (Speaker : Alright, we will summon others).

- PU LALRAWNLIANA : Pu Speaker, if you do not give another book. he cannot study. So can you give another time to give his statement ?
- PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Speaker, how many pages are missing and how did this happen ? Can this be clarified ?
- S P E A K E R : It is page No. 42, demand No. 11 - 1, & 2.
- Dr. H. Thansanga
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, a double copy of Demand 11 is here, shall we distribute ?

PU J.H.ROTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, it will be a matter of satisfaction if our Hon'ble member could be given another time to give his statement. It is pleasing to see our Budget outlay this year, and the financial allotment which is Rs. 125 crores is much more higher than last year. And I am certain that our state will be greatly benefited if expenditure is planned carefully.

Speaking about P.H.E Department, a new task involving Rs. 1,00,000/-- awaited us is our constituency. We have raised a question on this matter and we are pleased with the answers. Here, I would like to request our Hon'ble Minister to witness the fact that the pond in this area could be embanked to restrain water, which could serve as drinking purpose for certain villages like Sialhawk, Chalrang and Samthang. In this connection, I request to raise the amount of money allotted for this task.

Speaking about P.W.D., the developments of our state greatly depends upon this department. Our Minister has several contractors some are in the first class category, and some others in the second and Third class categories. Accordingly, the tasks taken up by them are not the same, and depending on their classes, the cash deposited by them in the government too differ. Besides, the class I contractors are published in the Gazette, and they are as important as the government department. However, since sometimes back, there are hardly any Tender Notices, and it seems that the workers are troubling the Ministers with this matter. Besides, most of the works have been completed without calling a Tender, due to this, the P.W.D. is unable to carry on works efficiently, which in turn blocks the progress and development of our state. Not only that, under such circumstances, no action can be taken against the inefficient contractors.

Moreover, my experiences as leader of the contractor Association taught me that the various tasks assigned to the contractors should be done through Tender Notices, and I request our Hon'ble Minister to note down this fact. Anyone willing to take up the task should get registration, because without registration, there can never be developments as progress in our state. It is accepted fact that preferences should be given to the party workers.

Nevertheless, at least 60% of the tasks should be tendered. Therefore, I request that this matter should be considered more thoroughly.

Regarding Power and Electricity, since the P.C.'s Ministry, embankment of the Tlawng river have been frequently discussed. The work of survey was initiated by this Ministry with the help of various engineers, and after them, the M.N.F.'s Ministry also took an active action in this respect. And now, I sincerely request our newly formed Ministry to continue this work and render their best efforts in this work, which will bring tremendous progress to our state.

As far as Serlui 'B' is concerned, we have heard from our Hon'ble Chief Minister that clearance has been obtained from the N.E.C. I do hope that work in this regard could be started within this year, although this matter does not appear in the budget. Besides, the road leading to Tlawng is being constructed into a National Highway, and even if it is necessary to give higher amount of money as compensation, considering the importance of power in our state, I request specially our Hon'ble Chief Minister to take up this work immediately.

Further, I have raised a question regarding the services of the MSC and MPS in Mizoram, and my question has been answered. It seems that our MPS are not given a fair treatment as they deserve. Looking at their Recruitment Rules, the SDO of the P.W.D. and the superintendent of the Secretariat, who are in the same level with the MPS, are enjoying the pay-benefit since 1st January 1986, with a pay scale of Rs. 2,200/- per month. In addition, they also enjoyed the increment since 1st January 1986. The MSC are getting the financial benefit since 1st March 1989, and the MPS will enjoy the pay benefit only from 1st March 1990. Hence, as far as Pay-benefit and increment are concerned, the MPS are lacking far behind.

Moreover, the vacant posts in the Fire Services and the MPRO should be filled up immediately. As far as recruitment is concerned, selection of MPS is done more carefully than the MSC, where physical fitness too is taken into account. As such, the starting pay of the MPS is Rs 650/-, while it is Rs. 550/- for the MCS. But now, their Salaries have been revised and equalised, they should enjoy the financial benefit at the same time.

Considering the difficulties which our MPS went through in their training, even the reserved cadre post should be filled up by our MPS, particularly the vacant posts in the MPRO and the fire services should be filled up immediately. In my opinion, this is for better instead of reserving the posts for some pensioners from other states. Besides, it is learnt that a proposal is being made to appoint the MCS in the Fire Services. Immediately, there are certain advantages, but at the same time the disadvantages can be far greater. Therefore, this matter needs a thorough consideration.

In Mizoram, the only banks we have are the Co-operative Bank, MUCO and the Apex Bank. If Banks are nationalised, they are controlled by the Central Government. It is learnt that in the present budgets only Rs. 3,00,000/- are deposited in the MUCO Bank. Since the MUCO and the Apex banks are the only banks of Mizoram, top priorities and preferences should be given to these banks, so that our people as well as our state will derive great benefit from these banks.

Next, I would like to give a brief statement regarding the Forest Department. According to the survey report, given during the M.N.F. Ministry, the royalty of timber worth Rs. 2 crores have been lost by the Mizoram Government. If wisely calculated, such amount of money can greatly benefit the revenue of our state, which is very meagre. So, I request our Hon'ble Minister not to neglect this matter.

Finally, I would like to point out the fact that the Social Welfare Department is responsible with looking after the Remand Home. So, Pu Speaker, I sincerely request that the money allotted in the Budget for this department should be increased and priorities and preferences should be given to this department. Thank you.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I would like to extend my gratitude for giving me time to give my statement at the budget discussion. Yes, yesterday, we have heard interesting statements from our Hon'ble members. In particular, I am pleased with our Hon'ble member from Sangau Pu H.Ramawi for he pointed that prior to taking any action, we should have a specific and clear - cut policy.

In my opinion, the most remarkable thing regarding the Budget this year is the publication of a book called the 'Transfer of money and programme of departments for 1989 - 90 and 1990 - 91. If I am not mistaken, we do not have this kind of information in the previous years. And I suggest that this should be continued even in future, as it tells us all the developments and proposals of the different departments.

Since 29th March 1990 the cost of Petrol and increased immensely in the whole of India. Previously the MIZOFED used to procure petrol at a cost of Rs. 7935.43/- per kilo litre, but the current rate has been increased to Rs. 9185.43/-. The increased rate of petrol is Rs. 1250/- per kilo litre and diesel is Rs. 540/- Yesterday, we have heard from our Hon'ble members about the shortage of petrol and diesel. And for the procurement of such oils, allotment of Rs. 50,00,000/- is necessary. Under such circumstances, 504 kilo litre of petrol and 308 kilo litre of diesel could be procured. But according to the current financial position only 435 kilo litre of petrol and 264 kilo litre of diesel could be procured. This will greatly affect us in future. Hence, it is necessary that a larger amount of money should be allotted by the government for this purpose, and at the same time, a more effective steps should be taken up by the government in this regard. The unreliable petrol agency should be stopped immediately.

It is a matter of satisfaction to see the Rural Development Programme in the Budget, and at the same time, it is pleasing to learn that Rs. 10,200,00,000/- have been allotted for Land Used Policy. Undoubtedly, this scheme will bring great relief and satisfaction to the people in the rural areas. Apart from this, Rs. 1,70,00,000/- have also been allotted for C.I sheets, which is a very beneficial steps taken up by this Ministry, Besides, the poor families in the rural areas numbering about 2924 will be gifted with C.I sheets. In fact, this clearly shows that our leaders are acting according to the policies laid out by them before the election. Coming to the Health Department, another pleasing matter is the award carrying Rs. 25,00,000/- which is given in recognition of the efficient performance under the family welfare Programme. Besides, the

coming 2000 years, the target of this department is to ensure good health in all the people, which is a remarkable achievement. Further, construction of cancer Detection centre has been completed much to the relief of cancer patients and their families. Hence, the steps taken up by this department is quite satisfactory.

Another pleasing matter concerning the Home Department is the initiative actions taken up by the Police Department for the upliftment of our state. In 1989, the General election of M.P in other states were marked by killings and violence, but in our state, this election was peaceful due to the vigilance of our police personnel. It is also a pleasant news to learn that there is a proposal to set up the 3rd Battalion from next year. And Mr. Speaker Sir, another great achievement is the setting up of a Vocational Training Centre for the prisoners. The Home Guard deserves praise and recognition in their tasks because they received an award in the cleanliness week observation, thereby setting up a good example for other departments.

Pu Speaker, as far as revenue is concerned, between 1989 - 90 3005 L.S.C. were issued bringing great relief to the poorer sections of people. Besides it is a good news to hear that L.S.C. will be issued to 4000 persons during 1990 - 91, and that a proposal is being made to distribute sites for buildings to 1500 families. Moreover, it is a matter of satisfaction that next year, sites for buildings will be given to 1900 families who are presently homeless. Further, we are all aware of the fact that inspite of great financial hardship, the MIZOFED has to hire building, and that the MIZOFED is in need of assistance as far as petrol is concerned. However, understanding this condition, the Revenue Department has granted the upper New Market for the MIZOFED on 11.11.1989. But since the New Market building has been constructed by the P.W.D., the MIZOFED is incapable of shifting as its own wishes. As such, the P.W.D. should hand over this building site to the Revenue Department, in order to lift the obstacle faced by the MIZOFED.

Moreover, as far as the supply of power is concerned, the various steps taken up by the government is satisfactory and praiseworthy.

As we are all aware, our Ministry came into power towards the end of the 7th five year Plan. We also learnt from our Hon'ble Finance Minister that this Ministry is confronted with financial crisis. Nevertheless, our Ministry has gone a long way in developing and improving the conditions of the poorer sections. In my constituency, i.e. Khanpui, power-supply is not yet given to half the villagers. And at Khawruhlian, the Doctor's quarters and the hospital have not yet enjoyed the power facility. In the same way, the Tlungvel Village too is in need of this facility. Hence, it is my wish and desire that factor should be taken into account.

Regarding the works of the P.W.D. in my constituency, as promised by our Hon'ble Chief Minister, black-topping of the roads leading to Thingsulthliah Primary Health Centre is being taken up now, and Rs. 3,00,000/- have been sanctioned for improvement and beautification of Khawruhlian Village. As stated by our Hon'ble M.L.A. from Ratu, in order to have our easy access to the Saitual Division (P.W.D.), the proposed connecting road between Saitual and Khanpui should be reviewed, and should be given top priority so as to complete this road as soon as possible.

