

SPEAKER : Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal, for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6 : 19—21.

Now we shall take up questions. Dr. R. Lalthangliana for question no. 81.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 81 is.

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

The no. of supervisor post to be filled up.

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for Minister starred question no. 81 is—

There are 3 (three) supervisor posts to be filled up.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the post of supervisor in Transport Department had been lying vacant for 3 (three) years. If I am not mistaken, supervisor post is meant for promotional post of drivers. If it is not filled up, it blocks the promotion channel for drivers. I would like to know why these posts are not filled up till today.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, some years back, Assistant Transport Officer post is meant for promotional post of drivers and mechanics but in the new Recruitment Rules, matri-

culate is required for the post of Assistant Transport Officer which means chance of promotion for drivers and mechanic is hopeless. I would like to know whether this and the Recruitment Rules can be reviewed so that drivers and mechanics can have the chance of promotion.

Secondly, drivers are blamed for the cause of accidents and sometimes they are even attacked and harassed by the public. Is the Government aware that because of this, drivers are facing problems. Does the Government intend to solve their problems?

Thirdly, does Transport Department have proper director and can the Government assure to appoint director from the staff of Transport Department if there is eligible person among them.

Lastly, it is learnt that there is misappropriation of funds in Transport Department and as a result some staff have not taken their pay. It is also learnt from newspaper that Transport Department borrowed a sum of Rs. 1,00,000/- from Education Department and can not repay it till today. Has the fund allotted for the pay of staff of Transport Department been used to purchase other items? If yes, can the Hon'ble Minister assure to settle this matter as soon as possible?

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the vacant posts of supervisor, a sitting of D.P.C had been conducted on 6th March so an appointment order will be issued very soon. This post is meant for promotional post of senior drivers.

Regarding the questions asked by the Hon'ble Member Pu F. Malsawma about the post of Director in Transport Department, at present one post of Director is vacant and now Joint Director is taking the charge of Director. Recruitment Rules for the post of Director is being examined by MPSC. So I can not say when Director post will be filled up since Recruitment Rule is not

accepted. Regarding promotion channel for drivers and mechanics to Assistant Transport Officer, the matter will be looked into. I do not know officially about misappropriation of funds in Transport Department, however, this matter will be looked into.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, one more supplementary question. It seems there are about 30 mechanics in Transport Department while the Department has more than 100 buses. Due to the shortage of mechanics Transport Department is facing problems in motor repairing, Does the Government have any intention to create more mechanic posts?

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 82 is—

Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Vety and Animal Husbandary Department be pleased to state—

Is there any intention to set up, pig farm to improve our environment and sanitation?

PU P. LALBIAKA : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for star
Minister question no. 82 is,

There is no prohibition act to rear pig in our own compound so there is no intention to set up pig form.

PU LALKHAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Does the Government feel it is good to prohibit live-stocks in the town for health reason?

PU P. LALBIAKA : Mr. Speaker Sir, generally speaking, rearing livestocks in the town may affect out health, so it is best

not to rear any kind of livestock in the town. However, as most of the pork we are eating in the town are locally produced by ourselves, so there is no intention to make prohibition at present.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is said that DDT has cumulative effect and it can create cancer both at human beings and animals. According to doctors, one of the reasons for the widespread of cancer in Mizoram is that we are having pig farms in residential areas. Every year there is DDT spraying programme and our pig sheds and troughs are sprayed with DDT and the pigs are eating again from the trough. Then we, the human beings consume indirectly DDT from the pork which affects our health. I would like to know whether the Government is aware of this and is there any intention to check this procedure? I also would like to suggest to have proper pig farm in order to stop/check our common practice of having our own pig farm in/near the residential areas.

PU P. LALBIAKA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is not the responsibility of Vety Department to consider this matter? Regarding DDT, even our farmers used to give DDT to their plants and we should be careful in this matter too.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 83 will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state —

- (a) The condition of Tuirial Hydel Project.
- (b) Is there any intention/proposal to construct Tlawng Lui Hydel Project.
- (c) The re-investigation works done so far.

PU C.L. RUALA :
Minister.

Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question no. 83 is.

(a) All the necessary clearance had been done for Tuirial Hydel Project. It is intended to take a loan from Overseas Economic Corporation fund (OECF) Japan and the project is in the hands of MIFCO. We are expecting to hear from OECF within 1996 September.

(b) Yes.

(c) To do re-investigation work for Bairabi Project, MIFCO and NHPC had been consulted but they could not do this work due to financial problems. NHPC had submitted on December 1995 the cost of clearance they had done so far to the Government of Mizoram and the Government of Mizoram submitted it to E.E. for Techno Economic Clearance. At the same time, in 1994, Brahmaputra Board said its willingness to do the re-investigation work at Brahmaputra Board Meeting. Even the Government of Mizoram agreed to that and the old record taken by NEEPCO and NHPC will be handed over to Brahmaputra Board. However, the Brahmaputra Board had not started the work.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding Tlawng Hydel Project, same answer had been given in the previous sessions and I would like to ask whether re-investigation work can be done more faster, otherwise they will be engaged for other works? Regarding Tuirial Hydel Project, it is heard that some persons/people are doing unfair means to get compensation and I would like to ask whether the Government is aware of this fact and does the Government take steps to prevent such things. Lastly, would like to know the steps taken so far by the department to have thermal power.

PU LALHMENGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question— The Hon'ble Minister stated that construction work of Tuirial Hydel Project will be financed by Overseas Economic

Corporation, Japan. After I submitted this question I was told by telephone from Japan that 4 billion dollars had been sanctioned for this purpose. What I would like to ask is while the Government has good finance why do we entrust NEEPCO instead of our Power Department to take up this work? Can both the State Government and Central Government reconsider about the work agency? If NEEPCO is construction agency, does it mean that Tuirial Project will become a regional project. If that is the case, does it mean that we are going to share the power produced by this project with our neighbouring states? I am glad to learn that there is an intention to construct Tlawng Hydel Project. At the same time I feel sad that there is no proper plan for this project. Now it is said that the re-investigation work is being handed over to Brahmaputra Board. Truly speaking, Brahmaputra Board is not an Investigation Agency. Like this, its been more than 10 years since there is no proper plan for this project. I, therefore, would like to ask whether the Government is ready to have proper plan to take up the construction work of Tlawng Project?

DR. J.V. HLUNA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, when I was to move a resolution regarding Tlawng Project in 1994 Budget Session a xerox copy of Central Electricity Authority No. 3/112/88 PAC/205/-53 dated 4th Nov. 1988 had been given to me by the Hon'ble Minister. According to this letter, it was sent to CEA on 10.10.1988 for Techno Economic Clearance which will cover 60% of the whole project and for the remaining 40% it is necessary to have environmental clearance. For this compensation, action plan had to be prepared for compensatory de-afforestation rehabilitation of the affected people and outment area treatment. So the Government of Mizoram was informed to do this. I would like to ask as to why it is necessary to send again for Techno Economic clearance?

PU C.L. BUALA
Minister

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Member Pu F. Malsawma asked whether the re-investigation work of Tlawng

Hydel Project can be done faster, the Government is urging to do this work but it seems they can not do it fastly. Regarding the ownership of Tuirial Project as asked by the Hon'ble Member Pu Lalhmingthanga, since this project is being taken up by NEEPCO, it will be a central sector. However, since it is within our territory we shall be given free power supply and we have to purchase the rest. According to their calculation, a sum of 400,20 crore rupees will be spent for this project including price escalations. Out of this 85% will be loan and 5% will be given by NEEPCO and our State Government will give 15% which will be a burden for us considering our budget. Regarding environment clearance which had been pointed out by the Hon'ble Member from Aizawl West II constituency, the matter had been referred to the concern ministry and the Government of Mizoram was told to prepare environmental action plan. The CEA had given clearance for 50% of power sector but the CWC (Central Workers Commission) could not give clearance for the rest of 40%. Other departments like Agriculture, Tourism, Inland Water Transport etc. will also have benefits. As that is the case, Forest & Environment clearance is not possible.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding environmental clearance, Central had sent their letter addressing our Chief Secretary to make plan for the command area which covers Sq. Km. 2500 but the Government of Mizoram did not do this. Therefore, it is difficult for the Centre to make plan while even the authority here did not do it. I, therefore, would like to urge the Government to take up this matter earnestly. And I would like to suggest to form Parliamentary Committee on this matter.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Construction of power project is very expensive because of compensation. I, therefore, would like to ask whether Land Revenue Department has taken steps not to issue L.S.C pass to privates at Tlawng and Tuirial areas.

PU F. LALZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. In 1994 March Session, this project was termed as Tlawng Lui Project while the correct name is Daleshwari Hydrel Project. In the resolution, we had passed it as Bairabi Hydrel Project. Therefore, we are confusing right from its name. Can we give Mizo name for this.

SPEAKER : Now I shall call upon the concern Minister.

C.L. RUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the name of the project, we can give a Mizo name if we wish, but the most important thing is how we can fulfil this project. In regard to formation of a Committee as suggested by Pu Lalhmingthanga, I think the Enquiry Committee which the House agreed to form can verify this project. There is also a Consultative Committee which can have a look. Regarding Thermal Power asked by the hon'ble member Pu F. Malsawma, we are hiring consultant to construct cold Thermal Project at Bairabi and now they are preparing estimates for this project.

