

NINTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1990

PRESENT

PU HIPHEI, SPEAKER at the Chair, Chief Minister, seven (7) Ministers and 23 (twenty three) Members were present.

LIST OF BUSINESS

QUESTIONS

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

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Introduction of Bill

2. Dr H. THANSANGA, MINISTER to beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram prevention of Mal Practice at Examinations Bill, 1990.

Also

to introduce the Bill

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1990-91

3. (a) Dr H. THANSANGA, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charges.
(b) PU ZALAWMA. Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
(c) PU P. SIAMLIANA, Minister of State to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S P E A K E R : If a king judges the poor with equity his throne will be established for ever.

Proverbs 29:14.

Question No. 88, Pu Aichhinga to ask.

PU AICHHINGA : 'Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Industries Department be pleased to state -

When will the Bairabi Cement Factory be started ?

PU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Bairabi Cement Clinker Grinding Unit is an undertaking of the Cement Corporation of India, hence we do not know the exact time when the works will be started. Clearance has been obtained from the Planning Commission and the

Ministry of Finance, Government of India in 1989. It is said that clearance is yet to be obtained from the Ministry Environment, Government of India during this Financial year. That is our present situation.

PU AICHHINGA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question please. Assuming that the factory will be started, what profit will be gained by the Government of Mizoram in terms of Revenues? Do we have the stones required for the Clinker?

PU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Clinker Grinding Unit in Mizoram will be supplied by the stones from Bogajan in Asaam. These stones are all to be procured from Bogajan. There are many aspects to be considered in the setting up of this clinker Factory in our state. We will not be the owners. They have already asked for exemption of Sales Tax for ten years. It is therefore nothing gained on our part to have this factory in Bairabi. We have many things to consider before we decide to allot site for the same.

PU TAWNLUIA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Revenue Department be pleased to state -

(a) The number of House sites allotted within Khawzawl Town during the year 1989-90.

(b) The criteria for constituting HSAAB members in Sub-town.

PU ZALAWMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the question are as follows :-

(a) No house-site has been allotted within Khawzawl Town during the year 1989-90.

(b) The criteria for constituting House site Allotment Advisory Board member practiced by the Government are as follows :-

1. In Civil Sub-Division the S.D.O. is the Chairman, in Block Divisions it is the B.D.O. or A.O. in his absence.
2. Assistant Civil Officer, S.D. is the Secretary in Sub-Divisions, If not available, the most senior staff is appointed.
3. Village Council Presidents are eligible for membership.
4. President, YMA are also appointed as members.
5. The head of the Church is also appointed as member.
6. Not more than five (5) prominent citizens are appointed by the Government. Those are the main

criteria followed in constituting HSAAB in Sub-Towns.

PU AICHHINGA : Pu Speaker, another supplementary question. It appears that each VCP should be appointed as member, but this is not so. Only the Congress areas were appointed in Kolasib Town area. I would also like to know how the prominent citizens are chosen.

DR R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question please. In my constituency of North Lunglei, seven (7) house-sites were allotted to different people within the private land owned by Pu Hrangchhuana and Pu Vannawia respectively. I would like to know whether the government is aware of this fact?

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Speaker, I would like to convey my thanks to the Hon'ble Minister for not allotting any House-site plan in Khawzawl town during the year 1989-90. The chairman of HSAAB, Khawzawl is the BDO Khawzawl. However, Secretary happens to be a man belonging to the Congress Party who has just left the P.C Party. There are four Village Council in Khawzawl and none of the VCPs in these areas have received intimations or informations. I would like to know whether the president Y.M.A. will be replaced by the new president when his term is over?

PU LALRAWNLIANA : Pu Speaker, another supplementary question- What is the reason for choosing only people belonging to the Congress party as prominent citizens?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, another supplementary question please - When Congress constituted the new House site plan Board in Champhai, the old ones were all changed including the Pastor. What is the Congress Ministry intending to do regarding those people who have constructed houses before the land settlement certificates are issued?

PU ZALAWMA : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble members have asked very good questions in the supplementaries. Regarding the question of Secretary, HSAAB, the rule we have followed is to appoint the senior most staff of the Sub-Division/Block Division. If that person

happens to be a supporter of the Congress party we do not know it. The criteria is to appoint a senior government employee and we are not aware of the fact as to which political party their inclinations might be.

The question of V.C. Presidents and Y.M.A. Presidents could be explained this way. These persons are members solely by virtue of their office, and if they stop holding that office, their membership stops automatically, and goes to the new President. On the question of Champnai house-sites being under process, there is an understanding that we have been rather lenient on those who have started constructing houses. This is because there has been proper plan and survey recommended by the Board awaiting only the L&C to be issued. That is all, thank you.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Rural Development Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Persons entitled to receive funds under the New Land Use Policy.
- (b) Persons who have not received fund from IRDP but received information from the Department within Lunglei District ?

PU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I think we have answered this the other day. the question raised by the Hon'ble member from Khawzawl was also answered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The answer to the questions are :-

- (a) Manual labourers who do not have a fixed system of earning a livelihood are eligible to receive grants under NLUP.
- (b) The government does not know of such matter.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question please - It is understood that some prominent citizens also received the grant from NLUP. I would like to know the number of beneficiaries since the induction of this Ministry upto date. How much has been used for hand Use Policy ? It is also learnt that Tuipang block in Chhimituipui District did not have any beneficiaries under NLUP. Is this a fact ?

There are also 5 (five) beneficiaries in Pukpui village who did not receive the money but were listed as beneficiaries. Does the government intend to clear these up ?

PU AICHHINGA : Pu Speaker, the New Land Use Policy is a policy to make better utility of our lands. Does the Development Board have power to take up new lands on their own ?

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, in my constituency of Tlungvel, NLUP was distributed in the Forest Department in an installment of Rs 3000/- and Rs 4000/-. When can the government release the second installments ?

PU VANLALAUVA : Pu Speaker, in my constituency, 49 beneficiaries were selected from Vaphai village out of which 12 are of the Congress party who do not possess any land. Is the Government aware of this fact ?

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, what action has the Government taken in cases where the beneficiaries are Government servants ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, there is a condition
MINISTER already made in cases where government servants are among the recipients of NLUP. In such cases the BDO will arrange for the substitute beneficiary. Regarding the question raised by the Hon'ble member from Tlungvel, the government will surely pay the remaining instalments to those beneficiaries who have received the first instalments provided their work is satisfactory.

The question of Dr R.Lalthangliana regarding the number of beneficiaries is altogether 2869 under the Department of Forest. There are also a small number of beneficiaries from the Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation, Sericulture and Veterinary. However, NLUP fund has not been released for this current financial year.

The Hon'ble member from Tuipang may have been a little mis-informed regarding the beneficiaries in his area about 200 families have been selected as beneficiaries under this scheme. However, it is a fact that the selected beneficiaries approved by the DRDA governing body have not yet received this money as it has not been released for this current financial year.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister
CHIEF MINISTER i/c has clarified the points. However, I would like to point out some facts in this matter. We have set up a High Level Enquiry to probe into the mistakes and errors alleged to be made in the selection of NLUP and other Centrally sponsored schemes. Some cases have been registered and other actions have been taken up in the said enquiry. It has also been proposed to maintain a Village Register to ward off any future errors and illegal infiltrators.

PU RUALCHHINA

: Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Rural Development Department be pleased to state -

How far the works have been carried out under the head "Rural Communication" in Tlangnuam CD Block ?

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble member has not specified the year, it is therefore rather vague and I am not exactly prepared to answer the question.

PU RUALCHHINA

: Pu Speaker, a supplementary question please. My question pertained to the Block Committee on September. I assumed you would understand that I have not asked about older times.

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, we could put it this way. Members of the Legislative Assembly are members of the Rural Block Committees in their respective constituencies. All action plans are chalked up in these committees. The question of the Hon'ble member is to be included in the new financial year.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU

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

Whether the Government of Mizoram intends to issue fresh licenses to those persons whose arms (Guns) were taken away by the H.P.C. in Mizoram-

PU C.L.RUALA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, there is only one applicant so far and it is being considered. A few numbers have been recovered, however, we cannot say exactly how many more will be recovered. Out of the total number of 22 guns seized, about seven or eight have been recovered. Means of recovering the remaining numbers are being considered.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU

: Pu Speaker, some of the recovered arms have been tampered in such a way that they cannot be used again. In any case the government has not returned them to the owners. When will these guns be returned to their respective owners ?

PU AICHHINGA : Pu Speaker, did the Government receive any information at the time of arms seizure by the H.P.C.?

PU C.L.RUALA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the reason for not delivering the guns to the owners is due to the cases attached to them. Yes, we did receive the reports at the time of the seizures.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, the Government of India has made a restriction in issuing Arms licences in the wake of insurgencies in various states of India. Has the Government of Mizoram received information of the same ?

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Speaker, what are the various calibre of arms under such restriction ?

PU C.L.RUALA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Government of India has a restricted bore of arms. As such, the Government of Mizoram has not issued any of the arms under the restricted bore.

PU J.THANGHUAMA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Revenue Department be pleased to state -

What is the monthly house rent paid by the Directorate of Revenue for its office at Dinthat Veng, Aizawl ? I would also like to add a supplementary question. Has the approval of GAD been obtained ?

PU ZALAWMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the house rent for Revenue Directorate at Dinthat has not been paid yet. However, the estimate is Rs 44,682/- per month.

This is per the estimate of D.C. , Aizawl. The initiative was from the GAD and order was issued on July, 1988, during the previous Ministry.

PU J.THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, another supplementary question. Is it possible to rent houses without obtaining the approval of the G.A.D. ? Is there no fixed estimate for the rent of the Directorate ? Is there any intention of introducing such a rule ?

S P E A K E R : Question hour is now over, we shall go to our next programme. The Leader of the House has asked for leave of the House on account of an important engagement. The Hon'ble Minister, Finance Pu J. Lalsangzuala has been authorised in his absence. We have here a Privilege Motion submitted by Pu P.C.Bawitluanga which I shall read now.

Grievances of Ex-Servicemen

It is very difficult to digest the speech of Pu Zoramsanglian in the Budget Session of 16th March, 1990 in which he said that the reason why corruption and other social ills have entered Mizoram is because ex-servicemen have entered politics. This very much hurts the sentiment of ex-servicemen and they have submitted a memorandum to the Mizoram Ex-Service League. In this connection, Pu P.C.Bawitluanga has moved a Privilege Motion alleging that the member's privilege has been breached.