I would also like to point out few things regarding sports. Looking at our budget this year, we learnt that

the amount of money allotted for sports is very meagre. And when the M.Ls tour around in their constituencies, we have to present Voley balls, foot-balls etc. to the people, and this must be done through the sports department. Therefore, it is important to render more efforts in this respect. At the same time, I am grateful to learn that the government is organising a Lottery entirely meant for the youth. Besides, at Sesawang, a huge Playground is being constructed which will be completed soon.

Next, coming to the steps taken up by the P.H.E., machines for pumping water have been fitted by this department at several places, thereby decreasing the problems of water to a great extent, particularly in my constituency. According to the work-plan laid out by the P.H.E. on Page 24, for Seling Village, Rs. 2,00,000/- and Rs. 1,00,000.05 have been allotted for 1989 - 90 and 1990 - 91 respectively, for Thingsulthiah Village Rs 5,00,000/- have been allotted, and for Khawruhlian, Rs 2,00,000/- and Rs 2,00 - 000.5 have been allotted for the years 1989 -1990 and 1990 - 1991 respectively. However, this theoretical frame-work should be promptly followed by practical works, so as to remove the scarcity of water at various villages. Today, in our budget Rs 12,00,00,000/- have been allotted solely for this purpose. Nevertheless, more efforts should be rendered for the extension and upgradation of Trade and Commerce.

Finally, another outstanding achievement of our Ministry is in connection with the distribution of compensation worth Rs 10 crores. As pointed out by our Hon'ble Chief Minister in this august House, compensation will be immediately given to more than 370 persons in Aizawl, and to 29,177 villagers, who are already verified, and to another 30,117 villagers who are not yet verified. This will bring immense relief to the victims. Besides, Pu Speaker, it is a matter of satisfaction that our Ministry has implemented its policies, which were framed before the election. Although, there are plenty of things to be said regarding the different departments, this will be discussed later along with the other demands. To conclude, I extend my sincere gratitude towards our Ministry for their great efforts in helping and uplifting the poorer sections of people. Thank you.

PU K.VANLALAUVA : Pu Speaker, first of all, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude. At the outset, I would like to present matters concerning the old M.L.A. Hostel occupants, who pay the Hostel rent. It is a miracle that Rs 2,00,000/- were utilised merely for painting the walls and roffs of this Hostel. So, I belief that this matter would be reviewed more carefully. Another important factor is the poor condition of the garage in this Hostel. In my opinion, Rs 2, - 00,000/- were more than enough for painting the Hostel, as well as for repairing the garage. Besides, this Hostel do not have any facilities, yet, we have to pay the rent. Hence, these things kept me wondering whether or not there are any rules for management of this hostel.

Regarding the Police Department, although our Police forces are quite efficient, the 1st and 2nd Battalians have some peculiarities. In these battalions, sometimes I.P.S. and sometimes M.P.S are posted as C.O. When the M.P.S. occupies the post of C.O., his subordinates are entitled a sick-leave, On the other hand, if an I.P.S. officer is posted as C.O., there is no such

leave, but there is always a deduction of their salaries. So, it is necessary to investigate this matter. At the same time, we are aware that the duties and responsibilities of our Police forces are very heavy. In spite of that, our Hon'ble House Leader has pointed out that the yearly-bonus is not an obligation on the part of the government. And at present, with the Rs 314,00,000/- that are likely to be allotted for this department, the welfare of the Police Department could be given a new thought, so as to avoid deduction of their pay.

Unlike our Hon'ble member from Tlungvel, it is difficult to express words of thanks as far as my constituency is concerned. The Power department has taken up certain steps and stored water at Khuangleng, Sesih and Senzo Villages. As we are all aware, my constituency happened to be located at the Burma border, which greatly hampers the power-supply. So, I request our Hon'ble Minister to note down this fact. Besides, the Eva river in my constituency could be effectively utilised for generating electric power. If we are really determine to develop our state, then the Ministry should be more alert in this field, otherwise regular supply of power is out of reach even in the years to come. Hence, instead of wasting large amounts of money for wiring, it is for better to set up a Power-supply station here.

Regarding the P.W.D. road, our Hon'ble House Leader has stated that a BRTF road will be constructed through my constituency. One important point in this respect is that portation of rice during the rainy season, proper maintenance of these linking roads is highly important. Besides, if these roads are maintained by the P.W.D., blockade of road during the rainy season could be prevented to a certain extent, and supply of rice and other commodities could run smoothly even during the rainy season. We have high hope and expectation that our Ministry will be more attentive towards our problems.

Regarding hospital, our Hon'ble Speaker pointed out in his speech at Farkawn, that a doctor would be posted immediately, and his statement was greatly applauded by the villagers. However, to their great disappointment, there is no sign of a doctor in this hospital till today. Yet, the hope of the villagers is still rested on our Hon'ble Health Minister. The building is also completed and the only thing left is to appoint a qualified and an efficient doctor. Next, the problems faced by the Khawbung constituency is well known, yet, the P.H.C, started at Vaphai and Sesih in 1985, is not yet completed even after a year. Moreover, when the member visits this constituency, public meeting cannot be held in the Hall because the Hall is being utilised for conducting services, and it is wrong to leave them without a proper church, for the absence of proper church deeply hurts the sentiments of the village elders. We also learnt that certain amount of money are allotted for this purpose. Therefore, it is a high time that the Ministry turn its due attention towards this problem. On the other hand, the Ministry should give a definite statements whether the aspiration of the villagers could be fulfilled or not. However, there is some consolation if you decide to include the above mentioned problems in the Plan. In any case, it is wiser for the Ministry to give only correct information. And at the same time, the Ministry should not deter the hope and expectations of the people.

Pu Speaker, the P.H.E. Department has done a remarkable job in my constituency. For instance, water is stored at Dungleang, Vanzau and Bungzung. Nevertheless, this storage of

water is not sufficient enough to meet the requirements of the villagers. If our proposal is accepted and water is taken from Sazep, then scarcity of water can be solved to some extent.

In the year 1984, there was a spiritual revival in the whole of Mizoram. In spite of that, the Ministry at that time issued permission for sale of liquor, which consequently deteriorated the morals of the people, resulting in violence, killings and adulteration. And now, the Ministry of 1984 has come into power again, what will be their prospect? The only thing left for this Ministry is to carry on the administration according to the wishes of God, otherwise their downfall will not be too far from now. And finally, I would like to point out that this Ministry should have justice in exercising their power. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The Speaker was not accompanied by a Doctor. When he visited Parkawn. This august House should be aware of the fact that this is a wrong information, and the Speaker did not make such promises.

PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Speaker, yesterday, we have heard from our Hon'ble members Pu Romawia and Pu Lalthangliana about various matters concerning Lunglei. Similarly, today, I would like to point out certain things concerning Lunglei. The meeting of the District Planning Board was held at Saiha and Lunglei under the guidance of leaders from various departments. (Pu H. Rammawi ; I was abstained from the meeting of the Chhintuipui Planning Board. And I am not aware if Pu Manghnuna was present or not) In the meeting held at Lunglei District, besides the M.L.A., other members from the opposition party were invited, perhaps they did not attend the meeting. (Pu R. Romawia : The meeting was supposed to be started at 11 A.M. but I received the letter only at 3 P.M. So, I could not attend).

In any case, what I would like to state is that in the meeting of the District Planning Board, the various requirements of the Lunglei District departments were clearly notified. So, I request leaders of the different departments, to keep this in mind so that the budget for 1990 - 1991 can bring tremendous progress to the people.

However, if the work Schedule of the different departments are presented before us, then we can learn if the opinions of the District Planning Board, District Officers, M.L.A. and the leaders of the different political parties are taken into consideration or not. But since the work Schedules are not produced the points raised and discussed by the District Planning Board could not be successfully implemented only if responsibilities are taken by heads of the various departments. If not, then all the meetings and discussions of the District Planning Board will be meaningless.

In particular, the work schedule given by the P.H.E. and the P.W.D. can be verified immediately. And as far as the P.H.E. Department is concerned, there are many points to discuss regarding Lunglei District and the various constituencies. But we will leave this matter now, and looking at the P.W.D. Department in particular, the steps taken up for the development of Lunglei District

have been pointed out many times by the concerned M.L.A. in this august House. And the then Ministry had assured the House that full co-operation would be rendered in the field of developments. In this connection, what I would like to mention is that, the proposal of the government to complete the P.W.D. road is quite satisfactory, which is fully supported by the District Planning Board. For instance first priorities will be given towards the road stretching between Lungsen and Chawnge, and between Lunglei - Thenzawl - Sialsuk and Aizawl. And in the 8th Plan black-topping of these roads will be taken up as far as possible. As a matter of fact, the above statements of such proposals are considered quite satisfactory by us.

At the initial stage of our present Ministry, a resolution to hasten construction of road between Lunglei and Thenzawl was moved by me. And to this effect, higher amount of money was allotted for this purpose by the government. As a result, black-topping of a greater part of this road could be completed. Besides, soling and metalling too are expected to be completed soon, which clearly shows that the P.W.D. department has been greatly inspired by the Ministry in performing their various tasks be utilised for its rightful purpose immediately.

Last year, we learnt that the funds allocated for P.W.D. in Lunglei were not fully utilised for its sole purpose. Perhaps, this might be due to the inefficiency of the officers at the C.E. Office. If the officers are more alert and active in this regard, then the discontentments of the M.L.A. and leaders of various political parties in Lunglei district could be solved to a great extent. Otherwise, all the Plans and Estimates made for the progress of Lunglei District will come to nothing. As a matter of fact, greater difficulties are faced by remote and far-flung areas. Hence, I request our officers and leaders of this Ministry to take up more effective steps, and pay special attention towards our problems from next year.

Previously, the then Ministries chalked out several proposals for the development of Lunglei town, but none of the Ministries have given a serious thought as the present Ministry. For instance, construction of Saikuti Hall had been proposed since the P.C. Ministry, yet, the site for building could not be even finalised, and the budget never crossed beyond Rs. 1,00,000/-. On the contrary, we learnt that Rs. 9,00,000/- were allotted in the last year's budget. And apart from that, the government appointed architect and allotted funds for booking of necessary materials for the building of Lunglei Government College. In fact, the building of the Aizawl Deficit College is more spacious and bigger, and is much more developed in many ways. Perhaps, this may be due to the negligence of the government.