In regard to the question asked by the hon'ble member Pu Lalsawta not to issue LSC pass to claimants of compensation, we hope that there will not be that much case and I would like to request the hon'ble members to inform the Government if they know any person who have this intention.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalhmingthanga suggested to form Parliamentary Enquiry Committee while the House agreed to form is an Enquiry Committee, can this be grouped together?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as Tuirial Project is Central Sector, our share will be only 12% which means it will

decrease by 5 Mega Watt and as a result we shall be facing more power crisis. As this matter is a common interest, I would like to say that without power infra-structure there will be no development and what I meant was to have good and beneficial Hydel Project of our own.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I think Subject Committee of the House can take up this matter.

SPEAKER : Does the House Leader have anything to say?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we do not say that Tuirial Project is enough to meet our power demands. In order to meet our demands we have to take up whatever is available be it big or small otherwise we will never have power supply if we wait only for the big projects. As far as my knowledge is concern, every Ministry had taken great efforts for Bairabi Hydel Project but as mentioned by the Hon'ble Minister we have not been succesful till today.

Regarding Tuirial Project which will generate 60 Mega Watt, as pointed out earlier, it is Central Project so Japan will fund 85% and Central will fund 15% respectively. The fund to be given by Japan will be on loan and it will be the liabilities of Central Government. Regarding its execution, as State Government never undertakes such big project, Central Government wants NEEPCO to undertake it, therefore an agreement had been signed by NEEPCO and Power Ministry and CEC for this. Even the representatives of CEC had approved this and informed Japan that our priority is to generate power which had been agreed even by Japan. I hope this work will be started soon.

The Government is aware of the fact that there are some people particularty from Aizawl who hope to claim compensation

even up to Tuivai. It is my opinion that the LSC of whoever which had been issued after the proposal of the project should be cancelled. Though there is no such rules to restrict having LSC, the Government of Mizoram is not intending to accept these. However, there are few people who have had land during British Rule in India and these people shall not be included.

SPEAKER : Now question no. 84.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, according to the speech of our House Leader, Tui-rial Project is not our achievement,

Regarding compensation, I would like to point out that the relatives of our House Leader used to take compensation whatever possible. Those who are sitting on your right side used to do illegal tradings and this makes the economic condition of Mizoram very poor.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I would like to request you to form House Committee to enquire the matter pointed out by the hon'ble member Pu Lal-hmingthanga under his chairmanship.
Chief Minister

PU F. LALZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, my question was not properly answered. Can it be named Tlawng Lui Project?

SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Minister said it is named Bairabi Project.

PU F. LALZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we have passed it as Daleshwari. Do not mention its construction while you can not even pronounce its name.

- SPEAKER :** Whether it is Tlawng or Bairabi or Daleshwari please listen.
- PU F. LALZUALA :** When some of the members change their seats, they even change their opinion and speech particularly in the case of Greater Water Lunglei Supply Scheme but Mr. Speaker Sir, we are not like them.
- PU LALHMINGTHANGA :** My opinion regarding Greater Water Lunglei Supply Scheme is still the same.
- PU F. LALZUALA :** It is not the same, even those who asked the question are still here.
- SPEAKER :** Please be seated. Do we agree to form a Committee as suggested by the House Leader? What name shall we give?
- PU SAIKAPTHIANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, in my opinion, it is not necessary to form a committee suggested by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- SPEAKER :** Then we shall not form it. Now Pu Lalkhama for question no. 84.
- PU F. LALREMSIAMA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, I do support not to form a Committee and what I would like to suggest is to take stern action to those who issued LSC pass.
- SPEAKER :** Now Pu Lalkhama for question No. 84.

PU LALKHAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question No. 84 —

Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Food & Civil Supplies Department be pleased to state —

- a) To whom do the Flour Mills give Maida, Atta, Suzi and Wheat brand of Mizoram Quota.
- b) The rate of the above items.

SPEAKER : Pu Bawitluanga.

PU P.C. BAWITLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question No. 84 is —

a) Maida, Atta, Suzi and Wheat brand produced by Flour mills for Mizoram quota is controlled by the Department and they are given to bakers, chow makers, society of pig producers and to those who are not members of the above societies.

b) The rate of the above items is as follows — Maida is Rs. 496/- per bag at Sunrise Flour Mills and at Union Flour Mills Rs. 526/-. Atta is Rs. 429/- both at Sunrise and Union Flour Mills and Atta 'R' is Rs. 389/- at sunrise flour mills and Rs. 419/- at union flour mills. Wheat brand is Rs. 159/- at sunrise flour mills and Rs. 172/- at Union flour mills.

SPEAKER : Though question hour is over now, we shall finish this question.

PU LALKHAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question—Does the Hon'ble Minister know the fact that 2,000 tons of Wheat allotted by FCI for Mizoram quota for a month is not distributed through the flour mills? Does he know that these

wheat are to be distributed to public as a whole? Does he also know that these flour mills are using Government's fund and facilities for their own business? Who fix the said rates? Does he know that they are selling at more than the actual price? Does he also know that we can give employment to educated unemployed persons if we give Chakki to grind whole wheat and get Atta at a cheaper rate i.e 420/- per quintal or 4.20 per kg? Why do public pay carrying charge for Silchar — Aizawl? Lastly, even before we can give Chakki, can we form a Committee to check the rate of wheat products?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Is the Government aware of the fact that Flour Mills at Silchar are not sending their products properly for Mizoram quota? If yes, what action had been taken so far? I also would like to know why there is no atta while their is allotment. Next, Mr. Speaker Sir, on 26th 9.1996 Food & Civil Supplies Department issued allotment order for Atta W whose rate is higher than Atta R as its quality is superior but the quality of Atta distributed was R, and I would like to give this sample with your permission. Mr. Spenker Sir, to the Hon'ble Minister to examine it and at the same time, I would like to request him to check this matter. Will either Union Flour Mill or the Department refund the money to the public for purchasing Atta R at the rate of Atta W? Lastly, we all know about the missing of rice because its been published in our newspaper. In this regard, as it is the responsibility of Account Officer, is it possible to appoint Account Officer from the Department instead of entrusting one from Saiha Post?

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir. I have asked this subject since 1994. When we purchased Wheat products from Silchar Union Flour Mills, our loss is more than 50 crore rupees. Can this matter be reconsidered? In order to save this extra loss, can the Hon'ble Minister give assurance to grind Wheat in Mizoram?

PU F. LAIZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Bags of Atta and husk of wheat grains are too loose so is it possible to weigh it when public are going to purchase? Secondly, does the concern Minister know that the carrying contractors used to wait for a long time when they are going to carry husk of wheat grains from Silchar Union flour Mills?

SPEAKER : Now I shall call upon the concern Minister.

PU P.C. BAWITLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the Minister reason for not giving wheat in grains is that when it is grind at chakki, the product is not as good as that is grind by flour mills, so there is no demand from public and this creates a problem. Regarding the problems faced by carrying contractors, order had been issued just recently that out of 2000 metric ton of our quota, Sunrise flour Mill will have larger share than Union flour Mill though they used to share 50—50 before. In regard to the question as to why we chose Silchar Union flour Mill which has higher rate is that public demand is high and Sunrise flour Mill alone is not able to meet the demand due to various problems, that is why we are using Union flour Mill since long time back. However, there is a proposal to plant flour mill at Bualpui. In this regard, I would like to request the Hon'ble Members to give advice and suggestions and I would like to thank all members who have keen interest in this.

Thank you.

PU LALKHAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, what the Hon'ble Minister said regarding flour milled at chakki was wrong because in plain areas people prefer flour milled at chakki than those milled at ordinary flour mills which are not properly grind.

Secondly, if atta purchased at the rate of Rs. 352/- per quintal has been milled at chakki it is mostly sold at Rs. 420/- per quintal to cattle rearers. If about 1000 tones are sold to cattle rearers, will it not be possible to give the rest at the rate fixed for flour milled at chakki?

SPEAKER : Let's end there on this subject.

PU P.C. BAWITLUANGA : Mr. Speakers Sir, it seems that we, the Mizos do not fully understand what chakki is. Pu Lalkhama seems to be the only member who knows the good quality of products produced through chakki. We will see to what can be done.

SPEAKER : Pu J.V Hluna begged leave of the House to avail Zero Hour, so he will avail Zero Hour. But as there is not much time he will be given only 5 minutes.

I also inform the House that the hon'ble member Pu Tlanghmingthanga begged leave of absence for today and tomorrow. He also authorised Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask question on his behalf, if there is any.

PU LAL BIAKZUALA : Mr. Speaker, what about my open letter.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalhmingthanga complained that his question was not listed. But I think question no 83 regarding Power & Electricity Department is his. If this is not his we will see to it. Today, we shall be taking three demands—Pu Saikapthianga's demand; Pu F. Lawmkima's demand and Pu Lalbiaka's demand first, we shall call upon the ministers to move their demands and after that we shall continue our discussion for

which each member will be given 10 minutes each. Now, let me call upon Pu Saikapthianga to submit/move his demands.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I moved my demands for 1996-1997 for the following: Demand No 41- Forestry & Wildlife, Revenue-10 crore and 80 lakh rupees. Capital 25 lakh rupees; Rural Development, Revenue-36 crore and 67 lakhs rupees, capital 10 crore and 24 lakh rupees; Demand No 45- Other special area programme- Revenue 2 lakh rupees. Total 48 crore and 98 lakh rupees.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Mr. Saikapthianga had submitted his demands do we agree to consider it? Now I shall call upon Pu F. Lawmkima to submit his demands.