After critically examining the motion it has been admitted as a breach of Privilege. The case has been referred to be submitted within 45 days from now on.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, this incorrect report of a member's speech in the House was published on the issue of 21st March, 1990, Mizo Arsi daily.

In this connection I being the member concerned have something to say. It would therefore be the right thing if I am allowed to have my say before the Privilege Committee starts its procedure. The copy of the said issue is herewith attached. Such impertinence on the part of editors can damage the relationship we have with the ex-servicemen all over Mizoram. To report incorrectly the speech of a member of this August House is a serious offence. I therefore insist that this Editor should beg for forgiveness in the presence of this August House. I can prove that my speech was not as he has reproduced it to be by relating the record. (Speaker : that will be discussed later). I am deeply hurt by this offence Pu Speaker, please consider this by putting yourself in my place and you will feel the great humiliation that I feel now (Speaker : please sit down). Strong action must be taken and if I have said such a thing, I will resign immediately. This is not the first time this Editor has maligned a member of this House. Therefore, I am not satisfied by just a Committee on Privilege. It must be discussed and action taken by this House.

S P E A K E R : There can be two procedures on the breach of Privilege. In one case, the Speaker may move it in the House and with his permission the mover may speak on the subject. In the second case the Speaker may refer the matter to the Privilege Committee in which the affected person and the mover may have their say. However, in this particular case, the motion has been moved by a person other than the affected person. It has therefore been referred to the Privilege Committee. The Committee will consider the case and both

parties will be summoned along with other affected persons. The decision of the Committee will be final.

PU VANLALNGENA : Would'nt it be better if you
DEPUTY SPEAKER refer the matter to the House
and after discussing it for about
30 minutes refer it over to the
Privilege Committee ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, sometime back, I had
MINISTER moved a similar motion on Breach
of Privilege in which an Editor
was held responsible for maligning
the Hon'ble member Pu Hari Kristo Chakma. The matter was
thoroughly discussed in the House and after that it was
referred to the Committee on Privilege. The same procedure
was followed in the case of the former Speaker, Pu H. Than-
sanga. It is not a case where any form of partially should
be shown be they Ruling on Opposition members. It is a
breach on the member's privilege.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, as the Hon'ble member
has said before me, it is indeed
a breach on the member's privilege.
It is entirely in your prerogative
to safeguard the interest of the members of this House. It
is entirely in your hands, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : We have constituted a committee
which is reliable, and we should
be satisfied with the proceedings
of the committee. Outsiders
cannot have their say in this House. It would not be correct
to think that a Speaker should conduct the House as his
predecessor had done in the past. We all have our individual
ways of conducting our business, I think the Hon'ble members
should bear that in mind.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, safeguarding the
privilege of members is your
prerogative. It is entirely
in your hands.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, it is understood
CHIEF MINISTER that you have already referred
the case to the Privilege
Committee before giving the mover
a chance to speak. The same has been done to the motion of
Privilege admitted this morning. However, it would be wise
for the members accept what you have done even though they are
not pleased about it. In future if such motions are moved
again by the members, it would be wise if you consult the
members concerned before taking any decision. The present

case is very unfortunate. It could hurt the sentiments of thousands of ex-servicemen among us. It could lead to hate and violence if not handled delicately.

In this connection, it is also very important that journalism ethics be propagated in our state. That, the journalists can violate their so called freedom of publicity and that they are not at liberty to publish all and everything they know. In fact their freedom is much lesser in comparison to the freedom of any other citizen, in that their responsibility is much more higher. There has been too much of defamation in the form of fabricated statements. Let us accept the fact that the Hon'ble Speaker has followed the precedent he had already created just a few days back. The Hon'ble members may please accept that and believe that the Hon'ble Speaker is interested in safeguarding the privilege of all the members.

PU J.THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, it is a regret that there had been a precedent to this motion. I understand the feelings of the hon'ble members and what the Hon'ble Chief Minister said was very acceptable. Journalism on our state is not of a very high standard in comparison to that of other states. It appears that there is much yellow journalism. In my opinion the motion could be done within 30 days and not 45 days.

S P E A K E R : The present motion is to be thoroughly discussed after the Committee submits its report.

PU VANLALNGENA
DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, let the mover take up some time to air his views on the breach of privilege in this House. The way we are going now is rather meaningless.

LALRAWNLIANA : Pu Speaker, its better to discuss the matter instead of this disorderly talking.

S P E A K E R : The Committee is reliable and we shall abide by their decision. The Report will be discussed in the House. The reason why we have been thrifty with our time is because we have more Bills than we had expected. A lengthy discussion could not be afforded owing to shortage of time. I think that is quite understandable.

PU VAIWENGA : Pu Speaker, the main reason for the motion is that the hon'ble members wish to express their views on this matter here on the floor of the House. If the case is referred to the Committee after the discussion, the Committee would know the feelings of the members in the course of their considerations. It would therefore not be wise to have the discussion after the committee has submitted its Report to the House.

PU P.C.BAWITLUANGA : Pu Speaker, in Rule 147 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, it reads :- 'If the Speaker gives his consent under Rule 144, the member making the complaint shall, after questions and before the list of business is entered upon, read his complaint and may make a short statement relevant thereto - If the complaint is founded upon a document, it shall be read by the member complaining or, if so directed by the Speaker or by the Secretary. The Speaker, after hearing any other member if necessary, shall decide whether the complaint is in order or not', It is also, written that 'A complaint may make a short statement relevant thereto'.

To leave the decision to the Committee leaves this August House in ignorance of the details.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, I think you have made a wise decision. However, members have the right to discuss the Motion in the House in order to know whether it is really a Breach of Privilege or not. If the House decides to refer the motion to the Privilege Committee we would accept it. I wonder if we have made some mistakes in this method. It is not that we do not agree with your ruling, we only regret that there will be no time to discuss the motion in the House.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble members appear to be unsatisfied with the proposal to have the discussion after Reports have been submitted to the House. Pu H.Thansanga has a Bill to introduce in the House but in his absence he has authorised Pu Rokamlova to introduce the Bill. He may now beg leave of the House.

PU ROKAMLOVA : Pu Speaker, the Mizoram Prevention of Mal-practices at Examinations, Bill 1990, has been hastily prepared and I beg permission to introduce the Bill in some other time.

S P E A K E R : We shall then take up the Demands if he is not going to introduce the Bill. Pu Rokamlova may now move the various Demands under the charge of Pu H.Thansanga as authorised by him.

PU ROKAMLOVA : Mr Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demands number 1, 4, 21, 22 and 24 for Rs 41,19,90,000/- (Rupees forty one crores, nineteen lakhs and ninety thousand) only for meeting expense during 1991 in respect of the following Departments, details of the demands are as follows :-

Demand No 1 Legislative Assembly
Amount 89,00,000.00 on Budget book page 1-3
Demand No 4 Administration of Justice
Amount 64,00,000.00 Page 9-15
Demand No 21 School Education
Amount 33,72,00,000.00 Page 87-106
Demand No 22 Higher & Technical Education
Amount 4,69,80,000.00 Page 107-116
Demand No 24 Arts and Culture
Amount 1,25,10,000.00 Page 123-127

Total Rs 41,19,90,000.00.

S P E A K E R : Ten minutes may be allotted for each member in the discussion.

PU J.H.ROTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I shall take up Demand No 22, Higher and Technical Education. In this we first find the establishment of Indira Gandhi National Open University. This appears to be of vital importance for Mizoram. This scheme, if carried out properly could be a very useful mode of education in our state. The fund allotted for this head Rs 40,000/- is too meagre. I request the Hon'ble Minister in-charge to kindly re-consider this.

In regard to Scholarships for Technical students althoufh it has been raised, I think the amount is still meagre. If we could increase the amount so that parental support may not be needed it would be of great benefit to those students belonging to poorer families. The results of these will surely be reaped by our state. Speaking of Aizawl College, I think it is urgent to enlarge and construct a better building for the college now that the college has been taken over by the Government of Mizoram. A big building could be constructed in co-existence with the Boy's M.E. School. Middle and Primary School would be accomodated on the ground and first floors of the building. The Government should take more interest in sanctioning a substantial amount of fund for the building as it is the only government college we have here. Science and Commerce subject have also been opened and it would be good to have day classes soon. In this connection, I would also like to point out that our young people who attend coaching classes for IAS should be given substantial stipends. At present the govt.

provides only Book grants. In Assam stipends of Rs 3000/- to 4000/- are allotted to them.

In Demand No 21, School Education, what we hear most in our areas is the shortage of Primary School teachers. It appears that School teachers hesitate to serve in rural areas, and this greatly affected school education in the rural areas. I request the government to look into the matter and consider how best it can be solved.

The governor's speech regarding Adult Education was very appreciated. The literary percentage of Mizoram is very high as we know. With a little effort we could make our state 100% in literary percentage. Let us endeavour to have the highest literary percentage in our country.

The merit scholarships in the Primary and Middle Schools are also now very meagre. The old rate of Rs 5/- which was enjoyed during the British period was very ample during that time. However, it is now high time to revise this rate.

Coming to Demand No 23, Administration of Justice, much had been discussed in this House about the need to bifurcate the Executive from the Judiciary. Now that the state of Mizoram is settled in many ways, we will soon be having a Bench of the Gauhati High Court. It would not be wrong to hope that someday we will have a full fledged High Court in the near future. With more Judicial Magistrates there will be less pending of court cases. I therefore urge the Government to take more interest and steps in fulfilling this dream.

Thank you.

PU J.THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I would first like to take up Demand No 1, Legislative Assembly. The allocation of fund is also quite satisfactory and I say this in view of taking up the ownership as a Speaker. My concern is for the welfare of the staff. I am happy to say that during my short term here, several persons have been promoted to the post of officers. The deputations of officers to the Legislative Assembly from other cadres has posed some problems in the administration and other works.

Regarding the Pay scales of Translator and their promotion channels, something should be done. Promotion channels for everyone must be made. Pay scales in Mizoram cannot be compared to those of other states in that the cost of living is much lower in other states.