The T.V. Relay Centre has been set up at Ramzotlang, Serkawn, which is extremely useful to the Lunglei District. In spite this relay centre always breaks down, and the T.V. owners are deprived of the various T.V. programmes, So, I request our Ministry to take up an effective steps to solve this problem. So as not to disappoint the T.V. owners, who spent large sum of money for purchasing T.V. Besides, with the coming of the world cup, if this Relay centre does not function properly, a lot of troubles and problems will arise.

Besides, there are certain criticisms about the Land Used Policy. In fact, during our current session, our Hon'ble member from Sateek has pointed out that our Hon'ble Agricul-

ture Minister and other officers of Aizawl owned huge plot of land in the Darkhuang area. In the year 1984, Land Used Policy was implemented with great success, particularly in my constituency. As a result, Teak-plantations have been taken up successfully by some people. Moreover, it is incorrect to criticise our Minister and officers who owned lands in Darkhuang area. In fact, this criticism stems from jealousy. It is a fact that men are born with greed. Nevertheless, we must be cautious that our greed for wealth do not stand in the way of others. On the other hand, we must find ways for proper utilisation of these lands own by the well-to-do families. At the same time, I request these land owners to contribute their wealth and lands for the development of the lower sections of people.

Finally, Pu Speaker, I have pointed out matters concerning Lunglei and the meeting of the District Planning Board. In connection with this, I request our Ministry to utilise the 1990 - 1991 Budget in such a way so that effective steps could be taken up regarding this matter.

S P E A K E R : We will rest for sometime and assembly together again at 2 P.M.

Now, we will summon our Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Pu Vanlalngena.

PU VANLALNGENA
DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, I express my gratitude for giving me time to speak. First of all, I would like to point out that the success or failure of our state budget is clearly reflected in the public. Besides, the utilisation of the current budget, and the government's proposals for next year are highly praiseworthy. And it is a matter of satisfaction that we have Rs. 200/- crores in the Plan Budget this year, and the central government has allotted Rs. 125 crores for the coming year of all the state budget in India, Mizoram has received. The highest percentage of increment, which clearly reveals that the central government is satisfied and pleased with the achievements of our Ministry.

Another pleasing matter concerning budget is the fact that we have had budgets for the past 19 years, but looking at the conditions of our land, these budgets failed to benefit the entire public. However, under the present Ministry, our state-budget is entirely meant for promoting the poor and the needy. The disturbances in Mizoram had greatly impoverished the people, and even after 40 years of Indian Independence, our people are still living in a wretched conditions. As such, our Ministry gave due attention towards this matter and C.I. sheets have been freely distributed to more than 6114 families.

Due to the disturbances of Mizoram for 20 years, most of the people have lost proper means of livelihood, and many times, we considered ways of improving their conditions. And now, it is a great achievement to have a budget benefitting more than 8889 families who have no proper means of livelihood, and our Ministry has implemented Land used Policy thereby providing regular employment to the poor and the needy. The greatness of the Congress Ministry lies in the fact that during their power in 1984, the long awaited disturbances of Mizoram which lasted for 20 years came to

an end, ushering in a period of peace in our state, a fact which has never appeared in the Mizo History before, and a fact which will be remembered in the years to come.

The supplementary Demand clearly reflects the performance of the Ministry, because all the points considered important by the government appeared in this demand. In the years 1987, 1988 and 1989 I was in the opposition party, and we learnt that large amount of money were allotted for Motor Vehicle for the cost of one helicopter, Rs 1800 lakhs were kept aside, and out of Rs. 47 lakhs allotted for purchase of Motor Vehicle, Rs. 32 lakhs were sanctioned for Agriculture Department alone, and I criticised this fact inside this august House. However, our current supplementary demand is quite satisfactory in the sense that large amount of money have been allotted for the agriculturiers. It is a matter of satisfaction that our Hon'ble Finance Minister has pointed out in his budget speech, that top priority would be given to the lower sections of people. The New Land Used Policy under Agriculture is meant for the farmers, and under this scheme, Rs. 701 lakhs have been allotted. Besides, Rs. 118 lakhs for Vety Department, Rs 20 lakhs for Industries and Rs. 117 lakhs for Rural Hbusing have also been allotted considering all these facts, I am most grateful that a budget had been prepared for the poorer sections. Another pleasing matter is the fact that Rs 161,00,000/- for Land Development, Rs. 39,00,000/- for Supply of various kinds of seeds, Rs. 34,00,00/- for fertilizers and Rs.54,00,00/- for luxurious growth of vegetable and fruits have also been allotted. Such facts reveal our determination to develope and upgrade the lower sections of people.

Moreover, I am happy to learn from our Hon'ble Finance Minister's speech that strict Financial discipline will be enforced. As such, our budget had been utilised for their rightful purposes. Moreover, our Hon'ble Finance Minister has shown ways of going Rs.600,00,00/- more for our poor revenue. Due to the the facts mentioned above problem and hardships of the poor Villagers have been solved to a great extent. For instance, there is a regular supply of rice even to interior and remote Villages, bringing great relief to the poor Veillagers. Above all, our Hon'ble Chief Minister's speech deserves praise and admiration, in the sense that he promised to make allotments of Rs. 10,00,00,000/- for compensation alone. Undoubtely, this will bring great relief to certain families, who lost their homes and properties during the disturbances of Mizoram which lasted for about 20 years.

Besides, the achievements of the Congress Ministry is quite remarkable, because more than 500 years confiscate during the disturbances were returned to the rightful owners, and for those killed in the disturbances Rs.15,000/- were given to the next of kin matter of great satisfaction that the Congress Ministry has prepares such a budget benefitting the poorer sections of the people

Thank you.

PU F.MANGHNUN

: Pu Speaker, I am glad that we have opportunity to discuss our budget today.

Looking at our Budget book, as our Hon'ble Governor has pointe out in this august House, more emphasis is given on the Agriculture Department, and the Financial allotments on Power and Eletricity, Medical, School Education, Rural Development and Public Work Department (PWD) are very high.

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Today at the outset, I would like to extent my gratitude towards the P.H.D. Department, because like last year, they have submitted their Work Schedule in time even this year too, and I am pleased that PWD could submit their Non-Plan.

Although I am ignorant as to how the budget had been prepared by our Department leaders, it seems that there are Officers in charge of Planning and preparing budget, and accordingly the budget was prepared after the state Planning Board had a meeting with the District Planning Board. It appears that the Department of statistical and Economic Survey have proper data, and basing on this data, the Planning Department prepared the Budget. What we need is an experienced Officers specialised in budget processing. However, our current method of budget preparation is not up to the mark. Nevertheless, I am grateful that the Planning Department, the Finance Ministry and all the Departments concerned are able to complete the task of processing the budget.

I would like to point out our Plan outlay concerning two Departments. As far as the Agriculture Department is concerned, the total amount of salary component is Rs.3,93,00,000/- the total amount of work components such as Marketing facilities, River diversion, River lift irrigation and Agriculture Education is Rs.5,00,00,000/- and for Office expenditures, Motor vehicles equipment, Material supply maintenance, T.A., and other changes, the total amount is Rs.2.5 crores, and in comparison with this, the salary component is extremely high, which is almost 4 crores. but Hon'ble Chief Minister has pointed out that the Officers in Mizoram are over-Staffed. Similarly, I think that the Agriculture Department too is over-Staffed. According to the procedure of the Central Government, the difference between the works component and the salary component is quite large. But when budget is processed in Mizoram, the variation is only about one crore. Besides allotment for other charges is quite high. the total being Rs.2,50,00,000/-. Unless there is a correct proportion, even if Rs.1,14,80,00,00/- are allotted for a developing Department like Agriculture, and with a low amount for work component, most of our state funds will be absorbed for salary component alone. As such, our leaders should give more attention towards the work component, instead of staff component, With such knowledge in mind, the Planning Department should prepare our state budget in accordance with facts and data collected by the Planning Board.

Next, coming to the Police Department, with the rise of the HPC, the operation areas of the Police personnel increases, thereby demanding more expenditures. Looking at the budget this year, it appears that Rs.1,15,00,00,00/- are allotted for this Department, and unlike the previous year, allotment for modernisation appeared to be nil. In other Departments, huge amount of money, which are solely in the hands of the Department's heads, are allotted for unforeseen expenditures. But this sort of arrangement is not to be found in the Police Department, and the allotment for other charges is quite less. Hence, it is advisable if higher allotment is made for other charges, and when the budget is processed, the Government should give emphasis towards this matter. Further, I would like to suggest that after attainment of peace in our states the grouping centre should no longer appear in our budget book, and instead this should be charged to Administrative Centre.

Finally, the funds allotted for PWD is very high. In the Chhintaipui District, we have only one PWD division and many times, we have asked for another division to be set up at Lawngtlai, to which the previous Ministry has agreed to it. However, as the Peace Accord was signed, the Ministry was dissolved. But now, the same Ministry has come into power again, and I, therefore, request our Ministry to set up a new Division at Lawngtlai.

Thank you.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Ten persons from the opposition and five from the Congress have given their statements. So, from the Ruling side, only Ministers will give their statements, and from the MNF Party, all members will not be invited to speak. Now we will summon Pu Aichhinga.

PU AICHHINGA : Pu. Deputy Speaker, I am grateful to you for giving me time to speak. At the outset, I would like to point out that our Hon'ble Revenue Minister has made a slight mistake when he said that the Luangmual area was purchased at a cost of Rs 2/- per square feet. However, from our D.C. and the Director of Industry, the actual price was Rs 1/- per square feet. Therefore, our Hon'ble Minister should accept the fact that he has given a wrong information to this august House. Considering our budget speeches, it is quite pleasing to hear from our Hon'ble Finance Minister that strict financial discipline will be enforced. In fact, financial central is extremely important, and initiative actions should be taken up in this field. Besides, he has paved the way for selection of taxes on 9 different grounds. Looking at the conditions of our State, whether we are in the opposition or ruling party, our main concern should be the development and progress of our State. Hence, the actions taken up by our Hon'ble Minister is highly appreciated. At the same time, in collection of taxes, I request our Hon'ble Finance Minister and our government not to impose any burdens or problems on the lower Sections of people. Moreover, I would like to extend my gratitude towards the Staff of the Finance department for their fruitful efforts in processing the budget.