PU F. LAWMKIMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I moved demand no 38 and 61, Fisheries & Tourism- Rs. 2 crore and 62 lakh and 10 thousand only for sanction of building 1996-1997 invested at the following department: Demand No 38 Fisheries, Revenue 1 crore 11 lakh rupees, Capital 30 lakh rupees. Demand No 61 Tourism-Revenue 1 crore 9 lakh and 10 thousand rupees, Capital 12 lakh rupees. Total 2 crore, 62 lakh and 10 thousand rupees.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Do we agree to consider the demand submitted by Pu F. Lawmkima? Now I shall call upon Pu P. Lalbiaka to submit his demands.

PU P. LALBIAKA : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I moved demand nos. 35 and 40 for 1996—1997 of the following departments. Demand no. 35 Relief on Account of Natural Calamities, Revenue 132 crore rupees, Demand no. 40 Animal Husbandary, Revenue 755 crore rupees, Capital 30 crore rupees. Total 917 crore rupees.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Do we agree to consider the demands submitted by Pu P. Lalbiaka? So the House agreed to consider these demands submitted by 3. Ministers, now we shall start and as I said earlier, each member shall be given 10 minutes each.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for this opportunity. Regarding Forest & Wildlife, the total demand is more than 1100 crore rupees. It is necessary to revise Forest Rules, because Central Government is having authority in our forest products. At the same time, it is also important to reconsider the system of Forest Department to make it as Revenue Earning Department.

Budget allocation for Rural Development is about 2,500 lakh rupees every year. What the public said is if, out of this 2,500 lakh rupees, at least 1,200 lakh rupees can be used as revolving fund and the rest to seek market for selling their agricultural products, it will be more beneficial. So this matter needs consideration. At the same time, we have to revolutionise the system of our R.D. Department. In our present system, most of our experienced and trained persons are put together in a department without giving them any fund and their talent can not be utilised.

Budget allocation for fisheries is much more than expectation, it is more than 111 lakh rupees even in the revenue. It is well and good if we can produce sufficient fish. In the meantime, it will be good if Fisheries Department can take up crab farm which can be done easily.

Regarding Animal Husbandary, I would like to point out that just by rearing one or two pigs by some families will not suffice our demand in pork. As long as we want to eat pork, it is a must to make pig farms under the supervision of Vety Doctors. If there is large scale production the rate of pork will also fall. I therefore, would like to request Vety Department to make proper plan and project in this regard.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now I shall call upon Pu John Rotluangliana.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, Let me start from demand no 41- Forestry & Wildlife. As pointed out by some of the Hon'ble Members, it is difficult for ordinary people to understand the works of Forest Department. It will be better if forest guards and other staff guard the forest instead of simply seizing teak or logs on the roadside. It seems that head-quarter and D.F.O. offices are over staffed while there are only few staff at Range offices. At the same time, I feel it is necessary to open more ranges in Mizoram. Regarding plantation, will it be good to make road side plantation? I also feel that it will be good if Forest Department is taking steps in planting trees at some wasteland to make forest by not only distributing the sprouts.

In rural areas, Rural Development plays an important role as it takes up construction of Hall, Field, Aganwadi Centre etc. As pointed out by the Hon'ble Member from Khawhai Constituency, funds for these from R.D. (Rural Development Department) is in

the hands of V.C. but when there is some misuse of such funds V.C.s are under L.A.D, so R.D can not take a action agaisnt these V.C.s. Therefore, in my opinion, it is good for the Government to form seperate body to handle funds from R.D while there are many A.O.s who can function as additional B.D.O in every block. I also would like to know whether it is possible to implement Border Area Development Programme even at Khawbung and the constituency of Pu K.T. Rokhaw which are at border areas?

Regarding Demand No. 38- Fisheries, if I am not mistaken there was a proposal to make fish farm at Zawlnuam, many of the fish ponds made by Centre Trade Farm were given to Fisheries Department. Can these be uplifted or improved so as to produce fish seeds?

Tourism under demand no 51 is very important. This Department had built Tourist Lodge at various places but most of them are located in the corner of a village. Is it possible to built Tourist Lodge in the middle of a village for the convenient of travellers? I also would like to point out that these Tourist Lodges are catering only orange squash, so it is good if we can improve the catering system. I also would like to suggest to improve our Tourist Lodges as more homely and more relaxing so as to attract more tourists.

In Relief and Rehabilitation, 1,32 000/- rupees had been allotted for Relief on Account of Natural Calamities. Most of the funds had been used to purchase sypouline for distribution. In this connection, is there a proper way of distribution like having spot verification etc.

Thank you.

SPEAKER :

Now I shall call upon Pu Lalrin-chhaua.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, first I would like to say about Demand no. 35 Relief & Rehabilitation. Budget allocation for Relief & Rehabilitation last year was hundred million rupees (1,00,00,000) while the actual expenditure was more than six hundred million rupees (6,00,00,000) because there were many natural calamities in our state and this shows that fund allotted for natural calamities is too meagre. Therefore, it will be good if more funds can be allotted for this in future. At the same time, I feel that the relief amount given to those whose house had been completely damaged is also too meagre. So, I would like to suggest to raise the relief amount from Rs. 1,000/- for those whose house had been completely damaged.

Regarding Demands & Rules, mention had been made about Vety College since last year. While we are expecting to have Vety College, there is no allocation to construct Vety College in our present Budget and I would like to request the concern minister to explain this.

Regarding Demand no 41- forest, what I would like to say is while forest department is taking steps in afforestation, let them know the limit. What is more important is to preserve our natural forest. I also would like to point out that as Forest department registered many plots of land in various parts of Mizoram for plantation, we, the public are facing problems, I would like to urge the concern minister to consider this matter.

In Demand no. 43 i.e. Rural Development, it is important to distinguish Urban area and Rural area properly as there is separate sanction for Urban area development and Rural area development. Secondly, as often said, funds allotted for Rural development is the only fund which directly reaches the public. As that is the case, we all have high hope in this Department and there are few people who are benefitted. Truly speaking, our whole society had been troubled by this development fund because the ruling

party uses it as political weapons. It is also heard that not only the party workers but even some of the Government servants are involved in this. Though a Village Development Committee had been formed to select the beneficiaries, it has no meaning. I, therefore, would like to urge the concern Minister to check this matter and take necessary action.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now I shall call upon Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, first I would like to say about Demand no 41 i.e forest Department. Mizo District Forest Act, 1955 was made during the erstwhile District Council and after that Riverian Forest Reserve and Riverian Wildlife Reserve were made. I feel that Forest Department is not following this Act. The Riverian and Rest House Forest Reserve were made according to section 14 & 21 of The Mizo District Forest Act, 1955. The then C.E.M made Council Reserve Forest and this notification I was superseded by another notification on 28.1.1964 according to which road side reserve was fixed for 1/2 miles of Aizawl to Silchar via Sairang. While The Mizo District Forest Act, 1955 section 42 says subject to the approval of the Governor of Assam, the District Council may frame rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act, this Act had been misused. In the Act, it is clearly written in section nos 14, 21, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 about the breaches of provisions, notification of proposal to constitute a Council Reserve Forest, survey of the proposed Council Reserve Forest, Disposal of claims and objections, Appeal, final notification constituting Council Reserve forest and that nothing contained in sections 18 & 19 of this Act shall bar the jurisdiction of a competent Civil Court. While we have such a specific Act, Forest Department does not follow/go according to this Act in declaring Council Resrve Forest. This creates

a great problem for public specially for those whose main occupation is agriculture as most of the land had been reserved for Riverian Reserve forest. Just recently, this problem had been faced by farmers of Phuldungsei because of the area of Dampa Wildlife Sanctuary. I therefore, would like to urge the concern Minister to look into this matter. I also would like to know why the Government can not give permission for felling of teak to teak planters? I also have some thing to say regarding R.D. but time does not allow me. That's all I can say for today.

Thank you.

PU T. HRANGHLUTA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, First, what I would like to point out regarding Demand no. 41 i.e Forestry and Wildlife is that Chhimtuipui District Council had given a plot of land at Ngengpui for Wildlife Sanctuary and there is a proposal to make National Park at Phawngpui but I am not satisfied with the steps taken by the Government to develop this wildlife sanctuary and National Park. I therefore, would like to request both the concern Minister and the Department to develop and uplift these two.

Secondly, in regard to Demand no. 43 i.e Rural Development as already stated by some of the Hon'ble Members, this Department is one of the most important as it directly reaches the public. The policy of R.D. Department had covered various parts of Mizoram in block-wise. But this policy i.e NLUP (New Land Use Policy) has not covered Chhimtuipui District Area which is the most backward District in Mizoram in every aspect. I, therefore, would like to urge the Government to start this policy at least at the two blocks of Chhimtuipui District, from the answer given by the Hon'ble Minister for Dr. J.V. Hluna's unstarred question 140 Community Halls had been constructed by R.D. Department in Mizoram during 1994—1996 March. In District wise 103 at Aizawl District, 21 at Lunglei and 8 at Chhimtuipui District and this shows that funds from Centrally Sponsored Scheme is not

distributed in balance. Even the remotest village in our district needs Indoor Stadium and Community Hall. According to the latest figure, the population difference between Lunglei District and Chhimituipui District is only 600. Therefore, it is not justifiable to construct 21 at Lunglei District and only 8 at Chhimituipui District. I, therefore, would like to request the concern minister to consider this matter. I also would like to suggest to equalise Border Area Development Programme as the whole area of Chhimituipui District is at the border area.