I would also like to take up Demand No 4, Administration of Justice. Recently, the Chief Justice of the High Court came to Aizawl. Thinking that it would not be convenient to have the High Court at Luangmual, he chose the hillock at Khatla for the site. What I want to say is that we had eyed that site for construction of Assembly House there. It does not feel good to use this old rickety building for the Assembly

House. On our recent tour to West Bengal, their building was planned by foreign architects. The site for High Court may be shifted to the southern side of Aizawl at Hlimen. We cannot house everything in Luangmual, and it would be a good idea to shift some of these in southern Aizawl.

I also would like to urge the government to speed up the many cases left pending, some of these are almost twenty years back.

In school education, the fund allocation is quite satisfactory. However, inspite of the importance of this Department, there are too many political appointments made. There are also too many political transfers. When I was on tour in Hriphaw, there was one teacher who attended school only 54 days in a year ! The community did not want such a teacher, so he was transferred to Rengdil where he was made the Head Teacher. Such things are disgusting. The government should look into such matters.

Coming to Demand No 22, Technical and Higher Education what I want to stress is that our percentage of Technical Education is very low in comparison to that of the art line of education. We need more technical institutes in order to produce technical graduates. It would be wise to train our youths in the eastern developed countries like Japan, Korea, Phillipines etc. If we take the right steps towards development who knows what great future is in store for us ? However, we have habituated ourselves in slackness and laziness.

It would also be a good idea to send cultural troupes to these eastern countries of Japan, Korea and Malaysia. Some of our cultural dances such as the Bamboõ dance are also very similar to theirs. Our young people are very vulnerable and a proper guidance would be the secret of changing our society for a better future.

Than you.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, I am sorry that the Hon'ble Minister i/c of this Demand is not present today. I am going to say some unwelcome things about the Legislative Assembly for your ears. I ask the attention of the House.

I have been attending this office almost everyday except on Saturdays and Sundays. I wonder if we are aware of the problems faced by this office. I am glad that the Hon'ble Minister i/c Personnel Administrative is also present. Mr Speaker, I wish to point out the status of Committee Officers, Sub-Editor, Translators and Librarian of the Assembly. These officers are at present degraded to a very low scale of pay.

Committee officers are highly qualified persons recruited either directly or by promotion from Superintendents. While the scale of pay of Superintendents is Rs 2200/- that of a Committee Officer is only Rs 2000/-. As for Translators, it is understood that Translators of the Assembly Secretariat are directly

recruited from persons who are extremely strong in English. They are above the ordinary graduates and their work is also a tough job. These Translators are now paid a scale of Rs 1400/- while an Assistant who has climbed up from the post of LDC with a qualification of HSLC are enjoying Rs 1640/-. This is a serious anomaly in itself. Apart from this the Sub-Editor of Debates which is a gazetted post and a promotion post for Translators is now in the pay scale of Rs 1640/- which is extremely degrading for an officers post. These posts were not considered by the Pay Anomaly Committee. The same is the case of the Librarian which is now in the grade of 1640/- and the Sr. Operator which is in the scale of Rs 1400/-. These posts that I have mentioned are odd posts which do not have counterparts in other departments. The government will have to study other state Assembly Secretariats and do what they can to correct these anomalies.

Regarding vehicles of this Secretariat, there seems to be quite a good number. In spite of the many vehicles we have, I would like to point out that there is not enough vehicle for use by the Committees. All the different Committees of the House should have vehicles to use at their disposal.

Regarding the Administration of Justice, I do not have much to say. In order to have real justice we should have good people to carry out the work. In return good facilities should be provided to them.

I would also like to say a few things on school education. We have spoiled school education in Mizoram by too much politicising. I also wish to voice out the public and individual grievances in Higher and Technical Education. During the President's Rule a certain Terms & Conditions was chalked out by the Governor, Chief Secretary and three Colleges.

On January 16, 1989, the government directed the Chief Secretary to issue a notification, a copy of which I intend to submit to the House.

On the first Terms & Condition it says that the existing teaching staff will be absorbed into government service in their present grade from the date of provincialisation submit to the following :- 'The incumbent shall be absorbed in the government service on recommendation of Selection Board DPC duly constituted by government after provincialisation to assure the suitability of teaching staff for absorption into the government service of the college. This has created a serious problem because it says only when the DPC is constituted. Two of the Principals are treated as their present status, but one was not. A case was filled in the High Court and an order was sent by the Court to the government to give the claimant his rightful claim. It is therefore evident that 80% of officers in the Department of Education are not satisfied with the proceedings of the Government. I also feel that there is justification in the grievances of the postings of officers in the Education Department.

Regarding Art and Culture, I feel that if they are given a separate Directorate we need to give them more facilities. This Department has the potential to be of great service to our state. However, without funds
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this is not possible. Not only that, their Recruitment Rules also needs revision. This confusion is greatly seen in the Tribal Research Wing. The promotion channels of the officers are not very clear. Seniority lists are not counted and their services are all muddled up. It appears that if a person possesses a Master's degree his promotion speeds up.

In the Governors speech, he said that our education was a vocationalisation of ten plus two. Are we really going to do this ? Let us consider carefully Pu Speaker.

PU LALHUTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I shall start with Demand No 1, Legislative Assembly. This Department which is the centre of this State Legislature has not been given its due status since a long time back. Officers from other Departments also do not desire to come to the Assembly Secretariat because it is considered as lower to their present status. Hon'ble members of this August House should realise the exact status of the employees in this office. They have not been given their due facilities and as the Hon'ble members have just pointed out before me, the scale of pay of many of the officers and staff have not been touched till date. It is urgent that the pay scales of Committee Officers, Sub Editor and Translators should be considered by the Pay Anomaly Committee and Commission as soon as possible.

I would like to point out that some of the Translators have put in more than 15 years of service without any chance of promotion. We cannot rule out the fact that some Translators may even be struck as Translator till the date of their pension.

There is only one post of Sub Editor of Debates which is a gazetted post and a promotion post for Translator. The scale of pay of Translator is at present Rs 1400/- and that of Sub-Editor is Rs 1640/-. This is a matter of great shame. Moreover, the post of Editor of Debates which is a Group 'A' post is in the scale of only Rs 2200/- Such things are unforgivable. We have neglected this Secretariat appallingly and it is our responsibility to uplift their plight. We urge the Pay Commission to consider their case in accordance with other state Assemblies and the Lok Sabha Secretariat.

The Assistant Operator is a post with a qualification of HSLC. However, the present scale of pay of the Assistant Operator is Rs 950/- while their counterparts such as LDC enjoy the scale of Rs 1200/-

Besides this, the entire condition of the Assembly Secretariat is considerably low. The Committee rooms are poorly furnished with a single water filter for the common use of 4 or 5 rooms. It is therefore utterly important to take into consideration all these things and do what ever we can to uplift their status.

Another demand that I would like to say is School Education. This demand had been quite thoroughly discussed in the House. It was also discussed last year but there was not much result. When we look at

our H.S.L.C. results it is very disgraceful. There are many schools which failed to produce even a single student who passed in HSLC. Who are we to blame? The teachers or the students? I request the Hon'ble Minister in-charge to please look into the matter. Frankly speaking, such failure on the part of school teachers is hard to accept.

Not only that, the village of Luangpawm in my constituency had one primary school with one teacher. This lone teacher was transferred to another place and the school was closed down. I regret to say that it has not been opened again till this day.

Not only that, the Department of Education stated that one teacher was appointed for 30 to 50 students in every village. I can say that this statement is false in view of the condition in my constituency. One teacher has over 85 students and this amounts to total negligence in my opinion. Therefore, it is extremely necessary to put the ratio right. We have given our reports and I can also tell you that in my constituency there are three teachers who were transferred along with their posts - Such things were denied by the Ministers.

One teacher at Ailawng was transferred along with his post to Hlimen. Another teacher was transferred along with his post from Lengte to Mission Vengthlang. The third one was a teacher in Rampui who was transferred along with his post to Chaltlang. The Presbyterian Church has set up Primary Schools in various backward areas but these students do not have any Middle Schools to continue their schooling. It would be wise for the Government to set up Middle Schools in these areas where the Church has set up Primary schools. I request the Ministry to lend its ears to my plea.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We shall now have recess till
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S P E A K E R : We shall now resume our discussion
four members have participated.
Pu Rualchhina.

PU RUALCHHINA : Pu Speaker, firstly I am very
sorry that the Hon'ble Minister
i/c of the Department is not
present at the time of discussing
his Demands.

I am also deeply regretful to say that the Assembly Secretariat is so poorly furnished. The microphone systems we have here are of such poor quality. It is a regret that this budget is being discussed without any financial allocation for the Assembly.

The building itself is an extension of the old District Council building there has been no plan for constructing a new Assembly Secretariat as far as I know. It is indeed very shameful that such a proposal has never been made at all. A meagre sum would be allocated for its renovation but there is absolutely no proposal for constructing a new building. It is difficult to understand what we have in our minds. Large sum of money are spend on foreign tours which are very expensive, we seem to neglect our first priorities. I do not mean to say that such tours are not important, what I mean to say is that we do not know what our priorities are.

I would also like to say a few words on the other demands, Administration of justice. If we look at second schedule Part 'B' of the constitution, the pay scales of judges are all written down. However, we find that only twelve thousand (12,000/-) is fixed for the scale of pay of judges for the Mizoram High Court. This itself is contradictory to the constitution. According to the Amendment of the Constitution made on 1st April, 1986, the scale of pay of a judge in the High Court is Rs.8,000/-. Before the amendment the scale of pay of a judge was Rs.3,400/-. I therefore do not understand how the scale of pay of a judge can be fixed at Rs.12,000/- in Mizoram.

Regarding school Education, the need for school in our state is very great. Because of this schools are opened in private to meet the need of the people. The government has proposed Rs.7,13,00,000/- in aid of these private schools this year. Last year the allocation for the same was Rs.6,18,00,000/-. In view of this, I am sad to say that these was no proper distribution of such aids to the needy schools.

In the department of Art & Culture we find a token provision of Rs.1,00,000/- only. I would like to know the meaning of this. What will we do if we send our cultural troupes to other states? How will their expenditure be covered? I am glad that we have the state archive. This is one thing we must really preserve our heritage has to be preserved in every way possible. That is all. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : If anything is to be discussed regarding the speaker of the House, a specific motion has to be moved 15 minutes before the discussion. When the discussion starts after 15 minutes the Speaker shall not be in his chair. This is for information of the Hon'ble members.

PU LIANSUMA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, we should discuss only what we are going to vote. The Speaker, Dy. Speaker and the Governor

cannot be discussed now.

PU R.ROMAWIA

: Pu Speaker, what the Hon'ble Speaker said is exactly according to the Rules.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Pu Speaker, just as the Hon'ble members are concerned about the Ministers absence. I too am deeply

sad that the Hon'ble Minister is not here to listen to the discussion on his demands. Discussions are made so that the Minister in-charge may list the points where reformatations and other actions have to be taken. How can he do that if he is absent ?

The first point I wish to mention is that too many teachers in the rural areas have been transferred. The sad thing is that their substitute have not been given and education has suffered greatly on account of this. If any teachers is transferred there should be another transfer to fill up that vacant post. However, this is not done so. Another thing is that the MLAs of that constituency is not consulted at all. I say this because it is of public interest. Education is of the biggest public interest. The something happens when some teachers are chosen for training. The Government does not appoint substitute teachers in their vacancy owing to shortage of funds etc. This is the picture of Education in Mizoram today.

In my constituency there are many excuses given by the teachers. Being an HPC demand area the main excuse given is that they are afraid to stay there. However, the Government has now given good protection to citizens by stationing Police force in these areas. I therefore, urge the government to please bring back all those teachers who had been transferred from many constituency. Unless this is done, Education is at a standstill, the ratio is one teacher against 100 students. It is a great regret that the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education is not present to hear all these today. My request is that all the teachers transferred from my constituency be brought back during the month of April 1990. Thank you.

PU ZORAMTHANCA

: Pu Speaker, I would like to speak on the Demand on education as it is a Department which I had

some experience with. We may say that education is the next most important thing to survival,

It is the most important factor which is essential for development. In view of the our present system of education. I think the fund allocation is not satisfactory. That is why substitute teachers cannot be arranged for teacher trainees and those who are on leave. There are too many schools where one teacher takes care of 80 to 100 children.

We are also aware of the need to to have hostels. We can see that education has suffered a great set back due to absence of hostels in Aizawl town. We need to have hostels for those students who came from rural areas. It is also a ~~big~~ regret that we have kept our teachers without drawing regular salaries and their due facilities for a long time. The plight of teachers in Mizoram is indeed most pathetic. This Government has been greatly disgraced. We have been put to shame. Can the Government give us the assurance to cover up all these losses in new budget? It is truly regretful that the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education is not present today. There will be many things which will not reach his ears due to his absence today.

There is also much to be said regarding the provincialisation of colleges. For example, the Principal Champhai College was appointed as Vice-Principala Serchhip college after the provincialisation of the college. If this had been in the same college, it would have been different. However, the persons concerned Pu Vara had already established his household in Champhai and it would be a big trauma to shift his House to Serchhip after establishing himself permanently in Champhai. This is the most difficult to understand. Could it be what they call a Political Vendetha? There are many such cases to check up.

Another thing I wish to say is regarding the transfer of teachers to Aizawl. Almost every body wants to be transfered to Aizawl from the rural areas. This problem is the most difficult to solve. * If the junior teachers are transfered from Aizawl to accomodate those who are transfered from the interiors the whole establishment would be have to be re-constructed. This would not be an easy task. Therefore we should realise that such a thing will not be possible.

The fund allocation for Central University is Rs.4,20 lakhs. This needs more clarification as it is not very clear in our minds as to what this Central University means. That is all, Thank you.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is a regret that the Hon'ble Minister in-charge is absent today and besides that the official gallery is also very vacant. I request the Director etc. to take note of what is said in the absence of the Minister in-charge, there are three Directors and it seems that only one of them is present.

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I would like to start with demand No.1, Assembly Secretariat. According to Article 187, it is supposed to be a separate Secretariat. However, this has not materialised till today. The Recruitment Rules of the Assembly Staff which was drafted and sent for approval is still in the hands of the Civil Secretariat. The Administration set up of the Assembly is not satisfactory as it is not yet on its own. In connection with this, the plight of the Officers and staff of the Assembly is today very degrading. As the Hon'ble members have said before me, the committee Officers, Sub-Editor of debates, Translator and Senior Operators are still sitting in the old pay scales. Some of these officers are drawing less than their subordinates. This makes it difficult for them to maintain discipline and order. As a result they cannot control their staff. Another thing I wish to mention is the non-availability of vehicles for the use of members. If this is going to besot, there will be a time when we can take it no longer.

We have enough vehicles, and there is no allocation of fund for purchase of new ones. There is also no vehicles for the staff when overtime duty is necessary as it is during the session periods. They have to stay late and go home on foot to distant places late at night. All these show the need to have a separate Secretariat as permitted in Article 178.

The fund allocation for our Library this year is also too meagre, Pu Speaker, If I am not mistaken, the amount of money for the library is a mere Rs.2,70,000/- only. This was exactly the amount we had last year. Does it mean that we do not intend to progress at all? This is the place where we the members of this House take our breath and informations.

The building itself does not need mentioning, we can see it for ourselves. At least the materials should be well supplied.

I would also like to say that a few things on Demand No.4,21,22 and 24. Our Education system has become very burdensome owing to too much political appointments. This has come to light in the HSLC results. This political appointments has been practiced by every Ministry. In my opinion this whole system started since the time when the Department of Education took over the Pre-Primary teachers from the administration of the Social Welfare Department. Normally these Pre-Primary Teachers were not qualified and it soon led to the deterioration of administration in the department of Education. These were mostly political appointments and they felt very bold. It is high time for us to give preference to merit and not political appointments.

The HSLC results this year is very shameful. Will the department have the courage to close down those schools whose HSLC results were NIL? Are we going to retain such teachers? If we are not going to close down these schools, the teachers will have to be dismissed. We cannot afford such failures.

Regarding Arts & Culture, this Department is the media by which we can show our traditions and Culture to others. The fund allocation for this Department is indeed pathetic. The allocation of Rs.- 1,00,000/- is not enough to cover even one troupe to tour upto Delhi. If we really intending to widen our horizons in this sphere, we certainly need more fund allocation.

One thing I am happy to say is the proposal to open a University. This has never been proposed before. This will serve the less fortunate students who cannot afford to go beyond Vairengte Gate. We have always dreamt of having a full fledged University in our state and this is really an answer to our prayer.

Another thing I wish to mention is the Polytechnic at Lunglei. This institute has produced very good results, the students from this institute are not inferior to those of any other Polytechnic in other states.

I think it was the year before last year that I visited Lunglei Polytechnic and what I saw was very pathetic. Eight or Nine students were crammed together in small rooms with almost no space to study. This institute needs better buildings and facilities as it is the only one of its kind we have in our state. We would be much wiser to provide for such an institution instead of widening schools which cannot produce even one successful results in HSLC.

PU LALRAWNLIANA

: Pu Speaker, thank you for this time. First on our list is the Assembly Secretariat where we ourselves come almost everyday. Being a junior member I do not know much about the service conditions of the Officers and staff of the Assembly. However, I would like to say a few things on what can be seen outwardly.

The building itself where we have our session is now a delapidated old structure very rickety and in need of renovation. The Assembly House itself is a clear sign that Mizoram has not progress at all. We all have travelled around and seen the other state Assembly buildings and what a big difference it is compared to that of our state. There is no dignity, and deep down inside we are really ashamed of it.

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The M.L.A. hostel is also the same. It is very significant in comparison to those of other states. The members of the Legislative Assembly are also not given their due respects by many officers in various departments. I have also experienced such treatment by the DCSO. There are many such things that need to be corrected, I would also like to say that these are not as trivial as they seem to be.

Taking up demand No.21, School Education, I would like to say a few things. Being from a rural constituency I have to speak of the rural areas.

It is a sad thing that even small villages in the constituency of Sateek are still lacking in school teachers. There is one teacher in a village of 70 families. The lone teacher is Sailam village is a full time drunkard. I have a lodged complaint to the Education officer regarding our situation. How can we expect results if such is the condition? You know very well that any well-to-do family does not want to send their children to Government schools. I have often wondered if the government has opened schools for the poor people. Our education system needs revision. I strongly feel that the government is responsible for such negligency. I also think that the Hon'ble Minister in-charge has not the courage to sit and listen in this August House. If such is the condition, it would be better if he resigned.

The treatment given to teachers is also a matter of politics. This is very clear. The ones who suffer are the public. We must stop this politicising at once and revive education in Mizoram.

The proposal to have a University is very welcome. However, I am afraid that it will turn out to be rather insignificant like the High Court. It is a regret that while expecting to have an Independent High Court, we have managed to get only a permanent Bench.

Lastly Pu Speaker, I wish to say a few things regarding the Museum. There are many old things we have which should be kept in Museums when we came overground from the hills, we brought a huge tusk of an elephant. I informed the Museum authorities that I did not mind handing it over to them for a little sum of money. I said this because we are penniless and about to start a new life. However, the Museum authorities did not have even Rs.10,000/- to offer for the tusk. I was very surprised at their condition, I found that we had a Museum which could not purchase anything at all. If we are to have a Museum at all, it would be meaningless to have one without any fund for use. Let us therefore be more sensible and enriched our heritage by uplifting the status of our Museums. Finally, I request the Hon'ble Minister in-charge to review the condition of school in my constituency in respect of shortage of teachers etc. So that necessary action may be speedily taken by the Government.

S P E A K E R

: Nine members have already spoken in the demand of just one Minister. It would be better if the rest will speak on the demand of other Ministers.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA

: Pu Speaker, many of the members have spoken on the service conditions of the officers and staff of the

Legislative Assembly. I need not repeat them, however, I urge the government to take the necessary actions in their favour. We are now facing parking problems due to the condition of old Assembly building. All this would be solved if a new building is constructed.

Regarding school education, I think this department is very unfortunate. The employees of this Department face many problems regarding medical treatments, LTC, building advance etc. School teachers are facing these problems which are enjoyed by other government employees. I want the government to note this point. Building grants were also very scarce in my constituency. On my tour of the area I saw the poor condition of the Primary School at Cherhlun. Their school building has almost fallen apart and I made a report of their condition to the concerned authorities.

Regarding Higher and Technical Education I wish to point out a few points. On page 3 of the Governor's speech it says ' We are proposing to have a University of our own in the not too distant future '. This is a very glad tidings. We have been somewhat orphaned in this respect for a long time, It is now beginning to dawn with a new era and it is up to us to make the best of this opportunity. It will also be very useful for solving the problems of educated unemployment in our State.

I would also like to point out one or two points in respect of Art & Culture. We have a District Library and a State Library. We cannot help comparing our state libraries with those of other States. It is sad to say that we rank very low in comparison with our neighbouring states. The richness of other state libraries are truly enviable. They can serve the need of all people, in all walks of life. It is high time to broaden our horizon in terms of libraries, knowing that they are the treasure banks of knowledge and wisdom for generations to come.

That because it is in my constituency, I urge the Government to look into the condition of the library of Lunglei Government college. I also want the Government to look at the college development itself. There is no progress and the condition to the college is not upto the expected standard.

Construction for T.T.I. building is going on at melte. The completion is expected with the existing fund. It would be very good if the school can function by the next year.

I would also like to mention a few problems that are faced in the Polytechnic Lungkei. Many of the lecturers deputed from the Department of Electricity and P.W.D are not happy to be there. They take it as a punishment. Something has to be done regarding the posting of the staff. It could also be made as a compulsory posting as soon as they graduate from their training. It could be for a year as probation period. Otherwise, the ones who suffer are the students. The students and staff are also without proper quarters. Much has been said in the House, but very little has been materialised. What we need most is to implement our proposals as much as we can.

Thank you.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me time to speak. I also would like to thank you for being impartial in the manner in which you conduct this August House. The Hon'ble members have spoken of the demand No.1, Assembly Secretariat. They have pointed out the service conditions of the officers and staff. I would also like to add a few things to this Demand. The time of our sessions is only twice a year, however, we are working in this building throughout the year. The committee room is inadequate and cannot serve our needs. There are various committees and only one dilapidated room. There can be only one committee at a time. This makes it very inconvenient as it takes up too much time. Sometimes I think we are not aware of the importance of these committees. We can call them mini-Assemblies they are the means by which the Ministry and Government is correctly assessed. In fact, these committees are real ministry. It is therefore a shameful thing that this House cannot even provide enough rooms for Committees. We cannot help comparing ourselves to our neighbouring States. Members have been all over the country and we have all seen the great Assembly Houses. Each committee has a separate room and work can go on without any disturbances. Such facilities is must for us also. Therefore, if we have not included sanctions for this in our Budget estimate we can include it in the Revised Estimate. It is terribly important to take up this as soon as possible. In fact, it is compulsory if this government is to function as it should.

The members of this Assembly have also very poor facilities. There is no mention of member's entitlement to air-travel in case of medical references. It was written only on Government duty. If I am not mistaken, the demand was passed by the House in which member are entitled to enjoy air-travel in case of medical re-imburements.

I therefore request the Hon'ble Speaker to please look into the record and verify the matter. The records will still be there to check up.

Coming to Education Department it is a glad to be set up University in our state. It is also a good thing that the Central Government will take up the expense of the University. This University is to be an autonomous body and will be free of any outside influence on political influence form within. This will be indeed for a healthy acedemic atmosphere. If we look at NEHU University the atmosphere was ideal in the initial year. The University flourished and in no time was one of the prominent universities of the country.

However, the government of Meghalaya started to politicalise the university by claiming for a lion's share etc. That was exactly when the University started to deteriorate. An unqualified persons was purposely nominated for the Vice Chancellor and other influences started to crop up. As a result eminent and distinguished persons among the faculty started to leave the University. In view of all this, it would be wise for us to learn a lesseon. We must have a University which has a clean acedemic atmosphere, where political influences will have no share. I am therefore deeply thankful that the proposal has been made to set up a Central University of Mizoram.

The poor result of the HSLC was also pointed out by the members and I can say that this is also the result of political influences in school Education. Appointment and transfer of school teachers are base too much on politicals. The result is poor quality in everything. There are many other such things to say. But I shall end here for now. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Para 15 of the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business deals with the medical refer cases of members. Members may kindly study that.

PU K.VANLALAUVA : Pu Speaker, firstly in Demand No.21, on page 93, the funds for Chakma District Council appears to be only 3.5 lakhs. Is this a mistake of figures? The total also does not appear to be correct.

I would like to say just a few things on demand No.1, the Assembly Secretariat. This Secretariat does not suffer from the pangs of political transfers. There is a steady atmosphere of co-operation among the staff. This is why many government employees are now starting to envy them.

Last year there was recruitment rules for five (5) Assistants. About 50 persons appeared for the written test examination. It is said that one out of the five selected candidates did not appear in the written test held. If such is the case, we need to examine ourselves that such a thing should not happen in a place where we are expected to be the fairest.

In the Department of Art & Culture, I think my constituency is the only constituency where we have the most member of traditional legacies one to be found. There are many hills and caves where our ancestors left their marks. It is my belief that the Government will do its best to safeguard these historical places and maintain the roads so that it will be accessible to the public. Many controversies have arisen because we have not maintained and guarded our heritage properly.

If we neglect to preserve our historical places etc. we will not have any accurate records of our ancestors. As a result we will not have an authentic history for the next generations. This is why there has been so many controversy of dates and years in our history. That is all, thank you.

PU R.ROMAWIA

: Pu Speaker, I would like to start with the Department of Education. It is very sad indeed that we cannot

find any good Mizo School. The High Qualification teachers do not seem to be producing good School results and good education. Nobody appears to serve with a sense of ownership or belonging. Teaching is just a mean of getting one's salary. We have to think of the quality of our productions. Discipline is also a thing of the past.

I am also of the opinion that more fund should be allotted to Art & Culture. It is our heritage to preserve the culture of our society for the younger generations to come. This demand be given more importance.

PU LALRINCHHAMA

: Pu Speaker, I shall try not to repeat what the members have said before me. Demand No.1, The Assembly Secretariat

has been discussed quite thoroughly. I am deeply surprised that in spite of the proposal to construct a new building, there is not even a trace of the blueprint to be seen. When the present Minister in-charge was the speaker of the Assembly, he himself toured many countries to study the building of other Assembly and the expenditure there of. However, there is nothing to be seen till this day.

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After all the survey that has been done, it is amazing that we are still sitting in the same old building.

In the Department of Art & Culture, it was decided last year that Pu Buanga's Dictionary be re-printed for the museum. It was learnt that the printing was done in Meghalaya. However, the mark has not been finished till today, which is a very surprising thing.

Regarding Education, it is impossible to think of higher Education when even Primary education is a failure in the rural areas. The fund allocation for school education last year was not much.

This year, the allocation is quite substantial if it is properly utilised. What I wish to point out is that the most important thing is how we treat the teachers and not how much money we have.

We have laid great emphasis on Teacher's Training. Teachers have been trained for a better quality of teaching. How is it then, that the more we have trained teachers the worse our school results have become? Some thing is wrong somewhere, some school have very good teachers while others suffer from lack of teachers. The Ministry cannot transfer these teachers to the more needy places. If such in the Directorate how can we expect to have good education and good results. The ratio of teachers per students in Aizawl is a vast difference to that of rural areas. The Department of Education has a huge task in front to take up. Private school results are always better every year.

One thing I wish to add is that the Primary School in Ratu was destroyed by a Cyclone in 1988- The Government has not given any grant to reconstruct the school building till today. I request the Hon'ble Minister in-charge of the Department to please give his attention as soon as possible. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We shall now close the discussion. Pu Rokamlova may now wind up the debate.

PU ROKAMLOVA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to say that the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education is not present here on account of urgent government business. He was requested to attend to an important matter. It is good to hear about the concern of the Hon'ble members about the Assembly building.

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However, if we look at the neighbouring state. from which our own state was born they are also still in the old Assam type building. The problem we face in this matter is the site for the building . I am sure that we will have a good building when the site is finally selected. The building near the MLA Hostel is being renovated for a committee room and we hope to have it finished very soon. The Pay and allowances of the staff of the Assembly will also be considered by the pay commission which is all we can say here regarding the Legislative Assembly.

Regarding the Administration of Justice the main point mentioned were the High Court and the pay and scale of Judges . The reason for the figure Rs.12,000/- which appeared as the pay scale of High Court Judges is just the total emolument of the pay I think you will easily understand that . After the peace Accord was signed, the State Act was passed. It was passed that we should have a Common High Court So the question of a separate High Court is still not possible yet.

Coming to the next demand. Education which was the most debate demand, I am sorry that the Hon'ble Minister in-charge of the demand is not present to listen to the discussion.

One of the question raised was regarding the lack of substitute teachers in place of teachers who are on training . In the Supplementay Budget passed an additional provision of Rs.- 3,35,00,000/- in non-plan was made. This will enable us to appoint substitute teachers. We hope to pass it by the month of April.

Regarding the transfer of teachers, it has become a big problems for the government in any Ministry. There are too many teachers who have connections in high offices. It is very difficult to transfer these people out of Aizawl. There are many countless cases of teachers who are nearing pensions and wishing to come to Aizawl.

(In Kerela, Education is considered to be the best Industry and hence, one third of their budget is concentrated on this Department.)

The main problems faced by the Education Department in Mizoram is the lack of Primary teachers, If we have about 300 more such posts for the interior, much of our problems will be solved. However, this is not yet possible due to lack of fund. Another thing that I take very serious is about some teachers who are drunkards. Such teachers must be terminated.

Some of the Hon'ble members mention the open University and the meagre fund allocation .

This open University which appears to be very good on one hand is still an experimental project in our state.

Regarding the Hill University certain problems have arisen and now our neighbour state have University of their own. Only two of us are members of the members of the Hill University. The tendency to monopolise by the Khasis was strongly felt and we are preparing how best we can have a University in our State. It has to be passed by Parliament and at least a provision of Rs.4,00,000/- will be required to prepare the Project Report. It is very encouraging to know that this project has been taken up and discussed with great interest. I will wind up Pu Speaker by requesting this August House to pass the following demands under the charge of Pu H.Thansanga Minister.

Demand No.1,	Legislative Assembly-	89,00,000/-
Demand No.4	Administration of Justice	- 64,00,000/-
Demand No.21	School Education	33,72,00,000/-
Demand No.22	Higher Technical Education	- 4,69,80,000/-
Demand No.24	Art & Culture	- 1,25,10,000/-
T o t a l		Rs. 41,19,90,000.00

S P E A K E R : We shall now take voice vote to pass the following demands No.1 Legislative Assembly, Rs.89,00,000.00
 Demand No.4, Administration of Justice Rs.64,00,000.00
 Demand No.21, School Education Rs.33,72,00,000.00
 Demand No.22, Higher & Technical Education - Rs.4,69,80,000.00. Demand No.24, Art & Culture - Rs.1,25,10,000.00. The total of which is Rupees 41,19,90,000.00 only.
 (All members voice to pass the demands)

The House has unanimously agreed to pass the demand, therefore the following demands No.1 4,21,22,24, is declared passed by this House . We shall now take up Demand of Pu Zalawma ,Minister . He may move his demands now.

PU ZALAWMA : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your kind permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 6, 18,27 and 28 for Rs 12,11,10,000,00/- for meeting expenses during 1990-91 in respect of the following Departments.
 Demand No 6. Revenue - Rs21,11,00,000.00
 Demand No . Local Administration- Rs 2,62,00,000.00
 Demand No 27 Housing - Rs 4,48,00,000.00
 Demand No 28, Urban Development - Rs 2,90,10,000.00

Total - Rs 12,11,10,000.00
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S P E A K E R

: We may now start our discussion.

PU ZORAMTHANGA

: Pu Speaker, there are many things to discuss in the four Demands moved by the Hon'ble Minister, Pu Zalawma.

Firstly, I would like to discuss the Department of L.A.D. It appears that the progress of work in this department is very slow. There are many unfinished works to be seen. Unfinished steps in the middle of construction and other such works are found in many areas within Aizawl town. The street lights are also much in need of repair.

In the Revenue Department, recently there has been much complaint in the Chite area. It is understood that the House sites to be distributed around Chite Lui will be grabbed by those who are already in possession of House sites in Aizawl. These people will not want to reside in their house sites at Chite-lui. Therefore, the same people who do not have any house site will lose again. It would be a good thing if the Hon'ble Minister in-charge will look into the matter and make an on-the-spot verification. One thing which I wish to mention is that the House Site Board had too much power. The Board has in many cases gone against the policy of the Ministry. The Government allot land to individuals but purchases these plots back for high prices. This is why so much our money is thrown away. It is very urgent that the Assam Rifles be shifted elsewhere as soon as possible. I would be very grateful if the Hon'ble Minister in-charge will take note of the sid points. Thank you.

PU AICHHINGA

: Pu Speaker, I shall start with the demand No.6 in particular with Revenue department. As far as the Department itself is concerned, the staff are well organised and hand working working.

It is one of the oldest among the Departments and yet it has no building of its own to mention. The amount spent on house rent is staggering. The fund allocation for the House rent of Revenue Department for the current fiscal year is Rs.7,50,000/-only. Apart from this, we have heard this mornign that the monthly house rent for only one building is Rs.44,000/-. It is therefore many regretted that while many Department have their own building of The seniour most Departments is still without a building of its own.

Another thing I wish to mention is the Market in Aizawl town. The Government has constructed a huge building in the New Market for vegetable Market under the integrated Urban Development programme, (IUDP). This is a centrally sponsored scheme in which 50% of the fund is borne by the centre. It is therefore necessary to submit a full report of the expenditures to the centre in order to receive fresh sanctions. This is where we lay behind. We have to give our reports regularly as it is a centrally sponsored scheme.

Coming to Local Administration Department, the fund allocation for Houser rent amount to Rs.8,00,000/- which is a huge amount. The reason for such wastage is only because of lack of government building. An old Department like the L.A.D. should have had a building of its own long time ago. In order to cut down our expenditure, we must construct more government buildings for officers.

We also find a provision of Rs.90,00,000/- for other charges. I think these are for the maintenance of street lights etc. And the re-numerator of village councils would it not be more convenient if it is given a separate head, such as - V/C.Re-Numeration etc.

There are also numerous minor works in the Local Administration Department amounting to Rs.3,75,00,000/- in the current fiscal year. Such substantial amount of money should be initial in the best way possible.

In the rural development the fund for Rural Housing is not in a separate head of its own. I do not know exactly why it is all under the Rural development head. The loan given out for Septic Tanks also is too meagre. It is understood that Rs.-5,000/- can not construct the septic tank these days. It is meaningless to distribute such small amount as loans. The amount has to be increased.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is very regretful that there are many errors in the Budget Book. Demand No.18, is Local Administration, but if we look at page 82 of the budget book it is written other Administration services. (Members said that corrections were to be made)

I would like to start with Demand No.6 Revenue Department. It is indeed surprising that this big department which deals with land settlement is still without a site of its own. If the Hon'ble Minister kindly checks the House sites of the staff of this department.

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I am sure that he will find each and every staff possesses three or four house sites. This must be checked immediately. I myself have applied for a house site many times without success. There are also other Hon'ble member like me who do not have a house site in Aizawl. It would give us more dignity and prestige to have at least one house site in our name.

In the Department of Local Administration, the new sodium vapour lights on the street are very encouraging to see. The construction of steps are also quite satisfactory. The Department has also done very well in distributing GCI sheets for the roofless. Coming to demand No.27, I am very pleased to know that a provision of Rs.2,75,00,000/- has been made for Housing loans. This is a big step towards development. Many villages have been declared sub-towns. Thingsulthliah in my constituency has also been declared a sub-town. It is also a pleasure to know that a separate provision of Rs.10,00,000/- has been made under a separate head. Economical weaker section. What I wish to stress is that we should see that all these provisions are utilised in the best way possible. The Department of revenue and LAD should bear in mind that they serve the poorest of the poor. I request the Hon'ble Minister in charge to take note of the members of this house who are still without a house site of their own. That is all, Thank you.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to say that a few things in the department of Revenue. The hon'ble members have mentioned this before me. I have often thought that the market building in the Sobji Bazaar, Aizawl is rather delicate. It would be a good thing if the building is verified by the engineers. The surrounding areas are also very muddy. It needs to be black topped on cement with proper drainage system. I would also like to mention that the sobji bazaar at Lunglei has not been yet re-constructed. This is another project that must be taken up as soon as possible.

The street light fitting done by the Local Administration Department is still very insufficient. In some areas the fittings are all completed but there is no light. It appears that maintenance is not good enough.

Lastly, we come to demand No.27 where there is a provision of Rs.2,75,00,000/- for Housing. This has been divided into middle and low income groups district wise. Rs.1,22,00,000/- for the middle income group in Aizawl District, Rs. - 46,00,000/- for Lunglei District and Rs.36,00,000/- for Chhimtuipui District. In the low income group, Rs.42,00,000/- for Aizawl District, Rs.15,00,000/- for Lunglei District and Rs.14,00,000/- for Chhimtuipui District.

This distribution appears to be a little out of proportion. I feel that more provision should be made for the Chhintuipui and Lunglei Districts. Population cannot be the sole reason of provisions. Other factors ought to be considered as well.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in the light of what has been said about the revenue department it is true that the Department is responsible for not having a site of its own. Individual are allotted house site but at the same time Departments are grossly neglected. They purchase back the land allotted to individuals at high prices. The expenditure on house rent is where a substantial amount of our money goes. It is therefore a far better investment. to purchase land and construct our own buildings. Most of the land on the outskirts of Aizawl town are private property.

Coming to demand No.18, Local Administration Department we find the provision of Rs. 2,62,00,000/- out of which Rs.1,01,00,000/- is for Direction and Rs.1,61,00,000/- for Administration. I do not know whether it is going to be utilised for development works. I do hope that it is utilised in the best way possible.

The provision for Housing in Demand No.27, also appears to be increased a little. We find Rs.4,48,00,000/- for the current fiscal year. However, with the rapid rise of inflation, Housing Loans are very meagre in amount.

I feel that the Loan Board also needs re-construction. I see no reason why there should be too many officials in the Board. One from LAD is enough because the Dy. Commissioner has to be a member, prominent citizens and members of the Legislative Assembly may constitute the Loan Board.

It would be wise to give more importance to applicant from the rural areas.

In demand No.28, Urban Development we find a provision of Rs.2,90,10,000/-. Which is quite substantial. Urban Development is the minor of our State. Our towns reflect our status. I am very happy about the construction of foot path from Chanmary to Chaltlang. I hope the structure is reliable enough. I request the contractor to keep watch over the construction and see that proper sizes of rods are used. We have also heard that similar foot path are to be constructed on the road to Durtlang and Zemabawk. Suddenly small shops or stall have been erected along these roads in the hope of getting compensations. It appears that compensations have become big business for many people.

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I feel that land owners should declared their property. Some persons possess 8 or 9 house site while some have none. In a short while in the future, we will be at the mercy of rich land owners. That is all I have to say.

Thank you.

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Seputya Speaker, I shall start with the Department of Revenue. During the MNF Ministry, I had the privilege to be in charge of Revenue Department. It was decided that about four Departments should shifted to the present building occupied by the Revenue Department at Dinthar.

However, we came to learn that this building had been planned and designed to accomodate the Secretariat. The rooms are so constructed as to fit Secretaries and staff. All these had been planned before the Ministry.

However, owing to the inconvenience of the area, the Secretariat was not shifted in its place it was decided that some departments should be shifted down. These departments were not very enger about the shifting. The amount of house rent paid by the Dovernment was Rs, 6,00,000/- last year. This year also it is Rs. 6,00,000/-. The allocation for minor works in the Revenue Department is Rs. 41,00,000/-. I feel that this is somewhat mengre in view of the works. We have in hand. The government has declared more towns and Sub-towns. It is therefore necessary to have more fund to look after these sub-towns. We are well aware that the Revenue Department is very efficient in its work. We will expect more efficiency when the entireset up of the Department in organised.

PU F.SAPA : Pu Speaker, the Department of Revenue & Land Settlement has become the most important factor in the course of development. As we have said, new sub-towns have been declared and as such, the Department of Revenue ins going to be more and more indispensable.

Regarding the development of Lunglei town, the presence of BSF and Army Headquarters in the town area has been a great hindrance to the expansion and development of the town. The Assam Rifles are stationed at Lunglawn, BSF at Zotlang and Pukpui. I also feel that the BSF are stationed in the wrong place. They are not stationed near the border where they should keep their right.299/-

If they are shifted from the middle of the town, there will be many houses sites for those without any . It is very inconvenient for the public that these army headquarters should be garrisoned in the town area. As the Hon'ble member from Lunglei North has pointed out, it is clear that Lunglei District is the poorest among the three Districts of Mizoram. The fund allotted is very insufficient for the District. We need buses and bus terminal for which by the Revenue Department . Some of our roads are too curving for the safety of vehicles. These also need re-construction which will involve large amount of money. I would like to point out that Saikuti Hall in the town of Lunglei is not large enough to meet our need. Parking area is also a necessity for the Hall. I therefore request the Hon'ble Minister in-charge to bear in mind that some areas of the Revenue Department site will have to be cut down for the Parking space. This will have to be a must in a short while. I request thd Government to please take up this matter as soon as possible. Thank you.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU

: Pu Speaker, I would like to say a few words on todays demand, Revenue ,LAD Housing and Urban Development .

The Department of Revenue has spent large sum of money for House Rent because they are still without a site for their building. A time will come when we will not be able to afford such heavy expenditure.

It is therefore most important that this department should have their own Buildings in Aizawl,Lunglei,Kolasib, Champhai and other sub-towns. I would also like to suggest that a specific place and time be schedule for LSC tax collection. Many of the Directorates are dominated by the MCS personnels. Housing Loan Boards should also be re-constructed. We need to spread out our wings and reach out to those who are in real need. Your distribution of GCI sheets is also nothing to be proud of . The reciepients are all Congress people. I checked up the list in my constituency and found that none of the poor recieved the sheets . This is why I keep doubting your words. The method of collecting zanbage by man is a good idea. However, many families face problems in this respect for the simple reason that there is no place to deposit their trash, and when the van comes, they do not have the time to deposit it in the van. It does not stop long enough to enable them to reach in time. Therefore, it will be necessary to procure land from private owners for depositing zanbage. What I want to say is that this system does not meet the need of even 1/3 of the public, Pu Speaker, that is all. Thank you.

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PU VAIVENGA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, thank you for me time for this, most of the Hon'ble members had lamented the lack of site for the Revenue Department office building.

However, I would like to point out the fact that proposals had been made during the previous Congress ministry to allot sites for Revenue & LAD Directorates along the site now occupied by the Bible Society. When the Ministry was taken over by the P.C. the proposed sites were given to the Bible Society. It is therefore rather difficult to carry out what had been planned if a new Ministry does not take up the works. It would not be correct to put the whole blame on the Revenue Department.

Another thing I wish to say is that Housing Loans are the only means of constructing a house for the poorer section of the public. I am indeed very happy to know that more provisions have been made for this. Altogether, I think that the fund allocations for Housing, Revenue and LAD are quite substantial.

The Construction of the sobji bazaar and market was undertaken by the Integrated Urban Development scheme which is a Centrally sponsored scheme. I shall try to obtain more of such central sponsored schemes for the towns of Lunglei, Saiha, Champhai, Kolasib and Lawngtlai.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, in the course of developing towns, we often lack a specific authority who can take up the plans of the town and its expansion. In view of this, the central YMA had inculcated the idea of reserving certain sites and areas for future important sites. Such reservations proved to be very valuable. The town of Aizawl is now over populated and congested leaving not a single place for a park or recreation area. It is even difficult to find place for public toilet and latrines. Because of this the Government is now buying land from private land owners for huge sum of money. Our short sightedness has led us into big trouble. Most of the area around Aizawl town belong to individuals, the Government is now buying back these lands at very high prices. Speaking of the Revenue Department, there are many things I wish to point out in this matter. Field Staff who have to survey land are facing great difficulties owing to lack of facilities. It is extremely difficult to cover their survey works without vehicles.

Lastly, the government should assess the value of land mortgaged for loans. This is necessary because it is often found that some people mortgage land of such low value that it will not even be worth Rs.200/- if sold.

Such mortgagage is harmful for the government.

PU LALRAWNLIANA

: Pu Speaker, firstly, I am greatly concerned about the congested of Aizawl town. The previous Ministry had started widening the roads. However, this was not continued by the new Ministry. It is therefore un-imaginable as to what will become of Aizawl town in the next ten years. Therefore, every ministry should see that these priorities are made for better development of Aizawl town.

Speaking of the Revenue Department, I have been deceived by one of the staff when we first came overground. This person approached me with the LSC of a plot of land for sale. I bought it and when I tried to find the plot it was nowhere to be found. This is a good example of how even the staff of the revenue department can be dangerous. It was also clear that the staff of this department possess several plots of land in their names. If a person applies for a plot of land, care must be taken so that none of the staff should know about it. If any of the staff becomes aware of the vacant plot applied for, they change it into their names and when the pass is issued, it comes out in the names of that person's relatives.

There are also cases of distributing private plots of land as houses sites for the public without the consent of the owners. On the other hand there are also cases of allotting government properties as house sites to individuals both of these practices must be put to an end. It is also learned that the BRTF camp at Saitual-Keifang has been leased for 99 years (Ninety nine). This is very neglectful. As it is the BRTF camp is becoming a hindrance to the public. Ninety nine years is a long time. I hope such acts will not be repeated again.

PU ZALAWMA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, the discussion on demand No.6,18,27 and 28 has been very interesting and the Hon'ble members are all very keen on the subjects. The departments of LAD and Revenue are the two nearest departments to the public. In condemning some departments and officers, one should not forget that the public are also to be blamed as well. It is the public who spoil the officers through bribes and other means.

Regarding Land Settlement and allotment, we are planning for a better and more systematic method. Private land and property will be properly surveyed and if documents cannot be produced, the owners will have to surrender certain areas for public property.

After that , they will be issued a correct land settlement certificate in their name. The Department of Land Revenue is intending to take very careful steps in land settlements. Everything will be done after proper survey of the land. The responsibility of the staff of this Department is indeed enormous. We are also planning to mobilise our revenue resources from now on, it will mean raising of revenues in various respects. These will have to be systematically maintained and better records kept. For instance the House Tax of Rs.2/- will henceforth be Rs.10/-. All these are in order to help ourselves attain self-sufficiency in our resources . We are on the verge of taking new steps towards self-sufficiency.

In the department of Local - Administration, more than 700 minor works were carried out in the rural areas. In this respects every MLA is responsible for the development of his constituency. On going schemes will be given priorities. We should know where minor works such as construction of steps etc. Our budget is rather meagre to cover all our needs. It is also proposed to construct another cantilever . foot path from Bawngkawn to Durtlang . This kind of work will require huge sums of money. Our budget will have to be utilised with the utmost care. The sobji bazaar at Munglei wich is estimated at Rs.15,00,000/- was mentioned by the Hon'ble members Pu P.Lalbiaka and Dr.R.Lalthangliana . We have 23 lakhs at present to start with.

Pu Speaker, I request this August House to pass the following demands I have moved.

Demand No.6, Revenue	- Rs.2,11,00,000/-
Demand No.18 L.A.D.	-Rs.2,62,00,000/-
Demand No.27, Housing	-Rs.4,48,00,000/-
Demand No.28, Urban Development	- Rs.2,90,10,000/-
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Total	- Rs,12,11,10,000.00

Thank you.

S P E A K E R	:	As requested by the Hon'ble Minister we will take voice vote to pass the following demands under his charge.
1.Demand No.6, Revenue		Rs.2,11,00,000/-
2.Demand No.18, L.A.D.		Rs.2,62,00,000/-
3.Demand No.27, Housing		Rs.4,48,00,000/-
4.Demand No.28, Urban Development		Rs.2,90,10,000/-
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Total		Rs.12,11,10,000.00

(All member raised their voice in agreement). The demand No.6,18,27 and 28 is declared passed unanimously by this House. Now Pu P.Siamliana Hon'ble Minister may please move the various demands under his charge.

PU P.SIAMLIANA : Mr Speaker sir, on the re-commendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permissions Sir, I move the following demands No,32,33,34 and 50 amounting to Rs.5,18,30,000/- only for metting expenditure during 1990 - 1991 in respect of the following departments :-

Demand No.32, Social Welfare Department - Rs.3,67,20,000/-
Demand No.33, Social Security Welfare - Rs. 54,00,000/-
Demand No.34, Relief on account of Natural calamities -
Rs.54,10,000/-
Demand No.50, Other general economic services
Rs.43,00,000/-

Total Rs.5,18,30,000.00

Thank you.

PU J.H.ROTHAUAMA : Pu Speaker, in a poor state like Mizoram, there are many abnormal children and old people to sponsor. It is therefore necessary to make a substantial provision in the social Welfare department. The provisions made for sponsoring old aged homes, drugs addicted juvenile - deleguents and spastic & childrens not enough. It could be reconsidered and provisions may be made in the Revised Estimate.

The social security, the provisions made for the rehabilitation of MNF returnees is also very meagre. The ex-gratia paid to the families of those who lost their lives in the hands of the Indian Army should also be given as far as possible. This should be given as per sanction made by the Government.

The fund allocation for Relief on account of natural calamities is also insufficient for the three districts of the state. These are unforeseen events and it would be wide to keep a substantial amount in hand.

In demand No.50, Trade and Commerce, the Hon'ble Minister mentioned that inter State trade would be taken up by this department.. We have several cash crops in our state such as ginger chilly cotton and sesamum. Recently, ginger was cultivated in a large scale in Mizoram and the harvest was quite good. However, ginger producers faced a big problems in the sale of their crops. Unless we have a good market for our cash crops, farmers will lose the zeal and interest in cultivating such crops. We have to strive in selling our products outside our state where the market is good. Chillies and ginger have a good markets and the feasibility is already tapped. The budget for Trade & Commerce this year is only in name.

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However, this department has far to go and we are only just beginning. Our bamboos are also a great source of income if we can tap their potentiality.

In Thailand, they make toothpicks from bamboos and export them to various countries. We could learn their expertise and do the same. Bamboos shoots can also be preserved and canned for export. All these can be processed from our natural habitat and open up various means of export in trade and commerce, therefore, all these demands need careful study and as we have already said, we need more provisions for these demands. Thank you.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, I believe that the reason for the meagre fund provisions is due to the fact that Mizoram is very poor State. Provisions for Social Welfare has already been pointed out it will not meet the needs of the Department. This department has a large responsibility. The need to enlarge their scope is the reason why more fund is needed. This Department has many aspects and some of these are concerning sports. It has enough of its own responsibilities.

The provisions made for Relief and natural calamities is also very meagre, the Government often does not have any fund to provide when calamity strikes. We have experienced this very recently when hail storms hit and destroyed the roof of many in the village of Darlawn and Serzawl.

In Trade & Commerce, we don't have much to say yet. The rice cultivation is a failure in our State and we have tried to produce other cash crops like ginger, chillies etc.

However, as the Hon'ble members have said before me, the market is not good and producers face grave difficulties. The most important in that Trade & Commerce Department should function as the fixer of rates of these cash crops. At present the rates depend upon the buyers outside Mizoram, which is very low. It is therefore very important that the Department of Trade & Commerce should take up this issue.

PU P.C.BAWITLUANGA : Pu Speaker, out of all these demands, I feel that the Department of Social Welfare touches our daily existence more than the other demands. The provisions made for this department is very insufficient in comparison to the need of the rural areas.

There are countless handicapped people who need help directly through the Social Welfare Department. Malnutrition is also a big battle to fight and the department is not well equipped to supply the need in rural areas. There are also old people who need sponsoring. Hearing aids are also in great shortage. We cannot name all the necessary items which come under this Department. The other department where we need more provision is relief on account of natural calamities. These calamities come suddenly and we have to be ready to meet them. The recent hail storm was a good example. Many houses were destroyed leaving many families roofless. The Hon'ble Chief Minister was very busy making on the spot verifications. These demands are based on humanitarian grounds and we need to make more provisions for them.

Regarding Trade & Commerce, these are many things to say. We have the potential to market our products such as chillies, ginger and turmeric if it is processed in the proper way. Don't we have any experts in this field? Let us broaden our horizons and train ourselves outside Mizoram if necessary. The provision for this department is too little to do any work. It is time to make up and mobilise our resources.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, I would like to speak on Demands No. 32, 34 and 50. I think we the members are among the happiest concerning the achievements and steps taken by the Department of Social Welfare. In view of this, I feel that the fund allocation this year is too meagre. The budget last year (Plan and non Plan) was Rs. 364 lakhs. This year it is Rs. 3,67,20,000/- only. It is because if this department that we can hold our heads up when we tour the rural areas. Necessary items like Petromax, Dekchi's, Tarpaulins, PA sets and other sports goods are distributed through this Department.

Old aged pension is another beneficial thing under the Social Welfare department. It is a great blessing for old people who have not one to look after them, especially in the rural areas. As the hon'ble members have already opined, the fund allocation for Relief on account of natural calamities is very meagre, It will be used up in a short time and as we cannot foresee these calamities we would be wise to provide more fund for relief.

Lastly, coming to Trade & Commerce, this Department will become one of the most important department when the government land use Policy is successful, The Department will need more provisions for buying local products of agriculture etc.

PU RUALCHHINA

: Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me this time. I would also like to say a few things regarding the Department of

Social welfare . The plan is good but the fund provision is too meagre to enable proper implementation of works. I think it would be wise to make more provision in the Revised Estimate. One thing I wish to mention is the old age pension scheme . We need to revise the existing rules regarding the criteria for selecting old age pension beneficiaries. There are some old people who have living relatives but still do not have anyone to care for them. What I have to say in mind is that the Government would do well to provide some sort of self-employment for them.

In demand No.33, Social Security and Welfare , a provision of Rs.3,30,000/- for the rehabilitation of M.N.F. returnees , and Rs.10,00,000/- for ex-gratia payment.

I think this ex-gratia payment is very important .What is important is how we utilise it. The government should conduct a proper verification of the recipients . We should know that this is not something we can give in favour of our relatives and friends.

A provision of Rs.20 lakhs is also made for Relief on account of Natural Calamities , This is divided into two categories i.e. Gratuity and Natural calamities. The most common among our natural calamities are fire, flood, landslip and cyclones. Only Rs.12 lakhs is kept for these calamities and this is a very small sum. In order to meet the need of the people we have to have enough fund provisions . That is all, Thank you.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA

: Pu Speaker, we have many on going schemes and projects such as Remand Homes, Motherless baby homes and

Rescue homes. However, the security in these homes is very poor. I request the Hon'ble Minister in-charge to please take note of this . One of these Remand homes is Ramhuan is situated on the main road . Another one in Mission Veng is in the residential area with neighbours close by. If we are to really do these works, we have to choose isolated places on the outskirts of the town. It is not good to mix close by with the public.

Another thing I wish to mention is the Aganwadi Centres in the rural areas. The buildings are not worth calling houses. They are mere sheds with stray cattle and cow dung. I do not think this is negligence on the part of the departments. We have too little fund allocations. However, the workers are doing their best to uplift the situation. There is absolutely no incentives to work for them with the present conditions.

Thirdly, the rural areas is full of handicapped and abnormal people who need help and rehabilitation for earnign their daily bread. The government has to introduce several schemes and projects to rehabilitate these peoples. The present amount given for such scheme is to meagre to start any business at all. Poultry farming and other such small scale projects need at least four or five thousands rupees to start with.

Lastly, I am Deeply concerned with the lack of office builidings. The hon'ble members have been mentioning the huge amounts of money spent on house rents. The Government will do well to take up building projects to be self reliant in buildings.

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Speaker, the department of Social Welfare though not very prominent is one of the most humane departments, and I have many things to be thankful for. Their performance is very good. They have rehabilitated many socially misful persons. Their work in the rural areas one humble and does not involve much fund. Yet, the value of their performance is much higher than those involving huge amounts of money. Much of the fund allocation goes to the salaries of the employees. That leaves ofvery little for other changes I honestly fell that this Department deserves to be given more fund. Small it3ms like Petromax and P.A.sets and Dekchis have to be distributed and the Social Welfare Departments is out main source.

Regarding ex-gratia and compensations, there is a seperate Head but only as a token provisions. Schemes were made during the M.N.F. Ministry but it could not materialise because the Home Ministry Government of India could not give clearance I think it was in May 1988 that an Ex-gratia provision of Rs.2.2 crores was recieved. Some of these have been distributed by the D.C. but a certain amount still stay untouched. I would like to request the Government to please pursue the matter as there are many families left unpaid.

As the hon'ble members have already said before me, the provision made for relief of natural calamities is not enough. We need to have more fund and be ready to meet any mishap that can be fall us. In this way, the hands of the Government can be made stronger.

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Speaker, it is a fact that the Department of Social Welfare Department is the only department which covers us up. It is the hand of the Government that reaches out to the people in need.

Demand No.34, Relief and Rehabilitation is also a demand that concerns the lives of human beings. Natural calamities can befall us anytime, last year a village in my constituency suffer great loss where about 27 families were flooded. Other calamities such as cyclones, hail storms and landslides occur very year. We should be equiped to meet these calamities where and whenever they befall us.

AS for the payment of Ex-gratia and compensations, I am sorry to say that all these should have been paid during the ministry of M.NF. It is a regret that such as a weak government had hampered the payments. However, I am glad that the matter has been pursued . Thank you.

PU J.THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, we have Rs. - 377 lakhs in the Department of Social Welfare. The Government has utilised a good amount of these to assist handicapped, abnormal and old age people in the rural areas.

In towns these are many families who need rehabilitation because they have given up earning their livelihood by selling liquor . These people could be reached out through associations like MHIP and YMA. I am sure there are many such families wishing to change their means of livelihood . The Department of Social welfare could work together with the public and assist such families.

In many constituency, also there was much destruction caused by natural calamities. I request the Government to please help the afflicted families as soon as possible. Lastly, if the ex-gratia is not utilised it should be diverted to some other urgent matter under the Department of Social Welfare . Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The Hon'ble Minister in-charge Social Welfare Department may wind up his demand and request the vote of the House.

PU P.SIAMLIANA : Pu Speaker, firstly
MINISTER I wish to thank all the hon'ble members who have taken interest in the discussion of the demands under my charge.

Firstly, I would like to assure the Hon'ble Opposition Dy.Leader that grant for rehabilitation is to be given to 17 families who have decided to

to start their livelihood afresh. Such matter can be processed through the M.L.A. in charge.

One of the hon'ble members mentioned the poor condition of Aganwadi in the rural areas. This is true to a great extent, however, we should bear in mind that these Aganwadi centres are voluntary workd. Responsibilities are on the village authorities and the volunteers.

We are also aware of the fact that about Rs.700/- to 1,000/-are given to divorced women to start their means of living. Although this is a very small sum, it is difficult to increase the amount because of the fact that there are too many such needy women in our state.

Regarding the rehabilitation of drug addicts and remand homes for juvenile delinquents, the government is doing its best. The government has opened a new remand home near the new jail in which we solicit the co-operation of all departments in order to make it a success.

What the hon'ble members opined about Relief on Account of natural calamities is true. We have very little provision for such relief as these things are unforeseen.

Regarding the rehabilitation of M.N.F. returnees, I do not think that anybody would be jealous of them. We will try our level best.

As for Trade & Commerce, I am of the opinion that we should tap our own products and raw materials. Chillies, Soyabean, ginger and other such cash crops could be procured by the Government. As such there could be more suppliers.

In conclusion Pa Speaker, I request this vote of this House to pass the following Demands under my charge, Demand No.32- Rs.3,67,20,000/- Social Welfare & Security Rs.54,00,000/- Relief on Account of Natural calamities- Rs.54,10,000/- Other General Economic Services Rs.40,00,000/- The total amounting to Rs.5,18,30,000/- only.

S P E A K E R : As the hon'ble Minister in-charge has requested the vote of the House for the following demands under his charge- Demand No.32-Social Welfare Rs.3,67,20,000/- Demand No.33-Social Security Rs.54,00,000/- Demand No.34-Relief on Account of Natural calamities- Rs.54,10,000/- Demand No.50-Other General Economic Services Rs.40,00,000/- Total- Rs.5,18,30,000/-only. We shall take voice vote now. (All members agree to pass). The House agree to pass the demands unani-

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nimously. It is therefore declared passed by this House. We have now finished our business for today the House will be adjourned till 10 : 30 A.M. tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at

9 : 25 P.M.