Prior to attaining a Statehood in Mizoram, our State budget was sanctioned by the Home Ministry, and we might have been a bit extravagant because there is an over-draft of Rs. 53 crores since the time of U.T. However, we should not blame one another in this matter, but we must have complete understanding that the case of over-drafting had existed long before. Moreover, during the time of U.T. various kinds of loans were made available to the public, as a result, many of them are incapable of re-paying till today. Therefore, great care should be taken as far as money-lending is concerned, and the government should have thorough checking and verification of things mortgaged, or else the government will have to face the consequences.

Another point I would like to stress is that great care should be taken as far as finance is concerned. In my opinion, matters concerning financial central had been initially neglected by our Ministry. For distribution of C.I. Sheets, funds are collected from various departments, which yields undesirable results like lending large sum of government's money to certain individuals and undoubtedly, this creates immense problems for the

Government, which could have been avoided had the government enforced the financial central right from the beginning. Nevertheless, our Hon'ble Finance Minister's speech have given hope in the field of financial control, and it will be a matter of satisfaction if the same mistake is not repeated in future.

Regarding our budget, our Hon'ble Ministers, as well as opposition members have stated that the absence of Work Schedule creates problems in our annual budget. In any case, whenever budget is processed work schedule should be presented at least by the PWD, PHE and the Power department. It is pleasing that the PHE could prepare and submit their work schedule, while the PWD submitted a Work Schedule only on Non-Plan. As a matter of fact, it is not easy to process a budget without a proper work schedule. Hence, the annual work schedule should be submitted by the different departments in order to help the MLA.

Next, what I would like to state in particular is that, plantation of squash is taken up on a wide scale at Sihphir and presently, large quantities of this vegetable is sold outside our State. Here what I would like to point is can the government find more profitable ways of selling squash outside Mizoram?

Having to the department of Trade and Commerce, we have seen the allotment for their salary in the budget, but no work schedule is shown so far. However, it appears that the duties and responsibilities of this department are to pave the way for sale of various local products to other States. But why no allotment is made in the budget to encourage such works? We have seen that Rs.1,00,000/- are merely sanctioned for travelling expense. So, my question is will this department be left as it is now?

Coming to Rural Development, matter concerning Rural Housing had been proudly stated several times. As far as the distribution of C.I. Sheets is concerned, it seems that this task is entirely taken up by the Party Block and Unit without any government's interference. However, it is far better if the government exercises control over this matter so that the poor and the needy will be benefitted by it. If not, then there can be distinction and misunderstanding between the different political parties.

Although, the aim of the government regarding New Land Used Policy is quite meritorious, there can be certain demerits, in the sense that only members of the Congress (I) Party are seemed to be benefitted by it. I do hope that this scheme will be more successful if it covers the entire public instead of few selected ones.

Next I would like to point out certain things regarding the task taken up by the P.W.D. Undoubtedly, the PWD renders valuable services in the development of Mizoram, but in spite of that the work of Supervision is not up to the mark. For instance, construction of culvert and retaining wall between Kolasib and Bairabi were started just before the election. On visiting this place, I found that the foundations were not strong enough to meet the Monsoon season. I, even advised the E.E. in charge to have spot verification. But maybe he did not follow my advice, because as the rainy season came, all the retaining walls collapsed. Therefore, as far as the work of supervision is concerned, like the central P.W.D. the Officers and the E.E. should have a spot checking of the works undertaken. This will yield a more lasting and fruitful result.

As we have heard from our Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, our Hon'ble Chief Minister has given an assurance that compensation will be granted. In fact, this compensation was scheduled to be given during the MNF Ministry. But the proposed amount which is Rs 14.8 crores were not sanctioned by the centre. It appears that there was a case of difamation here, because it was feared that granting of compensation during the MNF Ministry would strengthen the MNF Party, hence the Home Ministry refused to sanction the fund. Whatever the case may be, the compensation is solely meant for the poorer Section, who are the rightful owners of this land. So, in my opinion, we should have a than understanding that this fund is only a way of helping one another. Recently, our MNF President Pu Laldenga has informed the centre of this matter, and as a result, the central government assured that they would certainly fulfill their commitments. Hence, we do hope that the centre will soon grant the compensation, and what our Hon'ble Chief Minister had Stated will be fulfilled too.

Another pleasing matter I would like to add is that for the department of PHE at Kolasib Rs.5,00,000/- have been allotted in the current budget. As a matter of fact, Kolasib is the third largest town of Mizoram, but it is facing immense problem as far as supply of water is concerned. While Rs14 crore and Rs 16 crore have been sanctioned for Lunglei and Aizawl, only Rs 5,00,000/- have been sanctioned for Kolasib. We are grateful, but at the some time the amount sanctioned is too meagre. Besides supply of water can be easily extended beyond Kolasib, as far as Thingdawl, Kawnpui and Bualpui. Therefore, a higher amount at least Rs10 crore should be allotted for the PHE department at Kolasib.

Finally, the Health Sub-centre constructed at Bairabi sometime back is not yet opened till today. Since the place is quite unhealthy, I request the Ministry to open this centre immediately, and to appoint Doctors and Nurses in this centre.

Thank you.

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PU RUALCHHINA

: Pu Deputy Speaker, we are fortunate to have an opportunity to discuss our budget today, but at the same time it is regrettable that we have too many problems to discuss and consider.

At the outset, I would like to point out that the disturbances in Mizoram brought considerable hardships to the people and resulted in loss of lives and properties. When the Peace Accord was signed, it was agreed that compensation would be granted to all who lost their lands and properties. However, it is unfortunate that this case is not reflected enough in our budget. So, estimated amounts for compensation be granted? In the previous Ministry. The estimated amounts for compensation were Rs 48.8 crores, but these were not sanctioned by the centre. And now the need of the hour is to hasten up this matter concerning compensation, which will undoubtedly go a long way in developing our State. Moreover, this is not the responsibility of a particular party, but any Ministry ought to take up initiative and effective steps in this regard.

Besides there is a necessity to point out about Electricity since our budget fails to reflect this matter. In our present condition, we are unable to study our budget properly due to the irregularity of power-supply. In fact, this problem is faced by all localities every night, which clearly shows that regular supply of power is the urgent need of the public. It is unfortunate that Power State, proposed to be set up at Tlawng river during our Ministry is not continued or taken up by the present Ministry. I believe that work on this project would have been started, if the project on Tlawng river is taken up by the present Ministry. However, we do appreciate the other projects taken up by this Ministry, at the same time, we have high hope and expectation that if the project on Tlawng river had not been neglected, problems faced in industry and other works of life would have been solved to a great extent. In our present condition, our main progress seems to be the announcements on the Radio that there will be no power-supply in some localities, which, in fact is very disappointing. So, let us try to steer our progress towards the right direction.

The works taken up by the PHE at Lungleii and Aizawl is quite satisfactory. In spite of that, while water-supply is more than enough in some places other places, particularly the Aizawl must receive poor supply of water. This is mainly because the connecting pipes are too small. Hence, it is advisable not to ignore this matter, and since allotment is quite high in our current budget, it is suggested that the above mentioned pipes should be replaced immediately. Further, as scarcity of water increases in other places like Tanhril and Luang-mual, there was a proposal to build a reservoir in those places. So, I request our Hon'ble Minister to pay heed and note down this fact.

As far as School education is concerned, we are happy with our progress and developments. Nevertheless, an unfortunate incident occurred here. In the month of November, the High School teachers planned to organise a strike due to some grievances in their salary. Hearing this, the government left no stone unturned to stop the strike and at the same time promised to fulfill their demand. Consequently, the teachers called off their strike. However, the government failed to keep up their promises and the teacher's demand remains unfulfilled. This is a serious mistake specially for a Christian state like ours.

Next, I would like to point out a peculiar report received by me regarding education. At Tanhril, there is a separate Nepali Camp, and on their own; they established a Primary School for construction of the building, the concerned department had given financial aids. In spite of that, the building remains reafless due to shortage of fund. Meanwhile, one person from Education Department, who is in-charge of this case came here and gave order to dismantle the half constructed building. Hence, I suggest that our leaders should come and examine this case, because establishment of School in this camp is a wise thing to be encouraged. Besides, they are the minor community and our constitution ensures that the security and welfare of the minorities should be safe-guarded. So, due importance should be given towards this matter, and the roofs should be provided instead of pulling sown the building, otherwise suge amount of money will be wasted.

Coming to Revenue department, we have talked a guat deal about LSC, V.C. pass, Land acquisition and compensation, and our Hon'ble Revenue Minister has pointed out that in order to grant compensation for Industrial Growth centre, V.C. passes were already issued. However, distribution of compensation was done unevenly irrespective of the value of the lands.

Next, after obtaining a Statehood, Trade & Commerce department was created. But on reviewing our budget, it seems that no clear-cut allotment is made for this department. So, it is better to have a definite financial plan for this department, because I am affraid that this department, might be left behid.

Lastly, I would like to mention about the problems of communication here, we all know the fact that as compared with other States, system of air communication is the poorest in Mizoram. Prehaps, this might be due to the negligence of our leaders. It is unfortunate that no allotment is made in the budget for such purpose, and I would like you to keep this in mind,

Thank you.

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PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Pu Speaker, there is contentment and satisfaction in our current budget. It is a great honour that the central government has sanctioned huge amount of money to our State, for it shows the reliability of our Ministry.

I would like to express my ideal regarding the utilisation of our budget, and let me begin with matter concerning our Assembly House. The Assembly House in Mizoram is the worst among all others in India. This has been pointed out several times by our leader. The picture of our Assembly House, that appeared in Parliamentary Magazine, published in England is quite disgraceful. Therefore, it is a high time to re-construct or renovate this building. Hence, I request our leaders to make a separate proposal for renovation of the Legislative Assembly Building, and at the same time, our leaders should know the fact that our State is far behind concerning this matter,

Next, let me point out few things regarding Education. It seems that our leaders are trying hard and have taken up various steps to promote and develop this department. In fact, it is a matter of great satisfaction that Rs 1,11,60,000/- have been allotted for the Non-Government College, and I am very grateful that the Saitual College too will be greatly benefitted by this aid. Besides I believe that our leaders bear in mind that sincere efforts have to be rendered for the development of Saitual College, and I do hope that out of the fund allotted for the Non-Government College, greater part of it will be granted for Saitual College. If not, then I request our leaders to allot a huge amount for this College. Last year, leave vacancy could not be filled up due to shortage of fund, but this is not the fault of our leaders here.