Regarding Demand no. 35 Relief and Rehabilitation, budget allocation for Relief on Account of Natural Calamities is too meagre. As pointed out by the Hon'ble member Pu Lalrinchhana, the relief given to those whose house had been completely damaged is too meagre, Rs. 1000/- can do nothing to build a house. Therefore, this matter should be re-considered. (Speaker : We are adopting U.T. Rule in this regard and we can not raise the relief amount as we wish. Therefore, it will be good if the concern minister consider this matter for amendment). Mr. Speaker, that will be appreciating.

In regard to Demand no 40- Animal Husbandry, we had discussed with the concern Hon'ble Minister. At Mampui, there is Vety farm but there is no vehicle to distribute milk, so milk produced from this farm is given to a contractor by the Department at the rate of Rs. 9/- per litre and the contractor distributes to the public at the rate of Rs. 20/- per litre. I therefore, would like to urge the minister to consider this matter so that public can get milk at a cheaper rate.

Thank you.

SPEAKER :

Now we shall have recess and resume our sitting at 2:00 P.m

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SPEAKER : We shall continue our discussion.

Let me call upon Pu F. Lalzuala.

PU F. LALZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, Regarding Demand No. 40 — Animal Husbandary & Vety, I appreciate steps taken by this Department in cattle rearing. Even in various Villages Dispensary had been opened with Doctors and V.F.A. However, what I would like to suggest is to repair and maintain dispensary buildings in the village.

In regard to Relief on account of natural calamities, I feel it is good to have a limit in the way we are distributing Silpou-line so that we can give more relief to those who are facing various problems.

I do appreciate steps taken by Tourism Department. Wayside, Restaurant had been opened at Tawipui South and Tourist Lodge at Darzo in my constituency. But the bill for Darzo Tourist Lodge had not been given to the contractor nearly for two years. It seems the sanction fund for this had been diverted for other purpose. So I would like to urge the Department to consider this matter. It is also good to repair Tourist Lodge at Lunglei because in rainy season the northirn part of it get wet.

Regarding Fisheries Department, the progress of the Department is noteable. In the meantime, what I would like to point out is about the way we are giving grants. By giving grants to those who are only intending to make fish ponds instead of to those who had already make fish ponds decreases the incentives of those who really have fish ponds. I, therefore, would like to suggest to have spot verifications before giving grants-in-aid.

Retracing back to Vety Department, now we are planning to have Vety University and in this regard I feel sad that the Government of Mizoram is begging the sympathy of Central Government for recruiting staff even Grade IV for this University since it is Central University. At the same time, it is pleasing to have Vety School of Science at Lunglei, I feel it is important to enlarge it so that more of our youngsters could get seat.

Forest & Wildlife Department is making great efforts to protect and preserve wildlife, even Y.M.A. is taking steps in this regard. Regarding Forest Department there are only two divisions in Lunglei District and they are lots of work to be done. What I would like to suggest is to open more divisions for Lunglei District even if it is not possible in the 8th Plan at least in the 9th Plan. I also feel it is necessary to have proper specific District boundary.

Regarding Rural Development, it is one of the most important Departments specially for rural areas. As pointed out earlier by one of the hon'ble members there is seperate programme for Rural Area Development and Urban Area Development. But it seems funds for rural area development are used for urban area development. I think we have to be careful in this regard. One more point I would like to say is that there is some complications between V.C.s and V.D.C.s in handling funds for rural development as V.C.s are under L.A.D. while V.D.C.s are under R.D. In my opinion, it will be good to form a Board by R.D. to handle funds for rural development.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now Pu Lalbiakzuala

PU LAL BIAKZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to speak about Demand no 43 Rural Development Depart-

ment. As there are lot of fund in this Department. I would like to suggest to create post like Inspector of Project to handle this. Though there is B.D.O there are many works to be done I feel it is necessary to create this post to verify various projects under R.D.

NLUP (New Land Use Policy) is a blessing for rural areas. As many of the beneficiaries of this policy choose Tung plantation, I would like to suggest to open Marketing Centre in each constituency to purchase Tung seed since most of the rural areas are facing communication problem otherwise our Tung seeds will be wasted.

In regard to the formation of VDC, I feel there is some complication. While VCs are under LAD, they are entrusted to handle funds sanctioned by R.D. Department. Even in the case of misappropriation of funds, R.D. Department can not take action against them. Therefore, my suggestion is to form seperate body to handle funds sanctioned by R.D, Department.

As pointed out by some of the Hon'ble Members, border area development programme is being implemented/practised only in Bangladesh border. I would like to know whether this programme can be implemented even in Myanmar border.

Regarding Demand no 38 Fisheries Department I think it will be better if the Government purchase fish at a reasonable price from the owners of fish ponds. Otherwise as pointed out earlier, those who are planning to make ponds are also getting grants-in-aid and this diminishes the incentives of those who really make fish ponds. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, I do kindly request you to make Plan for Fisheries Department for next years budget in this away.

Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, first I would like to speak about Forest Department. In my opinion, it is necessary to change our Forest Policy. Since the British rule, all river valleys which have agriculture potential are marked for riverian reserve and we are still using the policy as adopted law even after we attained statehood. Because of this, our Forest Act should be revised. I think it is possible for the Government to make compensated area for riverian reserve area.

Regarding Teak plantation, according to Teak literature, it is important to compare its commercial value with the damage it has brought in the long term aspect. It is said in the teak literature unlike other trees that teak does not produce oxygen and it does not produce any food for wildlife. Even after it is natured and cut, its stem can not get decomposed and as a result the plantation area becomes a desert. There is not forest regeneration in its plantation area. Because of this, teak is grouped under protected spices. Considering this, it is time to legislate a law for what percent of our land should be made for teak plantation area. As pointed out by the Hon'ble Member Pu Zoramthanga, I would like to request the Government to review our forest Act so as to demarcate plantation area. In regard to Demand No. 43 Rural Development we are praising NLUP but if we consider the percentage of its success it is only about 5%. Therefore, it is necessary for the Government to review how NLUP is being implemented.

Regarding Tourism Department, the Government is taking great efforts to develop Tourism. If we look at the record of international statistics both International Tourism and National Tourism bring along prostitution. As that is the case, it is not worth to encourage it and I would like to request the Government to consider this matter carefully.

Thank you.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, Regarding Demand No. 32 Relief on Account of Natural Calamity, I would like to inform the concern Minister that no relief had been given to the victims of hailstorms which had occurred in the month of April though verification had been done.

In regard to Demand no 41, Forest, I would like to know how Forest Department is going to continue the steps they had taken with Revenue Department and Y.M.A for social forestry at Pi Hangi Lunglen tlang below Aizawl Theological College for which Revenue pass had been collected.

As stated by some of the Hon'ble Members under Demand no 41, it is truly necessary to review our forest policy. In the 'Basic fact of the N.E Region' published by the N.E.C in 1995, legally declared forest in Mizoram was 75.5% where as about 75/70% of the people depend on agriculture. It is important to find a mean to help our agriculturists so that they may find livelihood in their profession. Except in Japan, agriculturists in other parts of the world seems to be more successful than those who have other profession. If Forest Department has been acquiring land for reserved areas all too easily, what will become of our agriculturists. Hence, it is important to review our Forest Policy.

Some years back PWD has often been associated with corruption and the people seemed to have a notion that PWD will be corruptive. But now, this notion is being shifted to Forest Department. Let us, therefore, make a new policy so as to alleviate the difficulties of the people through forest.

Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding Demand no 43, Rural Development is the mainstay of our economy. I feel it is important to find a way to practise NLUP under R.D to be more beneficial. What I would like to point out in this regard is that we are giving too much financial power to BDOS who are junior MCS

and do not have financial experience which results in misappropriation of funds, Therefore, I feel it is important to post Senior Officers for BDOS so that there will be less misappropriation of funds. It is also necessary to have proper procedure to manage the BDOS.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker Sir, there are many questions in Rural Development and it is necessary to have transparency in order to overcome the prejudices in Rural Development.

Thank you.

PU LALKHAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, first I would like to say few words about Rural Development. What I would like to stress is we all need reformation and I would like to urge the Government to revise NLUP, I feel those who make the project are not competent enough. Even our VDC and some of the officers do not know what kind of vegetables or fruits should be grown in a particular soil. Therefore, it is necessary to make area plan and rural development plan from the grassroot so that funds allotted for rural development can be used in a meaningful way.

Regarding Forest Department, the area of Mizoram is about 52 lakh hectares. According to my calculation, if state forest actually cover 10% of our land for plantation area, we will be getting more revenue and the amount of money we are asking from Planning Commission will be less. Besides this, if 50% of the area is reserved for natural park, we shall be having a beautiful land and the rest of 40% area will be meant for public. In this way. I would like to request Forest Department to specify their plantation area. Therefore, it is time to have a proper plan like where do we have plantation area, where shall we have and the number of teak planted, it's time to have proper classification of plantation area.

In Tourism, can we make plan to attract tourists as done by Arunachal Pradesh. If we can do this, Tourism Department can become revenue earning department.

In Animal Husbandry also, it is necessary to revise our system. We should make plan to encourage our youths and educated persons to do farming so that we can have enough meat, milk and eggs within our state.

Thank you.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, First of all, I have seen the list of beneficiaries for distribution of GCI sheets for my constituency and the beneficiaries are all from Ruling Party. It is not good to have party feeling in whatever we are distributing not only GCI sheets but even NRY and others. I think we should give priority to those, we the MLAs have recommended. In the governing board of DRDA we, MLAs are also member but SLCC meeting used to drop almost all of our suggestions. I would like to urge the concern Minister to note this.