Coming to matter concerning Loan to the Government Servant, Rs 4,00,00,000/- have been allotted for this purpose. Out of this amount Rs 385 lakhs have been allotted for construction of building and Rs 15 lakhs for purchase of Vehicles. As far as the order of Precedence is concerned, the MLA occupy top priority. In spite of that, the MLA's enjoy limited facilities and lack of Vehicles creates numerous problems, and many times, we requested the government to provide Vehicles to the MLA. And the government responded our request by granting loans for purchase of Vehicles to the MLAs. This certainly removed the problems faced by the MLAs as well as the government. As such, I suggest that out of Rs.4,00,000/- allotted as loans to the government's Servants, certain portion should be loaned to the Officers for purchase of Vehicles, so that they do not have to depend on the government's vehicles. Besides, huge expenditures incurred for maintenance of government's vehicles could be diverted for salaries of teachers, which will go a long way in solving the problem of shortage of teachers.

Further, the allocation of fund for Housing is too high in the Aizawl district, is it wiser and better if all the districts have equal share in this respect. Moreover, to cut down the expenditures of the government's Officers are given loan for purchase of their own Vehicles, because the Workshop often charge huge amount to the government's vehicles even in case of minor repair. So, it is a high time to trim down these heavy expenditures of the government.

As Mizoram has become a full-fledged states we have to be extremely cautious as far as expenditure is concerned. And in order to increase our revenue, Collection of taxes was encouraged. However, instead of keying taxes, it might be more meaningful if steps are taken up to cut down our expenditures, and at the same time, I request our leaders to have a serious thought our this matter. For instance, if you go to Delhi, even an Additional Secretary is entitled to use a government's Vehicle only on specific duty. So, we are a bit extravagant in our expenditure.

Regarding Industries, ZIDCO has allotted Rs 60 lakhs for grant-in-aid, and distributed Rs 299 lakhs as loan, which, in fact, is quite a big achievement, and even our Hon'ble Governor has expressed his appreciation. In spite of that, as far as the physical development is concerned, there is hardly any progress or development. Hence, I suggest that more importance should be given towards the physical development instead of merely granting large amounts of loans. For instance, we would like to set up an Industrial estate and Industrial Board Centre. In other States, these are set up away from the towns and Cities, so as not to pollute the atmosphere of the cities. But in Mizoram, Industries and Saw-mills are set up everywhere thereby resulting in air pollution, as well as disturbing the peaceful atmosphere. If all these are set up at the Industrial Estate by ZIDCO, monthly income from the enterpreneur, will repay the loans regularly. If I am not mistaken, ZIDCO is faced with numerous problems due to irregular payment of loans. Therefore, more priorities should be given towards the physical development, so that income will be more regular.

Moreover, in my opinion, granting of loan should be encouraged in the Village too, although there is an argument that no viable Industries are found in the Villages. Nevertheless, Specialists and experts could be sent to the Villages to chalk out Schemes for Setting up of Industries. When an Industrial Advisor from Delhi came to Aizawl, he produced certain models, and so, our Officers too can perform research works and guide the Villagers in this field.

It seems the K.V.I. is functioning well particularly in my constituency, as it is planning to set up a Sugar Mill. The Institution of K.V.I. is set up in accordance with the Gandhian principle, where labours are considered to be intensive. As such, funds allotted to them is very meagre, and so their scheme too is small.

Hence, I request our leaders to note down the fact that this institution needs the assistance of the State in their various developments, so that the Sugar Mill proposed to be set up at Saitual and other Schemes of the K.V.I. will be successful. Besides, the All India pattern of Intensive Labour will have to be altered in the K.V.I. of Mizoram, due to scarcity of labour here. In my opinion, if the pattern is changed from Intensive Labour to Intensive Machinery, the proposed Sugar Mill and various other Schemes could be fulfilled. Further, the Schemes and aims of the K.V.I. will have far reaching effects if the government gives administrative approval and grant-in-aid to the K.V.I.

It is a matter of satisfaction that Rs 170 lakhs have been allotted for Rural Housing Project. Looking at the population of Mizoram, about 70% reside in the Rural area. In the Urban area, Rs 400/- lakhs have been allotted as loans to the government's Servants. I think it is better to divert these loan to the rural area since the population is more. As far as the Housing Project is concerned, the Villagers should be given top priorities, because they are not well-off financially, and construction of Houses is a big problem to them. And we, the representatives of 70% population think that there is no equitable distribution in the loan to the government's Servants. Hence, granting of loans should be done on the basis of population, so that there can be equitable distributing.

It is a pleasing matter that allocation of fund is made to each department. However, we have to be very careful in exercising the fund. Regarding PHE department in my constituency the water tanks under the Rain water harvesting scheme is not functioning. So, considering the huge expenditure, there is not much gain and benefit. As such, it is better to keep away all the water tanks, and introduce gravitation system under the Rain water harvesting Scheme.

Finally, last year, a Planning Board was set up, and we expected that the members would be involved in planning the Budget, and that our policy would be reflected in the budget. Nevertheless, we were hardly summoned for such purpose. It was only a day before submitting the Budget to the centre that we were summoned for a meeting, and were given 1000 pages of the proposed budget. Practically, there was no time to charge or make amend in the budget. Henceforth, the meeting of the Planning Board should be made more meaningful by pening an opportunity to discuss the government's policy, developments and other important matters. In any case, our budget is quite satisfactory and it seems that the centre too has enough confidence on our Ministry as it granted huge amount of money.

Thank you.

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PU TAWNLUIA

: Pu Deputy Speaker, at the outset, I would like to extend my gratitude to have an opportunity to discuss our budget today.

From the budget Speech of our Hon'ble Finance Minister, there is one pleasing matter to be pointed out from paragraph two (2), and that is the steps taken up in order to control and lay out certain restrictions in the utilisation of funds, which include restriction on immediate filling up of vacant posts and creating of new posts, to organise regular checking of each department by the Head Account, to reduce the cost of furnishing Government's Houses and to take actions against misuse of funds. However, looking at the Revised Estimate and Budget Estimate of 1990-91, it is unfortunate that the budget has been prepared wrongly. For instance, while the furnishing materials for government's houses are to be reduced, the P.W.D. department has demanded Rs 35 lakhs for furnishing materials. Our Ministry came into power just last year, and we do understand that it is necessary to renovate the Minister's Bungalow and the government's Officers' quarters. In spite of that, to allot Rs 35 lakhs for furnishing seems to be a waste of money.

Besides, the aim of the government is to put restrictions on filling up of vacant posts and creating of new posts. But if we look at the R.E. the demanded amount for Salary alone is quite high. Our Hon'ble Minister-in-charge too has read out that the government's aim is to control and restrict expenditures. But our budget fails to reflect any of these matters. So, it is better if our Ministers review our budget.

Further, regular checking of cash accounts of various departments is extremely necessary, and it is of utmost importance to take disciplinary actions against officials found to be responsible for financial irregularities. Recently our Hon'ble Chief Minister has assured this august House that if any irregularities are found in the distribution of fund under the Land used policy, such matter will be taken up immediately.

Looking back, since the time of the District Council till today, all our Ministers have been following the wrong direction. And if we do not mind our ways, we will always be left far behind our neighbouring States. The people form the government and the government officials are the servants in that government who will serve the public. Instead, it is the public who are trying to serve and please the government officials fail to realise their responsibilities. Therefore, it is necessary that leaders of the government should be brave enough to take actions against. At the same time, I request our Ministry to keep its eyes open in this matter.

During the short period of the MNF Ministry, Estimate scheme was made to widen the Road between Bawngkawn-Ramhlun and Chandmary. This was not taken seriously by some journalists and others as some private lands would have to be destroyed. Although, we are deeply concerned with this matter, we had strong determination to carry out our Scheme as long as it is for the good and welfare of the public. However, it is a great injustice to show any partialities. Hence I request our affective steps in the field of controlling and checking the finance, and I remind our leaders to fulfill what we have seen and heard in the budget speech.

Regarding our budget, unlike the statements of our Hon'ble Members Before me, our current budget does not seem to have any beneficial effect on the lower sections of people. If we look at paragraph (3) of Budget Estimate for 1990-91, we see the various sources, where the government expects to get certain income. However, levy of taxes is likely to bring difficulties for some people. For instance, Bus fares and the cost of Liring vehicles will be increased, and from these increments, Rs 20 lakhs are expected to be gained. Not only that, Bill for electricity is increased from 91 paise per Unit to 105 paise. So, a close observation of the budget show that the public, particularly the lower section will surely suffer. As such, it is my conviction that the poorer sections will be at case if the ogvernment prohibits any forms of price rise and increment of taxes.

The professional tax, Trade tax, calling and Employment tax that appeared in Page 4 of our Hon'ble Finance Minister's speech are quite acceptable. It is a pleasing matter that Rs 90 lakhs are expected from the taxes of thinking materials. It is my desire that natured teak tree, fit for chopping down should be fores department, so that Rs 1,00,00,000/- could be expected from this business, instead of the estimated Rs 90,00,000/- Besides, this type of trade do not have any a verse, affect on the lower section of people. From the budget bood, we see that the estimated income for renting the 16 bull-dozers, belonging to Agriculture Department for the year 1990-91 is Rs 1,00,00,000/-. In my opinion, this should be wiped out from the budget book. In the present day, steps have been taken up to promote Land Used policy, wet dry cultivation and so on. If these Bull-dozers are utilised instead of renting them out, more 10 lakhs could be expected within a year. So, these 16 Bull-dozers not be merely rented out, and more profitable ways should be considered by our leaders.

Further, from page 4 of our Hon'ble Finance Minister's speech, Rs 1 1/2 crore is the estimated amount from State Lottery. Her has our Ministry forgotten the fact that decision was made to step the state Lottery in consultation with our Synod Leaders, since any forms of Lottery is against the Bible and the rules of our Churches.

Regarding the distribution of C.I. sheets, our Hon'ble member before me has pointed out that last year, Rs 1,70,00,000/-, and this year Rs 1,70,00,000/- are allotted for this purpose. Looking back at the budget of '88-'89, we see that a total amount of Rs 2,50,00,000/- were collected from 10 different departments, and these were utilised for C.I. sheets. As a result, same departments had to give up their work schedules as their funds were diverted towards the distribution of C.I. Sheets. However, this distribution alone neither make the people self-sufficient nor bring any stability. Instead it is important to utilise more funds for Cultivation of our lands. Moreover, it is learnt that houses without C.I. Sheets roofing will not be given electricity. Under such circumstances, the poorer sections will be pushed further down, and this will certainly weaken their minds and destroy their confidence. Besides the distribution of C.I. sheets does not cover the whole public, but is meant only for the supporters of Congress party. Hence, the distinction between political parties destroy our trust and confidence over our leaders. Undoubtedly, supporters of any parties are the backbone of the parties. Nevertheless, none of us can be regarded as patriot if we give preferences to our party workers at the expense of the people. Besides, misunderstanding between different political parties creates problems and hardships for us. I do believe that we should all stand united against any forms of injustice.

Finally, Pu Speaker, I would like to point out few things regarding supply and Agriculture. In paragraph 3 of our Hon'ble Governor's address, we see that 54,000 tons of rice were produced during '89-'90, and the production of rice is likely to increase by 5,000. In the meantime, supply and R:E seems to be increasing too. So, the agricultural products and the basic needs do not seem to agree. According to the statement of our Ministry and the concerned department, the monthly requirement of rice is about 7,500 quintals. In such cases, the yearly products of rice does not seem to bring any benefits. As much as 67,000 tons of rice were purchased last year, So, I request our Hon'ble Supply Minister and Agriculture Minister to probe into this matter more thoroughly. Besides, half the population seem to depend on the local products of rice. Yet, sufficient amount of rice is being purchased from outside and the local products seems to be meaningless. Hence, it is important that our Hon'ble Minister should carry out a thorough investigation of this matter.

Thank you.

PU HARI KRISTO CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak and let me begin with matters concerning my constituency.

The Accounts & Treasury department which was set up at Tlabung, was withdrawn again, thereby creating numerous problems for the Public as well as the government. Why is this withdrawn and is there any way of setting up this department again immediately ?

Pu Speaker, regarding Legislative Assembly, the M.L.A. Hostel is deprived of many facilities. For instance, only one telephone is installed, which is placed at the ground floor. So, it will be a matter of satisfaction if telephone Extension could be placed in the M.L.A. Hostel. At the same time, I request our leaders to consider this case.

Next, coming to Education department, there are two High Schools in my constituency, one is private and the other is deficit high School. The results of these Schools are quite satisfactory. Yet, till date, they have not been provincialised, and I will be most grateful if steps are taken up in this direction. Besides, many of our problems will be solved if Education sub-division is set up here along with Sub-divisional Education Officer. As the communication system is poor, the works of drawing and disbursing could be performed here thereby decreasing the hardships of the local people. Moreover, only one teacher is employed in the Schools. In case of sickness or when the teachers go to Lunglei to collect their salaries, the Schools have to be closed down. As such, it will be a pleasing matter if more teachers and a Sub-divisional Education Officer could be employed. Regarding Adult Education, there is only one organiser at Chawngte, and among the Chakmas there are many illiterates. So Tlabung Constituency should be given due attention in this respect.

We will be very grateful if the Agriculture Department can give us one Bull-dozer, because WRC is widely practiced here and various kinds of vegetables are always transported to Lunglei.

Besides the T.V. centre functions regularly only for Aizawl and Lunglei, and most of the Villages get transmission either from Bangladesh or Burma. So, the entire public will be happy if the whole of Mizoram could get the national transmission regularly.

Pu Speaker, let me point out few things regarding the Medical department. At Aizawl these are efficient Doctors of various branches like homoeopathic Doctor, Ayurvedic Doctor etc. If such Doctor are appointed by the government in the Villages, it will be very helpful particularly for the poorer sections.

Previously, the athletes of Mizoram were not fit enough to participate outside. But now, it is a great achievement for us to get gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in various national competitions. However, in my constituency, there is no sports complex. So, I earnestly request our leaders to set up a sports complex in my constituency.

Next, coming to matters concerning one Assembly House, now, we have attained a Statehood. In spite of that, room for Estimate Committee and PAC is too small. It will be very disgraceful if any persons to attend a committed. So, Pu Speaker, is there a way of extending this room or Selling up a new committee room? Further, the Library Room is too small to accomidate 40 MLAs. Hence, it is also necessary to enlarge this room.

Pu Speaker, power-supply is very irregular at Tlabung, and since this is a warm place, it is our Strong desire that there should be power-supply for 24 hours, so that electric fan could be used during day time.

Members from the opposition have given excellent statements. Now the Congress party has been in power for a year, and during this time, the Ministry chalked out many, Plans, which cannot be immediately fulfilled. For instance, greater water Supply scheme will have to be taken up slowly, and proposal for Land Unused Policy is fully prepared now. The opposition should Co-operate with the ruling party in order to make the people of Mizoram Self-sufficient.

Pu Speaker, although telephone is placed at Tlabung, it is meaningless because STD cannot be operated. So, I request our Ministry to give telephone to each department at Tlabung, and to gnable the utilisation of STD.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, as the communication system is poor, it will be a pleasing matter if black topping of the Chawngte roads could be undertaken by the government. Jai Hind.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, at the outset I would like to point out that several plans and schemes have been made, but here, the most important thing is to utilise the funds for their rightful purposes, because misuse of funds disgrace the Ministry and block the progress and development of our State. During our shourt Ministry, we repeatedly reminded each department the season for their existence. In the present day, our monality is such that Christianity dows not seem to have any reflection on our lives. For instance, pointing out about weight and reasures, while paying for 5kgs of meat, what you get will be even less than 4kgs.

Moreover, it is wrong if our workers' performance is not in accordance with our plans and proposals. And it is an act of ignorance if any Ministers so not take action against the departments that fail to serve the purposes for which they are created. Undoubtedly, all the Ministers are fully aware of their responsibilities, and to have this awareness, one has to play an active role in the fields of work to which they are responsible. Whether the funds allotted are meagne or more, meximum utilisation will bring progress and development to our State.

We fully appreciate the increment of funds in various departments, but at the same time, it is disheartening to learn that in my constituency, the concerned MLA do not have anything to say in this matter. Besides, it is wrong that the Draft Annual Plan of the P.W.D. is beyond our reach, and hence forth, such crisis should not arise. The reason why I mentioned this is that in response to my question, our Hon'ble Chief Minister answered in a written Statement that the road between the Post office and Pu Thangliana's residence is not yet made into a Jeepable road, hence work is not yet taken up. In fact, for the above purpose Rs two lakhs and 30 thousand have been allotted in the 1988 Non-Plan. And since 31st March 1989, Rs 98000/- have been utilised as it appears in Non-Plan. However, at present, the remaining amount is only Rs 50 thousand. So, I request our Hon'ble Chief Minister to consider and undertake this work sincerely.

It will be a pleasing matter if black topping of the road around I.T.I. area could be completed by the government, since this is not completed by the concerned contractor.

Preservation of wild life has been discussed several times, and under the present situation, it is of utmost importance to educate the public in this field. This year 2001 guns have been issued. Perhaps, this will lead to destruction of wild life. If there is a co-ordination between different departments provided that each department is aware of their responsibilities, certainly, there will be some progress in the preservation of wild life.

Apart from the task of preserving wild life, lakhs of rupees have been utilised for setting up fish ponds in Mizoram. However, it will be cheaper and more convenient if the fishes in the rivers are strictly preserved by the government. I am certain that there can be rapid development if the natural resources of our state is wisely used by the government.

Moreover, our attempt to obtain compensation is marked by greed, which is very much against our faith. Besides, recommendations of one's own party should be discouraged.

It is learnt that the Revenue department has given sites for housing to the poorer sections. During the MNF Ministry, it was discovered that many private lands were wasted, because the owners feared that the V.C. pass issued to them might be cancelled by the government. If such land owners are given Permanent settlement, they can utilise their lands for rearing of animals, which will enable them to earn a living. At the beginning of the MNF Ministry, issuing of Land-Passes was prohibited. This does not do mercy over the poorer sections, but it wanted to bring a proper settlement of such lands. It is quite unreasonable to merely distribute lands simply because it is recommended by the Party workers. Hence, this matter needs a more careful consideration.

Lastly, I would like to remind our Hon'ble Health Minister about the absence of proper medicines in Civil Hospital, In fact, this had been pointed out by our Hon'ble Member from Ngopa. I have seen it with my own eyes that the near by canteen serves more purposes. It is a fact that our leaders have given wrong informations ? If so, then this is a great mistake.

Pu Spéaker, it seems that we are likely to have an opportunity to give our suggestions regarding allocation of funds, work sbhedule etc. As such, I request our Hon'ble Ministers to give importance to our suggestions and proposals.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will call our Hon'ble Finance Minister, and our Hon'ble Chief Minister will wind up on behalf of us.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am pleased to hear an interesting speeches from our Hon'ble Members. As stated by our Hon'ble Speaker, when the Demand is discussed, matters concerning the various departments will be Stated by the concerned Minister. So, I will not give a detailed statement.

There are many erroers in our current budget, the matter is deeply regretted and I hope our Hon'ble Members would understand this mistake. As a matter of fact, budget cannot be prepared in advance as our largw parts of finance came from Delhi, and usually it reaches our State quite late. In the month of February, representatives of our State were summoned for a discussion with the Planning commission, and Rs 125 crores were granted for Mizoram after which sectoral Allottment was prepared to be approved by the Planning Commission. Then the Department Plan was prepared, and the budget could be passed only after the Plan was theroughly checked by the Planning Commission. At present, certain number of department Plans are not yet finalised.