Regarding Forest Department as pointed out by Hon'ble Members, I too feel it is time to stop acquiring land by Forest Department for plantation too easily not even consulting VCS. The problem faced by teak growers should also be solved. It is heard that the Government is favouring only some of the teak growers in giving permission to sell teak. There should be no such partiality shown among teak growers.

We all know that foundation stone for Vety College had been laid by the Chief Minister but there is nothing about Vety College in our programme and in the budget highlight. As it will be our asset I am afraid it will be neglected, it is not enough just to lay a foundation stone, Regarding installation of incubator at Lung-

lei Vety farm as recommended by High Power Committee, an incubator was installed but unfortunately it was unserviceable. According to the minute of HPC Committee, as it was unserviceable, it was sent back to Aizawl. I would like to request the concern Minister to post Joint Director at Lunglei Vety Office. A certain kind of disease invaded our cattle which can not be controlled by vety staff and doctors due to the shortage of staff and doctors. This matter should also be considered, otherwise those opted for cattle rearing under NLUP will fail in their choice of profession.

Regarding Relief sanctioned for the victims of various kind of natural calamities, as mentioned by Hon'ble Members it is too meagre, just Rs. 1,000/- can do so little. Therefore, this matter should be reconsidered.

We have Tourist Lodge at Lunglei which needs good maintenance. Its front yard is too muddy in rainy season. So it will be good if its yard and its approach road can be black topped. As Tourism has a number of assets at south, it will be good if we can have District office at Lunglei to maintain these. I feel that the Government is not aware of that. Tourism is revenue earning Department and I would like to urge the Government to be more aware of this and upgrade it.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now Pu L.P. Thangzika.
PU L.P. THANGZIKA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Thank you for the time allotted to me. It is pleasing that there is ample provision of fund under the three demands we have just discussed.

Under Vety Department pig rearing has come much into prominence since recent years. But there is no proper regulations thereof, hence, pig-stys are constructed wherever on the road side producing foul smell for those who go or live close by. It is very

unhygienic to have pig sty in residential areas. If we can not have specific area allotted for pig rearing, we should at least have all the sty within residential areas shifted to the outskirts. The authorities concerned may note down this and take necessary action in this regard.

There is Fisheries Department under Demand no 38 and the provision of fund is also not very meagre, but I have some apprehension that the fund would not be utilized purposefully. One thing I would want to know is whether it is a fact that fish pond and the area belonging to the Department between Lunglei and Phairuang is intended to be sold. What could be the reason, for, so much money had already been spent for its construction and maintenance. Unless we have a good reason to sell it, I think we should have the Department maintained it with more attention. Fish we get from Silchar are not fresh. To meet our requirements more attention should be given to fish ponds we already have. If I am not mistaken, it seems that fishes produced at Tawipui fish pond are sold sometimes. I want the Department to take more earnest steps to improve the pond and its production.

Much had been said of Demand No 43. What had been said are true. Though I do not mean any one in particular, but I think BDOs should not remain in one place for a long time. Fund coming from R.D. Department has to be utilised through BDOs. Certain difficulties have always cropped up when developmental works are going to be done in villages under PWD or LAD for example, assessment and planning is done before work is started, But this is not so under DRDA, there is no estimate for any work-be it construction of bridge or pavement of road. It will be good if the practise of PWD or LAD is followed even by DRDA so that we can save more funds.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now Pu J.V. Hluna.

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, first I would like to say about Forest Department. I had pointed out in the Planning Board Meeting how Forest Department is viewed by the public. It is said that wherever Forest Department enters, our forests are denuded. Now there is 276 lakh rupees for afforestation and with this much amount they can surely do plantation. To do plantation, I feel it will be good if our voluntary organisation like YMA are made to involve so that there can be transparency and plantation work can become more successful. I also would like to point out that the construction of the building of Forest Department Directorate is not safe enough as water is oozing under it. So it will be good if this matter is considered. In regard to plantation, I would like to request the Government to give permission to the new immigrants to clear the area of sanctuary for jhum. Let the forest reserve area be strictly reserved. In regard to wildlife preservation I do appreciate that YMA and other organisations co-operate with Forest Department. However, we have to teach more about this among the children. I also would like to suggest to plant more trees for birds and other wildlife. Another point I would like to mention is about forest I.B. near Cachar Boundary just below Bairabi. This I.B. is nearly occupied by Cachar. As this is very important to protect our boundary, I feel it is necessary to maintain this I.B. As there are quite a number of Forest Guard in Forest Department many of them can not get promotion, so is it possible to make Junior grade, Senior grade and Selection grade to solve their problem? At the same time as forest guards are like police, their pay scale is only 800/- while police constable's is 950/-. Can this be raised to 950/-?

Regarding Rural Development, 165 lakh rupees had been allotted for Education. Primary and Middle School buildings are maintained through R.D. and I would like to urge the concern minister to take steps for those schools whose building need repair.

As mentioned by Pu F. Malsawma it is not good to give financial power to junior MCS who are appointed as BDOs unless they are given proper training. I also would feel that it will be good to consult the concern MLA while selecting beneficiaries for JRY, IRDP and for allotment of GCI sheets.

Regarding Tourism, Tourist Centre had been built at Changsil long time back, but this had not been opened for public/tourists and it is not properly maintained. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to note this. Now Sairang PWD IB is in the hands of Tourism and they raised accomodation fee from Rs. 8/- to Rs. 60/- per night without making any improvement. I think it will be better to hand over to PWD again.

In regard to Fisheries, let this Department takes stern steps to provide us fresh and healthy fish. It is also necessary to have proper target to help Poultry Farmer Union so that we can have better poultry products of our own.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now I shall call upon Pu H.K. Chakma.

PU H.K. CHAKMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to make few suggestions under Demand No 41 which is forestry. There is large scale Teak plantation and large provision of fund has been used every year. But it takes year to be marketable hence it may be more beneficial for Mizoram to introduce other trade or plantation such as cardamom and clove, not only teak. Such plantation takes only 4/5 years to be marketable and if we could have enough they can be exported to nearby states thus bringing in revenue which we so need. Plantation of such trees may be encouraged at Village level through District Council so that the people may also get the benefits.

There it Rural Development under Demand No 43. It is one of the most important programmes in Mizoram. There is also large provision of fund for this and various improvement has been made under Rural Development Scheme. There is a provision of Border Development fund which has been in use. But in our area, there is no Rest House which creates problem for officials or political leaders who visit the area. I suggest that Rest House be constructed in this part of the area.

It is regretting that meagre fund is provided for fisheries as it is one of the most encouragable occupations in village particularly in our areas. Fish as we know is a staple food which everyone eats. Instead of importing stale fishes from outside, the people should be encouraged to produce more fish. This can be done through the Department if the Government takes more interest by providing more funds to fisheries.

The importance of Tourism can not be neglected which is mentioned at Demand No 51. After the construction of airport is completed I think we will have more tourists coming even from foreign lands. More Tourist Lodges and Tourist Centres should be constructed in different places also at Tlabung. And the speed boat we are using should be more presentable.

If Border Trade could get materialised more speed boat and better quality will be required.

Uuder Demand No 49 there is Vety Department. There is an intention to make Duck farms which I think would be very encouraging. I want the Department to make such farm in Tlabung, Lunglei and other areas where there is plenty of water.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now I shall call upon Pu F. Lal-remsiama.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to say few words on Forest Department and first of all I would like to thank the former Forest Minister for making an arrangement to promote quite a number of Mizos at Indian Forest Service which is All India Services. Though a notification for this has not been issued as yet I do hope the present concern Minister will also pursue this matter. I do appreciate steps taken by Forest Department for environment protection and wildlife protection. At the same time, I would like to stress the need to take more steps in this regard as the damage we had done was too much. I also would like to warn this Department that their R.Os are suspected by the people wherever Forest Department is entering. In order to alleviate this kind of suspicion I feel it will be good if VDCs of selected area for plantation could have the area of plantation yearwise and budget money allotted to R.O (Range Officer of Forest Department).

In regard to Rural Development, a circular had been issued on 3rd September by Joint Commissioner of R.D according to which for Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme known as Prime Minister's Programme, a sum of Rs. 10,000/- each will be given to the selected families to uplift the poor in urban areas. According to the answer of my question no 74. Government has a list of poorest of the poor using 1992 as base year for Mizoram. I would like to urge the Government not to drop none from this list. In this connection, it is not applicable to emphasise trades which require land, instead it is better to emphasise on various trades like radio repairing, shoe making, shoe repairing, tinsmithy etc. under this programme I am glad to see that Rs. 5,33,000/- is allotted for LTC for Government servants. As I've often said, facilities enjoyed by Government servants is too meagre and I am glad that there is allocation for LTC. On the other hand I feel it is too much to allocate Rs. 44,60,000/- for office expense. It is time to stop to purchase various items to take advantage of office expense.

I believe that 100 lakh rupees in Rural Housing is meant for distribution of GCI sheets. As often mentioned, it will be good if there is representative from MUP and MHIP besides V.C members in VDC. The policy of roof for the roofless is good if the procedure is correct for instance, in my constituency at Chhinga Veng, one woman whose husband and father have pucca buildings also received GCI sheets. I think 4 lakh rupees allotted for vehicles for R.D is not that much.

I had written to DRDA Project Director about distribution of IRDP at Marpara under W. Phaileng BDO requesting to send a loyal person to do the enquiry but the BDO himself was assigned to do the enquiry who submitted a false report. Marpara VCP cannot change the list of RDP beneficiaries as he wishes. I had given the copy to the Minister i/c RD. If there is no justice, we can no longer trust this ministry. Likewise Lalnunmawia of Vanchengpui had taken the sanctioned money to construct Jeep road between Chhawrtui and Vanchengpui by forging V.D.C chairman seal. Though he had been arrested by police the Hon'ble Minister from Lungpho constituency protects him. Worse than this is that sanctioned money to construct Jeep road between A.O Complex to ravine at Farkawn amounting to Rs. 50 000/- which was in the hand of Additional BDO was simply given to Pu Khawpiana Khawbung Congress Group President by one of the Hon'ble Ministers. That money was under Employment Assurance Scheme. The same minister before he became a minister carried away PHE pipe and claimed the money. Mr. Speaker Sir, is it not that even the rulers should obey the law? Since V.C is statutory body it is the smallest constitutional body in democratic set up, all development funds for their concern village should be in their hands. As that is the case, they should be given financial training. As were often mentioned, it is better if V.C Secretary is a regular Government Employee. Amendment of V.C Rules passed in a resolution in 1994 session was also simply laid on the table. Mr. Speaker Sir, I therefore, kindly request you to give direction to the Ministry.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now I shall call upon Pu Lalsawta. Let us try to adjust our speech for 10 minutes.

PU LALSAWTA : Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, All the Departments in our budget book except Relief on account of natural calamities are economic services while the later is social service. Last year, budget allocation for R.D was 4100 lakh rupees and with additional fund, it was 5000 lakh rupees. This year's allocation is 3791 lakh rupees and there will be some more additional.

Regarding Vcs, our notion that they should deal only with LAD is wrong. Since they are the elected representatives of the people, they should be given responsibilities and power of their concerned in all other departments.

Forest Department is among Economic services. I would like to urge all the staff of the department to consider carefully what steps they have taken and how the public think about this Department.

Other Special Area Programme is meant for border area development programme. Though budget allocation for this is only 2 lakh rupees in the current financial year, there is 426 lakh rupees as additional. However, this much amount was spent/distributed only in a particular area. There are also border areas in the east and south. I would like to request the Hon'ble concern minister to distribute equally this fund to the border areas.

It is regret that there is no decent restaurant even at Aizawl for tourists. I believe Tourism Department can set up decent restaurant both at Aizawl and Lunglei, with 100 lakh rupees, it can even be done by loan system.

In last year's budget, there was 9 lakh rupees for construction of abattoir under AH & Vety Department but there was no allocation of fund this year. I would be grateful if the Hon'ble Minister could tell me the reason for this. It is time to have abattoirs so that we can get more hygenic meat.

The Hon'ble member Pu Lalrinchhana had stressed the importance of relief operation. At present though allocation for relief is only 132 lakh rupees, there can be additional according to circumstances. If we look back the past years, expenditure for this Department was higher than other Departments which maens this Department has many liabilities. While that is the case, labour charge for Kawlchaw Tawngkawlawng Road meant to relieve/rehabilitate landslide victims had been drawn by one person but the labourers did not get their money. Like this, some of us are taking advantage of the calamity of others. I, therefore, would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to look into this matter.

Lastly Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I feel R.D is becoming more and more important as urbanisation becomes popular. If the Government concentrates on rural development programme with more than 3000 lakh rupees of the budget I am sure within 5 years we can develop rural areas and as a result people will not mind to settle in rural areas.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall have 15 minutes recess/break and resume our sitting at 4 : 30 P.M. and Pu H. Zathuama will speak.

PU H. ZATHUAMA : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, In our last session, I raised a subject on prevention of forest fire and we had good discussion. Due to the steps taken by Forest Department forest fire is much less this year. I would like to

thank Forest Department for this and at the same time I would like to request the Department to take more steps in this regard even in the future.

The works done by Rural Department which is under demand No. 43 are remarkable specially for remote constituent villages. Many villages who do not have even jeepable road now have jeepable road and some who already have only jeepable road have truckable road. In Rural Department people are having high hope as it is the backbone for rural areas. As that is the case I would like to suggest to post an Executive Engineer either on deputation or as an attache in Rural Department as it is done in L.A.D. to look after the works and projects of R.D. together with V.C.D. so that the works and projects in Rural Department can become more effective. I also would like to thank this Department for its various policies like New Land Use Policy, IRDP, distribution of G.C.I. sheets etc. to uplift the poor. However, as pointed out earlier by other hon'ble members it will be good to be more careful while choosing the beneficiaries for various programme so that this Department and its programmes will be more beneficial and effective. I would like to point out that half of my constituency had been covered by NLUP through Khawzawl R.D. Block and the other half which is under Ngopa R.D. Block is not covered as yet. So, I would like to request the Department to take steps to cover the whole constituency as soon as possible.

There is Relief under Demand No 34 which is very useful particularly for my constituency and I would like to express my gratitude for the works done by this Department for instance, my constituent village Kawlbem—almost all the houses were destroyed by storm and hail and the Government had undertaken relief works for this calamity. Due to the efforts taken by the Government now the people of Kawlbem could have their own homes and I would like to thank the Government on behalf of them. However, as pointed out earlier by some of the Hon'ble Members I too feel the amount of relief given for this kind of calamity is too meagre and I would like to suggest to increase it.

In Demand no 40 there is Animal Husbandary. In my opinion we can be more self sufficient in livestock if there is proper policy. At Sialkal range which is in my constituency, there are many mithuns but as there is no financial assistance from the Government the owner can not preserve/protect them properly. If there can be funds I am sure we can preserve these mithuns. So I would like to request the Government to take necessary steps to preserve wildlife.

I feel the present allocation for Tourism is too meagre. Even our Tourist Lodges at various places need proper maintenance and better furnishing.

Thank you.

PU H. THANGKIMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I do support what had been said by the Hon'ble Members before me. Regarding Relief and Rehabilitation, one MNF returnee told me that there are many MNF returnees camped at Remna Run who have not received compensation till today while a large sum of money sanctioned for this is being deposited at the Bank. I would like to urge the Government to look into this matter and take necessary steps. I too feel that relief amount for natural calamity is too meagre. It will be good if this can be increased. Quite a large number of silpowline had been distributed by the Department which is very useful specially for rural areas. It will be more beneficial for rural areas specially for our farmers if this matter is in the hands of Rural Development Department.

It is worth to point out that Sailam Village invited Forest Department to help them to preserve their forests.

The tomb of one of our Chiefs, Bengkhuaia will be visited more often by our future generations so I would like to advise

the Hon'ble Minister i/c Tourism to build a Rest House near Bengkhuai's tomb.

I used to ask in our previous sessions if there was any intention to demarcate Pangzawl, Tlungpui, Dalo and Tlangpan areas for Khawnglung Wild Life Sanctuary and the answer was 'no'. But when the staff went there, they tried to demarcate these areas and the people of these areas objected to it. It's not that we do not appreciate wild life sanctuary but these areas are used for jhums. So if it is meant for sanctuary, half of the villagers in these will not have any other means to earn their livelihood. Therefore, it is our prayer that these areas are not demarcated for wild life sanctuary.

As pointed out by the Hon'ble Member from Tlabung constituency I too feel that either Forest Department or Soil Department take the seed of cinnamom from South India and cultivate in Mizoram, it will be beneficial for Mizoram.

There are additional BDOs in many Blocks. Lunglei Block area is very vast as it includes Tawipui, Lunglei 'S' & Lunglei 'N' constituencies and have one BDO. Is it possible to post an additional BDO for Lunglei Block so that developmental works can be more effectively carried out.

The beneficiaries of NLUP are expected to be self sufficient within three years. In my constituency, it's been almost 2 1/2 years and they received just Rs. 500/-. With just Rs. 500/- they can not start their respective trades and they are not allowed to have jhums. I, therefore, would like to urge the concern officials to consider this matter.

Many of the hon'ble members had pointed out that they have high hope in our new ministers and that we shall see from their performances. What I would like to mention again is that in Mizoram there are 40 R.D. Blocks out of which only about

10 blocks are in urban areas. Maintenance and development of these blocks is one of the most important things. As our present system is not good enough we need a new system and we shall be watching the steps taken by the hon'ble minister in this regard.

Thank you.

PU K.T. ROKAAW : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, first I would like to say few words on Tourism Department which is under Demand No. 51. Through the steps taken by the Govt., Tourism Department is in progress. Lunglei and Saiha are looked after from Aizawl and this hampers the achievement for the South. I, therefore, would like to request the Minister incharge to open Office for Tourism at Lunglei. I also would like to stress the need to complete construction of Tourist Lodge at Saiha within this year.

There is R.D. under Demand No. 43 which is the main hope of rural areas and I would like to express my gratitude for the steps it had taken. At the same time, I would like to point out that in the selection of IRDP beneficiaries Tuipang Block whose population is much more than other Blocks in the South has less beneficiaries. If it is to be selected on population basis, Tuipang Block should have the highest beneficiaries. I, therefore, would like to request the hon'ble minister to note this.

Various steps taken by Vety Department under Demand No. 40 is quite satisfactory both at Aizawl and Lunglei Districts. However, there is no achievements to be seen at Chhimtuipui District. When we reported the matter to our leaders/authorities they said we are under the enhancement power of District Council. But as this enhancement power is too meagre we can never have new building. There is a dispensary at Tuipang constituency in which there was a doctor. But now we do not have a doctor for 2/3

years and the building of dispensary had been ruin, even the doctor's quarter is in the same condition. I, therefore, would like to urge the concern Minister to pay more attention in this regard.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : In the discussion of our three demands, 19 members had participated. Now I shall call upon each of the concern Minister.