The Statements made by our Hon'ble members regarding the maximum utilisation of funds on the rightful purposes is fully agreed by the government. And keeping this in mind, the government has chalked our several proposals, and the sbheme on Loc too was made with a view to regulate our expenditures. However, the government intends to make a slight change in this scheme. As one of our Hon'ble members has Stated, the rightful owner of the government's money and properties is the public, and leaders in the government are only custodians of the funds and properties. Hence, the most important thing for the public as well as the government's leaders is to treat these funds and properties as our own.

One of our Hon'ble members has pointed out that the finance and Planning department is the main obstacle that stands in the way of development in Mizoram. In reality, the backbone of development in our State is the Finance department. Besides, finance and Planning department have been subjected to lots of criticisms because each critic is concerned about the welfare of their own departments. But as a Minister, we have to look into the Welfare of the whole Mizoram, which creates misunderstanding on the part of the public. For instance, the number of government's vehicles are more than enough as assessed by the Finance Department. In spite of that, there are more applications for purchase of departmental vehicles. Similarly our Hon'ble Chief Minister has Stated that considering the population proportion, Mizoram is one of the States having most government employees. Yet, there are many proposals for creation of more posts. In such a way, each department is aware of its own welfare and needs. Therefore, this Ministry intends to go on with great care, and whatever funds available will be carefully utilised. During the MNF Ministry, I was informed by one Hon'ble MLA that in the western side of Mizoram, a contractor, who undertakes construction of roads sold his piece of work in a Sub-contract system for Rs 12 lakhs. I do believe that such action could be accepted by none of our members. However, such ever cannot be corrected within just overnight, and the government is determined to render its best efforts in removing all corruptions and I request our Hon'ble member to lend a helping hand in this task.

One of our Hon'ble members has pointed out that most of the funds in Mizoram are utilised outside. This is true to a certain extent, because Mizoram is a developing state and most of the material are purchased from outside.

One of our Hon'ble members suggested that collection of taxes should be done in such a way that the poorer sections are relieved by it. As a matter of fact, the intention of this Ministry is not to levy huge amount of taxes on the lower sections of people. And matter concerning inefficiency in work supervision is being taken up by the government.

Coming to matter concerning the Salary of judges, since a definite pay scale of the judges is not yet known, the judges in Mizoram is presently given a tentative pay-scale. Besides, one of our Hon'ble members has pointed out about the poor system of administration. However, I would like to remind our members that steps are being taken up in order to enforce the existing rules of the government.

One of our Hon'ble members does not seem to agree the diversion of fund. But sometimes, this cannot be avoided due to unforeseen circumstances. Anyway, we are trying to avoid diversion of fund as much as possible.

According to the statement of one of our Hon'ble members, granting of loans seem to be the main cause of inefficiency in revenue. To some extent, this is true. But on the other hand, loans are given with a view to bring progress and development in our State. One of our Hon'ble members suggested that financial allotment should be made to the two banas in Mizoram, such as the Apex Co-operative Bank and the urban development Bank. Nevertheless, since banks are the instruments of development gives them aid as found necessary.

One of our members alleged that things are done so as to create difficulties among the government officials. Hence, I request our Hon'ble members to report such cases, if any, so as to be considered by the government.

Besides, it was pointed out by one of our Hon'ble members that Lunglei constituency should be given special attention. In fact, it is the intention of our Ministry to give top priorities to the Villages, and proposals are being made for such purpose.

Further, we have no intention of reducing the salary of our Staff and other works component. There is a proposal that instead of creating new posts, the funds available at present should be utilised for other necessary purposes.

In response to the statement of our Hon'ble member regarding the purchase of C.I Sheets, at the end of the year, financial condition is checked by the government, and the C.I Sheets were purchased from the remaining sum.

Moreover, matter concerning granting of Car loan to the government officials will be duly considered by the government. The last meeting of the Planning Board was hastily organised. This Board has 20 members with our Hon'ble Chief Minister as the Chairman. These members include 7 MLAs and other prominent persons. The Planning Department is not guided by its own ideas, but works hand in hand with the Planning Board.

Besides, expenditures for maintenance of government quarters is still high, because each year, government buildings increase, and provisions have to be made for their maintenance.

Now, I will give a general statement of our current budget. In the year 1989-90, we had a deficit of Rs 59.47 crore. Towards the end of the year, this deficit is likely to be Rs 65.26 crore. The current Plan out-lay are Rs 125 crores, and last year the Plan out-lay were Rs 102 crores, and the

increment here is Rs 22-54%. As directed by the central government, although the 7th Five year Plan will be ended just next year, the 8th Plan will be prepared in August or September. The existing scheme will be continued. In our budget, Rs 53,000/- are allotted for the centrally sponsored scheme. In 1989-90, Rs 228-73 crore are allotted for the Non-Plan expenditure, and next year, Rs 212.40 crore will be allotted for the same purpose. This allotment was made in order to clear off our debt. Last year, each department was asked to reduce their expenditure by 25 %, travelling expense was asked to be reduced by 20%. And for the coming year, we decided to put certain restrictions in this regard. Between 1990-91 our main aim will be to fulfill the existing schemes.

As inspired by the central government, small savings will be given encouragement, and we expect to collect 5.35 crore in small savings for, the coming year and our share in this scheme will be Rs 4 crore.

A report of the 9th Finance Commission will be handed over to the President in December, and later, this report will be opened at the Parliament. It is a great advantage to have a Mizo member in this Commission. According to their calculation, the Revenue deficit of Mizoram for the next 5 years will be Rs 10,00,0000,017/-. Last year, Rs 153.19, Rs 74.75 crore are recommended for us, and for 1990-91, Rs 74.75 crore are recommended by the Finance Commission, Rs 1,10,00,00,000.49/-, which were loaned to us were written-off. Apart from this, the Finance Commission recommended Rs 10,00,000/- for next year in order to clear off our debt. Besides, the Finance Commission recommended fund for natural calamities, and for this purpose, the centre will allot Rs 75,00,000/- and Rs 25,00,000/- will be allotted by our State. According to our budget, the total amount of our various demands is more than Rs 4,03,00,00,000/-, which was stated as Rs 394.42 crores by me, and the remaining 403 is the gross. In our demand for a year, there is a difference between the gross figure and the net.

Thank you.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, from the Statements
CHIEF MINISTER of our Hon'ble Finance Minister
as our members, it is a matter
of satisfaction that each of us
is deeply concerned with our current budget, and our members have given good suggestions. It is a pleasing matter that we are marching forward with a spirit of unity.

I will not be able to react to the various statements made by our leaders, nevertheless, I will try to stress the important points, and if my statement is found to be inadequate, then our members will have the discussion of our demands, Today, I would like to point out before our Hon'ble members that in order to relieve our financial crisis, a committee from the centre came to Mizoram and made suitable recommendations, and our leaders left

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no stone unturned in order to impress the Deputy Chairman. As a consequence, the central government has accepted the Committee's report, the good news reached our ears just yesterday. Hence, we hope to obtain about 30 crores more, and at present, a commissioner is being sent to examine this matter. Besides, according to the report of the Finance Commission, the status of our State in per capita transfer is quite high as compared to our neighbouring States like Nagaland, Arunachal, Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya and Sikkim.

Pu Speaker, our Hon'ble members are very concerned about the absence of PWD Work Schedule. of course, it is our wish to be able to inspect the work schedules of each department. On the other hand, if work Schedules are submitted prior to passing the budget, this can give rise to certain arguments, and can even be regarded as contempt of the House. So, the work schedules were not presented due to this reason. Besides, presentation of work schedules is not an obligation for each department. Further, work scheme are presented in the Plan for all to see. So, the government cannot be criticised or condemned as far as this matter is concerned. Looking from this point of view, it is not necessary for all the departments to submit their work-schedules. And I would like to point out this fact before our members.

I would like to mention certain things concerning the MPs. It is the desire of the government not to make any distinction regarding the services, security and welfare of each department. However, to a great extent, the strength and efficiency of the departments greatly influence the opinion and decision of the DPC, besides, the service category cannot be the same for all, Moreover, the grievances of these, who do not draw the same pay scale as their counterparts are well taken care of we have met the different Associations, and their cases are being considered now. The post of S.P. (Wireless) cannot be taken up either by I.P.S. nor M.P.S., because this is highly technical in nature. Besides, the post of S.P. is not yet created in the fire service. Anyway, the points raised by one of our Hon'ble members on this matter will be duly taken into account.

Our Hon'ble members have repeatedly Stated about the failure of the Hydel Project Power, this is beyond our capacity and control. We receive 6 M.W. and 5 M.W. from NEEPCO and AECB respectively, and this supply is very irregular since 3rd March. In order to make the public understand about this problem, a Press release is being issued at the moment. Moreover, the Bairabi Hydel Project is not neglected neither by the MNF nor the PC Ministry. In fact, this Project has been initiated when Pu CH. Chhunga was the Chief Minister, the area was surveyed and a house was constructed for the workers. Both the P.C. and the M.N.F. Ministry rendered valuable services to complete this project. Initially, the estimated cost for the project was Rs 247 crores. This was found to be less. So, it was decided to raise the estimated cost to Rs 252 crores in consideration with the price level of 1987. This project is expected to generate 120 Meghawatts.

However, owing to problems of environment and forest clearance, the NHPC advised us to make this project into a Multi-purpose project. If the project is turned into a Multi-purpose project, then the estimated will have to be shared by various departments, such as 60% from Ministry of Energy, 16% from Rural development, 14% from Ministry of Forest & Environment, 25% from Ministry of Supply & Transport and 30% from Ministry of Water Resources, and the project scheme is to be prepared by the Mizoram government. Due to the strictness of the central Ministry, the task of preparing the scheme was very difficult for the Mizoram Development and forest departments. Moreover, during our previous Ministry we received an information from the Environment & Forest Ministry prohibiting the clearance of environment and forests. Even our Hon'ble Ministers took this matter to Delhi. But renewing of this Scheme is beyond our capacity, and at present, our Ministry is trying to make this scheme at least into Hydel Power Project. In Mizoram, the projection cost of Diesel operation is Rs 2.50. This will come down to Rs 1.53 if the Scheme is made into Hydel Project. However, a difficulty arose. When a decision was made to change the scheme into a Multipurpose project, because Forest clearance is not permitted by the Forest & Environment department. This matter is not reflected in the Speeches of our Hon'ble Governor and Finance Minister because, this is a known fact for the people in Mizoram that the project is purely for the development of our State. As a matter of fact, C.A. clearance has been obtained for the project at Serlui 'B' and the Power Department is making a great effort for the Saiha Division. Nevertheless, our budget do not reflect this particular subject since the fund for this purpose is to be allotted by the N.E.C. and not by the Central or State governments. In any case, work on this project will seem to be started. In the mean time, certain troubles and confusions are likely to arise as many persons without proper pass are claiming for compensation. Besides this, works on Mini-Hydel project at Tuivai and Ngawr are in full swing. These projects are expected to generate 70 megawatt.

Our Hon'ble Member from Khawzawl Pu Tawnluia's statement regarding levy of taxes in Mizoram is quite agreeable. As such, it is our desire that levy of taxes should not bring any hardship to the poorer section, and the same desire is sum even in the central budget. In spite of that, in order to raise our revenues, taxes on various commodities have to be increased, and to some extent, the lower classes will be affected by it. If we look at Sales Tax Act, the taxable items include only luxury items, but in the ultimate analysis, the poorer sections are bound to be affected by it, which is an unavoidable case. Hence, our leaders ought to understand the fact that, this is the way to our own stability and progress.

Regarding granting of Bonus, if Mizoram is a highly developed state, giving of Bonus is a pleasant task for us. However, under the present circumstances, while poverty knocks the doors of countless families, the centre too will not agree to give Bonus to these who receive regular income. This does not mean that we are neglecting the Government's Servants. In fact, to show our concern for them, we are trying to find ways of granting the Bonus, specially to those holding lower posts, and in Police Department, they are given 13 months pay. Whatever, the case may be, I want our leaders to understand the fact that Bonus is not totally rejected by us, but we too are eagerly waiting for the day when bonus could be enjoyed by all government's servants.

I think you Hon'ble member from Kelasib is misinformed about matter concerning compensation. We all know the fact that this had been passed in our budget and we have drawn out about Rs 14 crores. Moreover, we learnt that the MNF Housing had been distributed and the List could be seen at the Government's record. Anyway, we learnt that the fund for compensation was deposited at the settle Bank under the capital Account. During elections, various parties utilise this matter as political issue to gain more votes. However, prior to signing Peace Accord, we never raised this matter since we knew that this was an impossible thing to do. And with the down of Peace Era in Mizoram, we took up this matter. Hence, in the election of 1987, we stated about the possibility of granting compensation, the amount of which is not yet known. But it is our aim to be able to distribute after two or three months. At the same time, certain days will be required in order to detect and clarify all the facts collected so far. Moreover, is not a matter to be reflected in the Budget sponsored scheme. But it is purely the ideas of our leaders. (Pu Tawnluia - Is the fund for the damage of Aizawl town and the compensation to be given seperately?) - The list is made clearly. For instance, MNF Housing, Aizawl, Laituitlang etc.

Matter concerning Opposition Leader has been pointed out by our Hon'ble member Pu J. Thanghuama, from Aizawl West 1. As a matter of fact, none is fit for opposition Leader when the Congress party is in power. During the Janata government, many Congress men were elected, so Pu Chauvan was announced as the opposition Leader. In the Parliament, the Congress party has the largest number of members, therefore, Pu Rajiv Gandhi is recognised as the opposition Leader, which is the same State as the cabinet Minister. Even in our State, we nominate Opposition Leader without any official recognition, and I too have held this post for three times. Anyway, we keep this nomination entirely in the hands of the ruling party. But in our case, we try to follow rules and conventions as far as possible. Accordingly, the PAC Chairman is from the opposition Status is conferred to the opposition Leader, similar facilities will be given to him. In my opinion, it will be a pleasing matter if this procedure is followed by any ruling parties. During my period as the opposition leader, I was never given such treatment, but no complain was launched by me.

However, onw of my grievances is that being the opposition Leader of the Teen Murti House and member of the Finance Commission, my status was Minister of State in the central government, which is just below the State Chief Minister in hiererchy. In spite of that, on my second visit, I was refused lodging in the Mizoram House. In the Mizoram House at Chanakyapuri, self and my wife occupied a room next to Pu J.Thanghuama. Since a V.I.P. (Minister) was going to arrive, we were asked to vacate the nigh. Such humility will not be imposed by us.

There is a statement that partiality prevails in the distribution of C.I. Sheets. Let me cite an example in this case. The just ripen fruits will be enjoyed by the owner of an orchard, later the rest will be distributed among the neighbourhood. In the same way, distribution of C.I. sheets is made firstly to the Congress supporters, and the rest to come will be certainly obtain by others. Hence, there is no sign of partiality.

Matter concerning Sedium Vapour Sight was mentioned by our Hon'ble members Pu J.Thanghuama and Pu Zosiama. This cannot be set up at all places simultaneously. A round Sikulpuikawn area, the LAD is planning to set up the same one set up by the MNF. According to our instruction, this Light will be set up near the residence of our Hon'ble member Pu J.Thanghuama.

Besides, fitting of Red Light in any cars is incorrect. For this reason, we have issued an instruction either to change it to regular size or to stop using the red Light unless they are entitled to do so. St present, it is difficult to distinguish between Government and private vehicles. So, we issued an order that Red Light be fitted in all the government's Vehicles.

Regarding train Services, the target of the centre is to enable trains to reach as far as Bairabi before the end of March, but this has been further extended till April. And great efforts is being made in order to complete the rail-tracks between Kolabis and Bairabi. As our Hon'ble member from Kolasib had stated, Supervision is for from satisfaction. Due to this reason, we instructed the P.W.D. E.E. and the field Staff to carry out a spot-supervision, and we hope that things will improve gradually. (Pu Tawnluia-If train arrives in April, will it reach as far as hefe ? In any case, Pu Speaker, train will not have to cross Tlawng river. At present, bridge is being constructed at Teirei viver connecting Zamuang and Bairabi. For construction of bridge over Tlawng river, financial allotment has been made for the purpose of investigation and survey, and proposals are being made to strengthen the Mar-boat at Tlawng river,

Responding to the statements of our Hon'ble members, there are many things to be done prior to making the Thunglei road into National or State highways, same is the case of Mamit road. Since certain days are required to prepare these roads, and since the roads cannot be closed down, we decided to give proper maintenance of these roads.

Matter concerning High School Teachers had been pointed out by our Hon'ble member from Aizawl West 11. These teachers were in no way deceived by us. We are still fully aware of our cabinet Memorandum, but we are barred by financial crises, and I have met the teachers and informed them of our financial problem, they seemed to understand and we are very grateful to them.

We are deeply concerned with the welfare, security and salary of the Government's Servants. As we all know, the recommendations of the Pay Anomaly Committee seem to create more grievances instead of solving them. So, we set up a Review Committee, which, according to their reports were able to bring only minor adjustments. The Cabinet accepted their reports, and operation will commence from 1st April. Nevertheless, we soon learnt that all the grievances would not be solved by such reports. Therefore a Pay Commission is being set up at present.

Regarding the point raised by our Hon'ble member from Aizawl South 1, I would like to clarify that this point is being re-negotiated now and the outcome is not yet known. Perhaps, this matter is misunderstood because matter concerning construction of roads between the Post Office and Rithangliana's residence is not included in the supplementary question.

Our Hon'ble member Pu Tawnluia from Khawzawl had pointed out that our aims like limitation of post creation, financial restriction and curtailment of wasteful expenditure have all been neglected. In certain sense, this is true. But on the other hand, if a project is to be set up, it is necessary to create a new Division, set up new guest House and so on. So one thing leads to another, and furnishing cannot be done without provision. At the same time, we maintain strict discipline as far as job-creation is concerned. In the field of Food and Civil supply, the administrative system is far from satisfaction. The sale proceed is in the hand of the A.O. who has no regard for the Inspectors. So, since the beginning of our Ministry, we repeatedly requested to appoint person from the concerned department. But our request is not yet granted till date, due to the fact that our state is included in the 4 identify the over-staff departments, annul responsibility was given to the DP & AR. Hence, we decided not to create new posts as far as possible. But there are at times when circumstances compel us to create new posts. For instance, when the Serlui 'B' Project is taken up and a new Additional C.E. will be needed in the Power department. Without this new creation, our taxes will surely suffer. So, in our budget, we have to reflect such salary.

One of our members has pointed out about Forest Reservation in Tlabung, and that large quantities of Bamboo are being transported to Bangladesh. This is wrong and the matter need thorough investigation.

Many of our members have shown deep concern over the social reforms. It is learnt that many miscreants in our society are turning towards religion and a new life. As such, it is the responsibility of the government to give employment and take care of their welfare, and I had talked with our Hon'ble Social Welfare department concerning this matter. At the same time, financial aid to the oldies is being raised from Rs 60/- to Rs 100/-.

Moreover, Rs 5000/- to 7000/- will be necessary for maintenance of home for the old people. Besides, setting up of this home sums to go against our society. So, if the homeless old people are placed in the hands of the Y.M.A. in each locality, it might be more honourable and wasteful expenditure can be avoided. In this connection, I request all members to bring forward certain suggestions.

As a conclusion, I would like to point out that many points might not have been mentioned by me, but our Hon'ble members will certainly have an opportunity to point them out again during the discussion of various demands. The active Co-operation of our opposition members had given me great inspiration. It is a matter of satisfaction that our discussion of various demands. The active Co-operation of our opposition members had given me great inspiration. It is a matter of satisfaction that our discussions had been an inspiring one in all aspects. Our Almighty has showered his grace upon us. As Stated by one of our Hon'ble members, none of us is perfect, and it is my strong desire that the Blessing of God should be shared by all. The wonderful help of God is clearly seen in our Society, for the works of Social reforms have been taken up with tremendous success. Moreover, to usher in peace in our State, our leaders gave up their prestigious Status and the impact of Holy Spirit is clearly seen in all parts of Mizoram. The restoration of Peace and prosperity in our State rests in the hands of the elected leaders, who assembled here today. Finally, I extend my sincere gratitude to all the elected leaders, who are fully alert to their responsibilities and obligations.

S P E A K E R : It is a great privilege to have an opportunity to discuss and wind up our budget Session here today under the guidance of God. We will rest for Saturday and Sunday. Our Session will resume on Monday 26th at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:55 P.M.