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I have one or two points to clarify otherwise this august House will be misguided. I think the Hon'ble Member Pu F. Lalremsiama was mis-informed. Regarding Farkawn Water Pipe, at first it was rubber pipe and it was changed for steel pipe. The rubber pipes were sold by SAs. The VCs and other leaders of voluntary organisations requested me to stop this as they may need the rubber pipes to take water from other rivers. So I told them to collect all the rubber pipes including the ones they had sold. These rubber pipes are now kept in a safe place and I even told this to PHE Minister Pu Lawmkima and Pi Lily. Another point is that Pu Khawpiana is Farkawn Group President but not Khawbung. Regarding the work mentioned by the Hon'ble Members, the VCs misused the sanctioned money and I, myself reported the matter to LAD. These are the two points I would like to clarify.

SPEAKER : Now I shall call upon Pu Saikapthianga to wind up and to beg leave of the House to pass his demand no. 41, 43 & 45.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, first of all I would like to thank all the members who had participated

in the discussion of our demands. As I would not be able to explain all the points pointed out by the Hon'ble Members, I will explain only in brief.

Regarding Rural Development which is under Demand No. 43, much had been said about New Land Use Policy. Some of the Hon'ble Members opined it was a failure but in my opinion this opinion is wrong. Since NLUP is a new policy, it is necessary to wait some years to reap the outcome. Therefore, it is too early to say it is a total failure. I think many Hon'ble Members do not want to understand its implementation. The New Land Use Policy had covered many blocks and the Government issued proper guideline to select the beneficiaries. However, I do admit that it is important for the Department to be more careful in future. In my opinion it is not fair to change the list of beneficiaries time after time, I would like to request all the Hon'ble Members to co-operate so that indogenous Mizo in whose family where there is no Government servant will not be omitted. Some of the Hon'ble Members also complaint about the distribution of GCI sheets. As roof for the roofless is one of the main policies of the present Ministry, I would like to request the Hon'ble Members to understand even if only the members of Congress Party are given GCI sheets for the time being. At the same time as it was our election manifesto and our policy we are trying to give to all those who have no roof. Even the Hon'ble Members have recommended many of such roofless from their respective constituencies and we shall consider this matter accordingly.

Regarding VDC (Village Development Committee) I too used to think about its origin and functions. In my opinion if VDC is formed, all developmental works whether it is from Forest Department or Soil Department or any other Department for a particular village should be in the hands of VDC through R.D. I think it will be good to have a consultative committee to consider this matter as soon as possible.

It seems some of us are confused about fund allocation for Border Development Fund, under R.D. The present allocation is from Central for Indo-Bangladesh boundary. As that is the case, we can not concentrate on Indo-Myanmar area which had been pointed out by some of the Hon'ble Members. However, I would like to inform the House that Indo-Myanmar Border Development had been accepted by Central Government. One of the Hon'ble Members had pointed out about extention of R.D. Office and fund to purchase vehicle. I do not think fund allocation for these will not be too much as there are many blocks in this Department. Even survey work for Special Development Scheme (S.D.S) for urban areas is being done for Aizawl. (Pu La Irinchhana : From which fund will S.D.S be given - Rural Development or Urban Development.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it is Urban Developments fund but it is handed over to Rural Development.

In regard to forestry and wildlife which is under Demand No. 41 I am glad that hon'ble members showed your interests in the step taken by this Department and I do hope you will give your co-operation in future. As Forest Department Act was constituted framed during District council and amended later on according to our policy and programme implementation it is a bit difficult for us. The most important thing is to know clearly about the system of this Department. It is difficult to explain the difference between plantation at riverian reserve areas and V.C reserve areas. As far as my knowledge is concern forest department, never do plantation in V.C reserve areas. It is known that the actual area of plantation is not tally with the written areas of plantation. There are a number of officers against whom proceedings are drawn and some of them had been suspended for this case. Cross-Checking of divisions is also being done and necessary action will be taken against the wrongdoers. The Hon'ble Member Pu John Rotluangliana had pointed out that

while Forest Department is expected to protect our forests, they simply seized timbers and bamboos at check gates and in this case when Forest Department is strong enough we shall seize both timbers and bamboos even which had already reached the houses according to Forest Rule (Pu Lalrinchhana : Are you still going to restrict timber permit.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, according to the rules, it is permissible to fell timber for particular purpose like construction of house and furnitures, but I would like to stress that Forest Department is strict to those who go beyond the rules. The hon'ble member Pu B. Lalhlengliana had pointed out that in Tiger Project which is in Dampa sanctuary some people who were outside the boundary were arrested and according to the knowledge of the Government these people were inside the boundary. As I had said earlier. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I will say only in brief through the hon'ble members had pointed out many points. However, I would like to inform the hon'ble members that I had noted down all the points they had raised and necessary action will be taken accordingly. At the same time I would like to request all the hon'ble members to co-operate in the steps taken by this Department in their respective constituencies. Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to the former hon'ble Forest Minister. As pointed out by one of the hon'ble members, now we are waiting Ministry's order for seven of our forest services to join I.F.S. (Indian Forest Services). So, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass the following demands : Demand No. 41 — Forestry and Wildlife : Revenue 1080 lakh rupees capital 25 lakh rupees. Demand No. 43 — Rural Development : Revenue 3667 lakh rupees capital 124 lakh rupees. Demand No. 45 — other special Areas Programme — Revenue 2 lakh rupees. Total 4898 lakh rupees.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :

The Hon'ble Minister Pu Saikapthianga has requested the House to pass his Demands in respect of

the following departments :

Demand No. 43 — Rural Development	
Revenue	— 3567 lakh rupees
Capital	— 124 lakh rupees
Demand No. 45 — Other Special Areas Programme	
Revenue	— 2 lakh rupees
Demand No. 41 — Forestry and Wildlife	
Revenue	— 1080 lakh rupees
Capital	— 25 lakh rupees
Total	— 4898 lakh rupees

Members who agree to pass the same will say 'yes' and those who do not say 'no' (Members agreed). Now, Demands No. 41, 43 and 45 with a total of 4498 lakh rupees had been passed unanimously by the House.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker
Minister Sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now I shall call upon Pu F. Lawmkima for Demand Nos 38 & 51

PU F. LAWMKIMA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir,
Minister first, I would like to thank the hon'ble members for showing their interests in my Departments. In Fisheries Department there are many potentialities to get fishery improved. I would like to thank both the hon'ble House Leader and hon'ble Finance Minister for increasing budget allocation for fisheries. At present we have five fishery farms namely Darlak, Ngengpui, Tawipui, Thenzawl and Tamdil. We also have demonstration farm at Tanhril, Rengdil, Lengpui, Phairuang, Zobawk and Sopali. Last year, we distributed 30 lakh fish seeds and we sold for 20 lakh rupees in subsidy. As pointed out by hon'ble members we are taking steps regarding fish marketing and in this

regard an ice plant is being constructed at Bilkhawthlir while cold storage is being constructed both at Aizawl and Kolasib. It is the intention of the Government to purchase fish ponds if fish farmers inform the Government and for this purpose a sum of 5 lakh rupees will be needed as revolving fund. Though we can not include this in our present budget, we will try to include it in R.E. (Revised Estimate). The Department had also decided to deposit fish seeds at some of our important rivers as Revenue Fishery Development. The Department had also investigated what kind of fish to be grown in our country. I would like to point out that we include extension and training in our present demand.

Regarding Tourism, I would like to thank the hon'ble House Leader and Finance Minister for increasing budget by more than 20 lakh rupees for this Department. Now we are concentrating on the infrastructure of our buildings and I would like to express my gratitude to our officers from other Departments like PWD, PHE and PE as we can not do the construction work directly. Most of our building funds are from Centrally Sponsor Schemes and we are glad to hear praises from our Central Leaders. At present, Tourist Lodge both at Bairabi and Khawbung and Way Side Restaurant at Darzo, Sangau, Tlabung, Lawngtlai, Saiha and Changsil are under construction, both at Tawipui and Thenzawl were completed. Though we do not attract much tourists at present, there are quite a number of internal tourists. Tourist Lodge at Vairengte is quite rush so it is being extended by 6 rooms, Tourist Lodge Aizawl is also being extended, and Tourist Lodge at Hnahthial and Lunglei are also to be extended. Tourist Recreation Centre is under construction at Beraw and now five cottage type had been completed while building for restaurant and tourist lodge are under construction. In this way, we are constructing Tourist Lodge, Tourist Centre, Way side restaurant according to the fund we are getting.

Now we are proposing to build Tourist Lodge at Lengpui Airport and Rungdil and we are waiting funds for these. I also

would like to mention that under NLUP, some of our youths are undergoing training in Hotel management and catering.

I had noted down suggestions made by the hon'ble members and now I would like to say few things.

The Hon'ble Opposition Leader, Pu Zoramthanga stressed the need to be self sufficient in fish. As I had pointed out earlier about the steps taken by Fisheries Department, it is hopeful that we can be self sufficient within 5/6 years. He also pointed out about crab-farm. Though I do not know how they make such farm, I think it will be worth to encourage if it is within our purview.

The Hon'ble Member Pu John Rotluangliana pointed out about the handing over of Central State farm, Zawlnuam to Fishery Department. The Department is planning to make fish farm here. Regarding construction of Tourist Lodge and Recreation Centre at Beraw, I can not say when it will be completed.

Pu Lalzuala had mentioned about his constituency. At Tawipui, way-side restaurant had been constructed. But we have not given final payment to the contractor. The reason, is it was constructed through PHE and PHE Department who made revise estimate. However, I do hope the contractor will get his final bill as soon as possible.

Some of the Hon'ble Members had pointed out that those who do not make fish ponds used to get the grant. I have told this matter to the authority of the concern Department.

Pu Lal Biakzuala pointed out about the marketing of fish products. As I had pointed out earlier, we are planning to have revolving fund for this and now we have an Ice plant and cold storage. We shall go to the fish farm and buy fishes and we shall keep those fish in the cold storage and then we shall sell it to various parts of Mizoram.

Pu Lalthmingthanga showed his interest in Tourism. As I had said in the beginning, now we are starting its infrastructure so we can not yet attract tourists. However, when we complete the infrastructure, the way to attract either foreign tourists or national tourists should be decided by this august House. Pu Lalkhama also said whether we can attract at least 1000 foreign tourists. This will be considered by the Department.

Dr. R. Lalthangliana said Tourist Lodge at Lunglei needs repair. We too feel the same and want to repair it but we can not do it right now due to financial problem. There was also a suggestion to open District Office at Lunglei to look after Lunglei and Chhimtuipui Districts which will be Revenue Earning. This matter had been reported to the Government and it seems the Government is going to consider this matter.

Pu L.P. Thangzika said there was an intention to sell fish pond between Phairuang and Lunglei, Though I personally do not know about this, it will be verified.

Pu J.V. Hluna had said Changsil Tourist Centre, but it is Way side restaurant, which construction work is nearly completed. In this regard, we faced a problem as one person claimed the area as his land by submitting a complaint to High Court and after the stay order issued by the High Court was lifted, only then we could continue the construction work. Though we do make a particular prayer room, those who want to pray can pray in the room.

Our Hon'ble senior member Pu H.K. Chakma had pointed out the importance of fish and I highly appreciate his opinion. We are nearly completing the construction work of Tourist Lodge at Tlabung and I would like to express my gratitude to the Hon'ble Minister i/c Vety Department for giving us a plot of land for this.

Pu Lalsawta had pointed out that there is no decent tea-stall or restaurant in Aizawl and I too mind about this. As he sugges-

ted, if there is a way to sponsor such tea-stall or restaurant, the matter will be looked into. I would like to support what had been said by Pu H. Zathuama that Tourism Department is not that significant due to financial problems. However, I would like to say that if there is sufficient money, we would like to improve it.

Pu H. Thangkima proposed to have Tourist Lodge at Sailam. In this regard, what I would like to say is that it is not easy to construct Tourist Lodge as we wish. We made a proposal and sent it to the Central with the state road map. Then the Central carefully consider from our road map asking whether the proposed side near a State Highway and where the nearest Tourist Lodge is etc. All these have to be noted.

That's all I can clarify regarding some points pointed out by our Hon'ble Members and I would like to thank all the members for showing their interests in my Departments. So, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass the following demands :

Demand No 38, Fisheries—	
Revenue	Rs. 11,100,000.00
Capital	Rs. 30,00,000.00 and
Demand No 51 Tourism—	
Revenue	Rs. 1,09,00,000.00
Capital	Rs. 12,00,000.00
 Total	 Rs. 2,62,10,000.00

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :

The Hon'ble Minister Pu F. Lawmkima has requested the House to pass his demands for the following Departments

Demand No .38 Fisheries—
 Revenue Rs. 1,11,00,000.00
 Capital Rs. 30,00,000.00
 Demand No. 51 Tourism—
 Revenue Rs. 1,09,100,00.00
 Capital Rs. 12,00,000.00
 Total Rs 2,62,10,1000.00

Members who agree to pass the same will say 'yes' and those who do not say 'no'. (Members agreed). Now Demands no 38 & 51 with a total of Rs. 2,62,10,000.00 had been passed unanimously by the House.

Now I shall call upon Pu P. Lalbiaka to move his Demand, nos. 35 & 40.

PU P. LALBIAKA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, today I would like to thank all the Hon'ble Members for giving advices and good suggestions. At this time I shall point out only some of the important things.

Many members had pointed out about Vety College. The foundation stone for this college was laid by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 30th October last year. What we must know about this college is as it is under Central Agriculture University, it is not possible to do things for State Government and Department as we wish. State Government and Department gave 168.61 acre of land at Selesih for this College including 43 buildings for which the University is going to give as 17 lakh rupees as compensation. Till today work to establish a college has not been started by the University. As that is the case, we consulted Vice chancellor who is at Imphal and even ICR Director at Delhi. The Director also feel it is good to have a college in Mizoram as soon as possible. However, as Parliament is having its session, it is not possible to do things as we want. According to the notice given by the Vice

Chancellor, an advertisement for Principal is being called and as soon as the appointment for Principal is made, interview for various posts for this college will be called at Imphal. In this regard, we requested him to conduct the interview at Aizawl so that sons of the soil may get the chance to work in this college and he promised to do the same. As I had said, since it is under Central Agriculture University, we can not do much as State Government and Department.

Regarding emission of allocation for abattoir in the budget, it was included in 1994-1995 Budget, it was dropped this year due to financial problem. However, it is time to have a proper abattoir not only at Aizawl but also in various cities. In the meantime, Government should also make clear whose responsibility it should be, either Revenue or LAD or Vety Department as Market is under Revenue and LAD Department.

In regard to giving more power to District Council to strengthen Vety Department I shall consult the authorities of the concern Department consult.

It is worth to mention various steps taken by Vety Department. Rearing of rabbit had been done successfully at Champhai and we can supply eatable rabbit in a short time from Kolasib farm and now we are starting such farm at Lunglei. The Hon'ble Member from Lunglei North constituency had pointed out that chicken incubator planted at Lunglei was an old one and unserviceable so it was taken back to Aizawl. The point is that the incubator was planted before at Thenzawl, since it was not used at Thenzawl it was taken to Lunglei. But as it was not properly maintained, some of its parts need repair so the repair works had been done and it was taken back to Lunglei. Now we are planning to incubate ten thousand eggs and even Power Department made arrangement to supply power in the form; even a generator had been installed in case there is power failure. So in a short time, we can incubate sufficient eggs at Lunglei.

Joint Director's Office had been opened at Lunglei in 1993 and it has functioned since then. Various kind of cattle diseases are always there. The Department is taking great efforts to prevent these diseases by sending Vety Doctors to every village and give veterinarian treatment. As a result, these cattle diseases are nearly under control.

Some members had pointed out that rearing of pigs near our living areas is not hygenic and produced foul smell.

This is true to great extent, but for some families, it is their occupation. I feel that there should be proper law/rule in this regard. While it is the main objective of the Department to have our own product of fresh and hygenic meat, it is also necessary to find a way to keep our towns and cities clean.

Regarding chickens/poultry and eggs, we are planning to have 40 joint Venture farms with financial assistance from NEC, but we can not take immediate steps for this. Considering its marketing, Government of India expected us to produce 32 lakh eggs during 1996—97 and we could produce more than 35 lakh eggs last year.

Like wise, at North Vanlaiphai, we are having goat farm for which North Vanlaiphai V.C. gave us a vast plot of land. We took big-bred goat from Ludhiana and we will conduct cross-breed with 20 goats so that we may produce better goats.

In this way, the Government is taking various steps. Even a subsidy had been given both at Aizawl and Villages to pig rearers. Our senior member Pu H.K. Chakma suggested to have Duck farm at Tlabung and the Department had considered about this and we are planning to start the work during 9th Plan.

Regarding Rural Development Department, the hon'ble members suggested to revise our present rules for the amount of

compensation or grants given to the victims of natural calamities as it is too meagre. As suggested by the Hon'ble Speaker, the matter will be looked into by the Department to make necessary amendments.

It is true that we used to purchase Silpouline and distribute them to various parts of Mizoram specially in those areas where there are landslide. Distribution of Silpouline is in the hands of the respective D.Cs. As there were many complaints in its distribution, I told Deputy Commissioners to be careful and have spot verification and give only those who deserve. However, it is quite difficult, though the officials want to be strict, they are often cheated by the public who do not hesitate to cheat the officials. In this regard, I would like to request even the public to be honest so that it can be distributed more systematically, hence we can save more money. And even the Department will try to be more careful than before in this regard.

That's all what I can say for today. So, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass the following demands : Demand No. 35 — Relief on Account of Natural Calamities : Revenue — 32 lakh rupees and Demand No. 40 — Animal Husbandry : Revenue — 755 lakh rupees. Total 917 lakh rupees.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Minister Pu P. Lalbiaka has requested the House to pass his Demand on the following Departments :

Demand No. 35 — Relief on Account of Natural Calamities

Revenue — 132 lakh rupees

Demand No. 40 — Animal Husbandry

Revenue — 755 lakh rupees

Capital — 30 lakh rupees

Total — 917 lakh rupees.

Members who agree to pass the same will say 'yes' and those who do not 'No' (Members agreed). So Demands No. 35 + 40 with a total of 917 lakh rupees had been passed unanimously by the House.

PU P. LALBIKA : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker
Minister Sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our today's business is finished. I would like to thank all the members for their co-operation and valuable suggestions to the Ministers for the welfare and development of our country. I do request you all to do the same in our future. Now, I shall adjourn our meeting for today. We shall resume tomorrow at 10 : 30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned.