

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENTH SESSION OF THE THIRD
MIZORAM STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, EIGHT SITTING ON
MONDAY, THE 23RD. SEPTEMBER 1996.**

PRESENT

Pu Vaivenga, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 16 Ministers and 21 members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for Introduction

2. PU C. VULLUAILA, to beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram State Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Bill, 1996.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

DISCUSSION & VOTING ON DEMAND

3. Pu P.C. Zoramsangliana, to move four Demands under his charge.
4. PU C.L. RUALA, to move two Demands under his charge.
5. PU C. VULLUAILA, to move one Demands under his charge.

Speaker : *"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these thing". Phillipians 4:8.*

We will start with our questions, Pu Lalhmingthanga, Please start with question No. 136.

Pu Lalhmingthanga : Pu Speaker,, Starred Question No. 136. Will the honourable Minister, i/c. PHE Department be pleased to state —

- (a). Is the Mizoram government preparing any Water supply scheme for the Lai Autonomous District Council?
- (b). If yes, what are the preparation undertaken?
- (c). If no, why?
- (d). Is the Mizoram government preparing any water supply scheme for Sihphir and Durtlang?
- (e). If yes, when will the preparations be completed?

Pu Liansuama : Mr Speaker Sir,

(a). A water supply scheme worth Rs. 13.62 crores for Lawngtlai has been undertaken under the 9th. Five Year Plan. This include Answer (b) & (c).

(d). Durtlang is covered under the Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase II.

As for Sihphir, since it is not under the Urban Area, no project has been prepared. At preset the water are supplied from Neihbawi Bungalow.

Pu Lalthmingthanga : Mr Speaker Sir, I would further like to ask the concern3ed Minister, the source of water for the Lai Water supply scheme.

Regarding Durtlang and Sihphir, they are one of the most important suppliers of our daily sustenance. With regard to this, it is important that we provide their needs. And now that Sihphir is under the Urban Area, could it be included under the Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase II.

Pu H. Thangkima : Mr. Speaker Sir, is the government preparing any scheme for Saiha?

And is the government preparing any scheme with the greater phase for Lungleir?

Pu F. Malsawma : Aizawl Water Supply Phase II is externally aided project. But, due to the shortage of foreign aids, no work could be done. What I want to ask is could the government be of any help, atleast by providing token permission?

Pu F. Lalremsiama : Safe drinking water is included in the Seventh Basic Minimum Service. Inspite of this, many parts of Aizawl, specially the eastern sides do not receive proper water supply. Could the government look into the matter?

Pu Lalhuthanga : Mr. Speaker Sir, I like to ask the concerned Minister, whether Mamit is included in the priority list?

Speaker : Will the concerned Minister answering the questions.

Pu Liansuama (Minister) : Mr. Speaker Sir, the main source of water for Lawngtlai Water Supply Scheme is Saiha river.

Speaker : Please, answer the question regarding the availability of finance.

Pu Liansuama (Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, as safe drinking water is included in the Seven Basic Minimum Service, it is also included in the priority list by the central government. I am sure that their will be enough funds to carryout the project.

Regarding some of the External Aided Project, we have included them in our State, as we will not be receiving any foreign aids.

Regarding Mamit, we have collected data and we have started preparing the projects. It is one of our priority.

Speaker : Is the answer to question No. 137 clear.

Dr. J.V. Hluna : Regarding Sihphir, could the Kawrbel Scheme be included in the Aizawl Greater Water Supply Phase II?

And what is the government stand in Zernabawk and Zuangtui Scheme?

Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga: Mr. Speaker Sir, due to the shrotage of fund, the University Campus could not complete the work. Is the government ging any assistance befor ethe arrival of University funds.

Speaker : This is enough for the Minister privilege.

Pu Liansuama (Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, the Aizawl Water Supply is taken from Tlawng river. It has been commissioned since 1998.

Speaker : The Minister should answer the question asked.

Pu Liansuama (Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, since safe drinking water is included in the Basic Minimum Service, we have great hope and various demands will be met by the Central government. Regarding our various schemes in Aizawl, Luangmual, Zuangtui, Zernabawk, Thuampui, Tanhril, Lunglei, and Sihphir, we will create and improve what we have.

Speaker : No. 137. Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. Lalthangliana: Mr. Speaker Sir, Starred Question No. 137. Will the honourable Minister, i/c. be pleased to state—

Has the government absorb any lecturer in Saiha College, Zirtiri College and Kolasib College?

Speaker : Pu Zosizama, please.

Pu Zosizama Pachuau (Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, yes, we have. But under the University Grant Commission some of the lecturer could not be absorb as they do not have the basic qualification.

Dr. R. Lalthangliana: Regarding Saiha College and Kolasib College, we have two long serving Principals, who are also included in the newly absorb lecturers. But inspite of this, an order was issued that they would no longer serve as the Principal of their respective colleges. On what ground is the order issued? And what are the basic qualification for a Principal? And why is it that Champhai, Serchhip and Lunglei, still do not have a regular Principal?

Pu H. Thangkima : Mr. Speaker Sir, in Lunglei TTI, there are around 3 to 6 DIET graduates. They have been asking for a study leave for the past 10 years to study their Master Degree. Till today, they have not been granted any study leave. Could the government give a study leave with restricted leave effece?

Pu B. Lalhlengliana : Mr. Speaker Sir, since when did we start following the University Grant Commission (UGC)? And what is the government doing for some of the lecturers who are not absorb under the UGC's?

Pu Liansuama (Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, according to our provincialise Act, a lecturer with a teaching experience of 10 years is eligible to become a Principal. The Kolasib Principal is qualified, while the other two are not.

Regarding the UGC Norms, the government is at present looking into the matter.

Speaker : The minister is not able to answer Pu Thangkima's question.

Dr. R. Lalthangliana: Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the College Principal, was there any revision regarding the order issued?

Speaker : Question No. 138.

Dr. R. Lalthangliana: Mr. Speaker Sir, do we have any State quota regarding Foreign Study Scholarship etc?

And is the government undertaking vocational or employment scheme to provide employment to the many educated unemployed?

Pu F. Malsawma : Mr. Speaker Sir, is the government under the Higher and Technical Education Department taking any steps to provide employment to our youths? If yes, what are their undertakings?

Dr. J.V. Hluna : Mr. Speaker Sir, what was the foreign university recognised by the Mizoram government?

Pu Liansuama (Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, I'll be giving the list of the recognised foreign university?

Regarding the Mizoram quota's for further studies, we are taking various steps specially in the PHE and PWD departments.

Pu F. Malsawma : Mr. Speaker Sir, my question was regarding the provision of vocational employment to our student both school and college.

Pu Liansuama (Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, we have started a self support union, which is a great help in providing jobs to the student.

Dr. J.V. Hluna : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like the Minister to be more precise with the answers, regarding the foreign university.

Speaker : Starred Question No. 138. Pu F. Lalremsiama, R. Lalthangliana, Pu John Rotluangliana and Pu Lalrinchhana, please proceed with the questions.

Pu F. Lalremsiama: Mr. Speaker Sir, will the honourable Minister, i/c. PWD be pleased to state —

- (a). Is the government allows the use of explosive in the centre of Aizawl Dawrpui Veng for breaking up of stones?
- (b). What steps are undertaken by the government to provide a better road both in Aizawl and Lunglei?

- (c). Is the PWD undertaking the construction of roads in Mozoicherra and Lushai cherra?
- (d). What steps are undertaken by the Mizoram government to provide a better highway between its two neighbouring states - Tripura and Manipur?

Pu Lalthanhawla (Chief Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, the answers to Pu F. Lalremsiama's questions -

- (a). the use of explosive will be determined by the nature of work.
- (b). Depending upon the availability of funds, we will upgrade the motor roads both in Aizawl and Lunglei.
- (c). The construction of roads will depend upon the 9th. Five Year Plan.
- (d). The Central government has sent us a letter, which states, 'It would be difficult to take over the Kohima-Selling road and Sairang- Agartala Road as well as National Highway due to resource constrain. However, Ministry of Defence is being addressed to considered taking improvement of this roads under their programme.

Pu Lalhmingthanga : Mr. Speaker Sir, what is the government undertaking regarding the roads from Aizawl, Mamit, Langkaih, Kanghmun to Tripura and from Aizawl, Kawikulh, Ngopa, Khawlian, Tuivai to Manipur?

Dr. R. Lalthangliana : Mr. Speaker Sir, what steps is the government taking regarding the construction and renovation of the roads in Aizawl? Have they given up hope regarding the making of better roads? And regarding the drainage system, unless and until we have a well planned drainage system, the roads will get worse. Does the government have any well layout plan for the drainage system? And it is in the best interest of the State that we should have a schedule Road like the other State capital. This way we can have proper rules and regulations regarding our road maintenance. Could we not apply this Schedule Road in our State?

Pu Lalhuthanga : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is possible for the government to give BRTF works to the PWD in the construction of various roads in Mizoram? The BRTF's reputation has gone down a lot and in most of the other States they are no longer given any work.

Dr. J.V. Hluna : Mr. Speaker Sir, could the government repair the

roads at the same level as it was before? The level of the roads are getting higher and higher.

Pu Lalrinchhana : Mr. Speaker Sir, since the construction of National Highway is in the best interest of both the States, the government should asked the NEC to be quicker in its provision of funds.

The only well functioning road we have with another state is Aizawl - Silchar roads. If we look at other conditions like the roads from Bairabi - Kanmura - Karimganj, it is shorter in comparison with the Aizawl - Silchar roads. Is the government taking any steps regarding this?

Pu Lalawta : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding some of our roads like Aizawl - Silchar, Aizawl - Lunglei - Champhai, the BRTF are still using explosive to break the soils. This is causing lots of inconveniences for the travellers. Is it possible for the government to take action against this practices?

Speaker : Pu Remsiama.

Pu F. Lalremsiama : Mr. Speaker Sir, our House Leader answer regarding the use of explosive inside Aizawl is not very satisfactory. There are many places in Aizawl which can be endangered by the use of such explosive. It is in the best interest of the residents of Aizawl that we stop this practise which could endanger our lives.

And, what step is the government taking regarding the road between Bible House and Sabinga Lung? And, could the government give us a correct estimate for the construction of Kolasib - Bairabi Road?

Pu Lalthanbawla (Chief Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding Pu Remsiama's suggestion, it is very true that the condition of our soil and the way we construct our house is not safe. The using of explosive will be stopped if other means can be employed. I truly agree that if no immediate actions are taken we will witness a great disaster in future.

Regarding the roads between Bawngkawn and Zemabawk, it is under the BRTF's care. We have asked them a number of times to make a better road. We will inform them again regarding this matter. And also, the roads from Bawngkawn to Durtlang work could not be carried out mainly due to financial constraint in the central government.

There are various other projects which we hope to include in the 9th. Five Year Plans. The projects are mainly concentrated in the constructions of roads like Aizawl - Mamit - Vanghmun - Kumarghat, Bairabi - Ghatmora road, Khawzawl - Singzawl - Thanlawn road, Saitual - Phullen - Daido - Lungthulian Roads and Kolasib - Sakawrdai - Kani - Jeribam road.

Regarding the increase in the heights of the roads, it is a very complicated matter as we do not have the proper materials for the construction of a proper road. Our Engineer are looking into the matter. Mr. Speaker Sir, the government still have hopes and if need arise we will work day and night to make Mizoram a better place.

Speaker : Three of our Members Pu Hrangthanga Colney, Pu F. Lawmkima and Pu Rokhaw have taken leave of absence due to cold.

Pu C. Vulluaia to introduce 'The Mizoram State Agriculture Produce Marketing Regulation Bill, 1996'. The Governor have given his recommendation. Pu C. Vulluaia please.

Pu C. Vulluaia (Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, I beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram State Agriculture Produce Marketing Regulation Bill, 1996'. Thank you.

Speaker : Pu C. Vulluaia has requested the permission of the House to present the Bill. Pu C. Vulluaia, please.

Pu C. Vulluaia (Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, I hereby introduce 'The Mizoram State Agriculture Produce Marketing Regulation Bill, 1996'. Thank you.

Speaker : We will proceed on with our next programme. Discussion and voting of Demand. There are three Ministers in the House to present their demands.

Pu Zoramsangliana, please put forward your Demands.

Pu P.C. Zoramsangliana (Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move Demand No. 7, 8, 15 and 33 for Rs. 11, 49,70,000.00 crores for meeting expenses during 1996 - '97.

In respect of the following Department

Demand No. 7 State Excise - revenue	Rs. 2,20,00,000.00
Demand No. 8 State Tax - revenue	Rs. 1,20,00,000.00

Demand No. 15 Jail - revenue	Rs. 2,95,90,000.00
Demand No. 33 Social Welfare - revenue	Rs. 5,13,80,000.00
The total amount of the Demands is	Rs. 11,49,70,000.00

Thank you.

Speaker : Pu C.L. Ruala, please put forward your Demands.

Pu C.L. Ruala : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move Demand No. 46,47 for Rs. 74,52,65,000.00 only for meeting expenses during 1996 - '97 in respect of the following department. Demand No. 46, Electricity - revenue Rs. 33,60,30,000.00 only; capital Rs. 28,35,10,000.00 only. Demand No. 47, Industries - revenue Rs. 10,18,20,000.00 only; capital Rs. 2,39,05,000.00 only; capital Rs. 74,52,65,000.00 only, thank you.

Speaker : Pu C. Vulluaia, please put forward your demand.

Pu C. Vulluaia (Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Demand No. 4 for Rs. 1,75,000 only for meeting expenses during 1996 - '97 in respect of Administration of Justice, thank you.

Speaker : We will start our discussion regarding their various Demands. Each members will be given 10 minutes.

Pu F. Malsawma : 10 minutes will no be sufficient. Why not increase it to 15 minutes?

Pu Lalrinchhana: I agree with Pu F. Malsawma.

Pu F. Lalzuala : Mr. Speaker Sir, in my opinion 10 minutes is quite enough for each member. Let's not change our practices.

Dr. R. Lalthangliana: Most of the Members of the ruling side are absent in the evening when we are given the chance to speak. If we ask most of the members from the ruling side what we discuss in the evening, many of them would be speechless.

Pu F. Lalzuala : Mr. Speaker Sir, there are many difficulties face by the people in the District regarding the collections of subsidy from the Social Welfare Department. It will be convinient if this subsidies are distributed in the District

Headquarters.

In Lunglei, there are many problems regarding the Excise Department which needs special attention. First, the Lunglei Jail needs to be extended as it is no longer big enough. Secondly, the salary of the Excise personnel in comparison with the Police is not sufficient with regard to the work they put in. They certainly need a raise. Thirdly, I like to request the government to put into force the total prohibition rules by this Christmas.

Pu P.C. Bawitluanga (Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, the Members of the Opposition's accusation regarding the Ruling members leaving the House early in the evening is totally baseless. (Speaker's intervene).

Pu Lalhmingthanga : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is true that some of the Ruling Members leave the House early in the evening. Regarding the time allot for our speech, we should extend it to 15 minutes.

Pu Lalsawta : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Ruling Party is not giving enough importance to the opposition members. Please inform them that such a practice is against the House.

Speaker : We will not change our practice. The time allotted will be 10 minutes as usual. In case the need arises we will relax it as according to the situation. Please, Pu F. Malsawma.

Pu F. Malsawma : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding Demand No. 4, we are very slow in making a well defined sets of Rules and Regulations. First of all, we do not have a proper set of Marriage Law. Whether it is our tradition or our custom, we still do not have a well defined set of Laws. Secondly, our customary law, regarding the women rights to property of the deceased husband and also a divorce law. It is time that the government with its concern Department bring out a set of proper law and rights for the women.

Pu Speaker, regarding Demand No. 46 & 47, if we compare places like Zarkawt, Dawrpui, Ramhlun, Bawngkawn, Vaivakawn etc. the amount of electricity received by each places is different from the others. In spite of the difference, places which receive less power supply stills pays the same Bill as places who receives more. We are creating deep injustices to the people.

Regarding the creation of special Development Scheme for the down-

trodden people; specially people who make their living through the selling of intoxicating drink. Unless and until we create a scheme to help them out, they have no other means of livelihood.

We should not forget the old and the disabled. It is our duty to create something which will enable them to be respected members of the society. And another important thing on which one can't turn a blind eye is the existence of drunken Police and Excise officers. The department should do away with these officers.

Pu Lalinchhana : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me the opportunity.

First, regarding Demand No. 4 - Administration of Justice, as we have been a State for nearly a decade, it is in the best interest of the State that we have High Court here in Aizawl. In the meantime, our High Court Permanent Bench which is rather ineffective should be made more effective.

Demand No. 46 - Electricity. The Demand made by the department for the purchase of vehicle is Rs. 112 lakhs. Do we not have enough motor vehicles? Besides this, how many purchase did the department had made? There are many places in Mizoram where there is not enough supply of power/electricity. Shouldn't we give more importance to this rather than buying motor vehicle?

Demand No. 47 - Industries Department. The department and the KVI should allot loans to people according to the areas and the society. This is of great importance when determining the work or the undertakings?

Demand No. 7 - State Excise. What results is the government expecting from the department's? The way we enforce our prohibition has taken such a turn from the basic principle that now, the Excise officers are using it to exploit the poor and to get rich by illegal means. There are many examples regarding this incidents.

Demand No. 32 - another important issue is old age and disabled person. In what ways is the government trying to help this unfortunate people? The government should create job and homes - this will give them employment, food and shelter and no longer be a burden to the society. Thank you.

Speaker : Please, be seated. Let me call someone from the Ruling side.

Pu F. Lalzuala : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak.

Regarding Demand No. 4 - Administration of Justice. The department building in Lunglei needs to be extended and renovated in order to cope with the changing world.

Regarding Demand No. 47 - Industry. The common facility centre cum production Centre in Lunglei and Lunglawn also needs to be repaired. And our District is really in need of Electronic Training Centre. Could the concern Minister look into the matter?

Regarding Demand No. 46 - Electric Department. What further steps is the government undertaking regarding rural electrification? Is there any possibility of having a diesel generator in Lunglei? In this way the present generators we have can be use in other small village.

As for the Social Welfare Department, they are doing a super work for the upliftment of the poor, the old and the disabled. I wish all the best for its future.

Pu Lalhuthanga : Mr. Speaker Sir, since State Excise and Social Welfare is under the same Minister demand. I will be speaking on both the Demand No. 7 & 33 together.

Pu Speaker, one of the most important among our many issues is the use of our total prohibition law. The government needs to be very careful in applying this system. If we are not careful enough, it will lid to the exploitations and the oppression of the poor by the officers. I request the government to be careful in handling the Law. Beside our handling of the Prohibition Law, we should also give importance to the rehabilitation centre. This people are the one who need guidance and help. The department indeed has a vital role to play in reshaping of the Mizo Society.

The Education department should also be given the priority sector. Specially with the starting of 10+2 in High School. We should have a proper ways and means in dealing with the situation.

Dr. J.V. Hluna : Mr. Speaker Sir, the first and foremost, Demand No. 4 - Administration of Justice. Regarding the High Court Branch, we have been informed that the Judge is never present. There is a delay in our justice. Sir, Justice delay is justice denied.

Another important thing regarding the same department is the improvement of the Jail Administration due to the enforcement of various new laws. Due to

this laws, more and more people will be jailed. So the government should take immediate steps. The difference in pay between the Excise Costable and the Jail Warder should be made equal. We should also give importance to the reformation facilities for the people in jail. This will help them shape their future instead of becoming worse when they finally come out.

The increase of the Excise Constable from 182 to 287 is good move on behalf of the government. But the important thing we should look into is their efficiency. We should also have a strict watch over this constables and officers as many of them falls into bad habit when expose to there work. The government indeed has a very important role to play.

Pu Speaker, regarding Electricity Department Demand No. 46, it is written than Rs. 91 lakhs is allotted to Serlui 'B' Project. I believe that all the work have been completed. It is too much an amount, beside some amount could be put into more important use.

And regarding Demand No. 47 - Industries, Pu Speaker, my question is: is the department giving Central Transport subsidy? Has it been giving, who and how many are the receiver?

And Pu Speaker, KVI, ZIDCO, PMRY etc. most of the workers are from the Congress Party. It is because of this selections by the Board Members that the money of their loans could not be paid back. Sir, we should stop such a practice of partiality, thank you.

Dr. R. Lalthangiana : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the various distribution of PMRY, grant-in-aid, sewing machine etc. much of this are giving to person belonging to the Congress Party. I like to request the Ministers and the concern officials to give the MLA's more importance in regard to people whom they recommend. We should stop this practise of partiality.

Regarding the Diesel engine in Lunglei Power House, out of the eight engines, three of them are not functioning. I like to request the government to look into the matter and equipped with better diesel engine.

Regarding the Social Welfare department, the Protection Home in Mawimual is unreachable by motor road. The government should take immediate action as to the construction of motor road. Not only this, the fund (Rs. 10 lakhs) allotted to the Home is not sufficient enough to run the Home. And also, since the Home is looking after the people who are mentally retarded, physically mishape etc.

we should give importance to the workers. This workers, most of which are 4th. grade workers are not efficient enough for this type of jobs. The government should appoint a well qualified Councillor to look after this unfortunate people, thank you.

Speaker : Regarding the repayment of loans, it is not a right thing to classify them according to the political Party. One shouldn't blame it at the political party but should blame it at the system.

Please, Dr. Lalthangiana.

Dr. R. Lalthangiana : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the State Excise, not that we have passed the Total Prohibition Law, we should equipped our State Excise department to meet their requirement in their work. In order to have efficiency, we must provide them with adequate personnel, motor and other means.

Regarding Demand No. 4, Administration of Justice, the government should have a proper guideline for claiming the insurance. I have few examples, in which person are not able to claim their insurance for years and years.

Speaker : Please finish your speech and we will adjourn the Meeting for this morning.

Dr. R. Lalthangiana : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am nearly finish. The government should be more result oriented in our demand for State High Court, University, State Hospital etc.

Regarding the various dealings by MAMCO and Trade & Commerce, till to date, they have lost over Rs. 100.00 lakhs in their various dealings. To loss such an amount is a great loss to the State. We should be more careful and also there should be tranparency in our dealings.

Just the other day we had a Consultative Committee, which was preside over by the Chief Minister. The outcome of the Committee was to do away with the 2% subsidy. We should follow the same thing is our other department like Social welfare, Art and Culture. Thank you.

Speaker : The Meeting will commence at 2:00 PM.

Pu Lalthmingthanga: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, thank you.

In our 10th. Finance Commission Rs. 431 crores is allotted to the upgradation of selected service. The Commission saw the importance of having a

strong Excise organisation in order to check the inflow of drug, weapons and also the eruptions of insurgency. Looking at the present situation, we should reorganise our Excise department to check this problems.

The danger of the use of drugs can be seen with the increase in the number overdose in the past few years. In 1985, we had one overdose, but in 1996 it has increased to 165. As the work of the Excise department has increase number of times, we should strengthen the department through equipment, personnel and allowance. Besides the Excise personnel allowances comparing with the other force is peanuts. The government should use Rs. 431 crores for this purposes.

Regarding Demand No. 46, Electric Department - the sharing of the Power supply is not favourable to us. Being a backward State and following the example of many other State like Maharastra, we should have a 100% share.

Regarding the Industry department, our practise of distributing Central Transport Subsidy is not fair. It is a known fact that the Congress Party collect 5% of the subsidy for the Party fund. The government should stop such a practise.

Lastly, regarding the foods in the Jail, it is worse and unhygenic. The main reason is due to the shortage of funds. We should allot more funds in order to improve their conditions. In todays world, it is one of the most important institution that one learns to break away from the evil/bad habits and reform themselves. Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you.

Pu Zoramthanga : Mr.Dy.Speaker Sir, since our time is short, I'll start on with the Social Welfare. Like what was said earlier about the Sports Department, Consultative Committee decisions about the 25%, the Social Welfare Department should follow the same thing. This way many hardship faced by the people will be done away with.

One of our foremost need is a Rehabilitation Centre equipped with all the necessary means to look after our youth, who have fallen into the grip of alcohol and drugs. This is the main reason which led to many sleepless night among the parents. We are the victims and we are the one to pay unless and until we do something about it.

Electricity is one of the most talk about subject in the House. We have said it many times and we will keep on shouting about it unless and until the government provide us with enough supply of electricity. Whether it is through Hydel Project or Generator, the government should keep it as their priority list. Till today,

there are many places in Mizoram which doesn't receive any supply of electricity. Why is the government sitting idle, please, do something about it.

When the Mizoram Peace Accord was signed, the Indian government promised to set up a High Court in Mizoram. Nothing was done about it. Until the interventions of one of our Governor. With his help, a permanent bench was set up in Aizawl. The Indian government is not doing justice to the State of Mizoram.

Any of the government undertaking whether it is Social Welfare, Electricity, Prohibition Law etc. the government should put its best effort with a positive results, thank you.

Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga : Pu Dy.Speaker, thank you. Our has been made easier and peaceful due to the existence of many voluntary organisation. One of the most important among them is the YMA. Regarding the upliftment and the supporting of this voluntary organisation, the government have been giving grant to them. But this Grants have been decreasing in numbers. The government should look into the matter and provide more grants as this organisation are the backbone of the Mizo society.

And another important thing which is under the Social Welfare department is the creation of de-addiction Centre with all the modern facilities and also a qualified councillors and workers. Our youths are dying, it is important we do something to stop this. Out of the extra Rs. 54/- crores demanded by the Social Welfare, please allocate this funds to the saving of a youth from falling into this evil practise and also help the organisation and personnel who are working to save this youth.

Regarding our Prohibition Act, no fund is allocated in our present Excise demand to enforce this Rules. Please do not enforce it unless and until we have sufficient funds because it will only led to more and more debts.

Regarding our setting of One Man Enquiry Commission to look into matters relating to the Bus accidents in Kawnpui in 1982 and later in Vairengte in which 16 people lost their life. Till today, no much has been accomplished by this Commission regarding the matters relating to the accident. To say the truth, our Enquiry Commission has been failure. The government in years to come should set up Enquiry Commission which are results oriented and not just a mouthpiece.

Regarding Trade & Commerce Demand No. 53, could the Minister incharge inform the House what different portfolios he hold. The purchase and sell of ginger has been one of our worst undertaking. What is the government doing

regarding the promotion of ginger.

Last but not the least, the government should improve our jail structure.

Dy. Speaker : Pu Thangkima, please.

Pu H. Thangkima : Mr. Speaker Sir, I'll go straight to the point. One of the most important feature for the success of a industry is the location. The location of the Food processing plant in Lunglei is in the most inconvenient place. I request the government to look into the matter again and perhaps find another location which will be an advantage to both the government and the people.

Regarding KVI, all the board members are politically appointed. These create many difficulties when it comes to distribution of PMRY, Grant in aid etc. These various aid are given only to Party members leaving behind people who are more in need of such aid. Could we all be fair and square and help the right person.

If we compare all the departments, the Electric department has the most number of resources. But their is also a huge existence over stocks specially PV Wire. Could we make our purchase according to the needs of the department.

Regarding the Social Welfare department, it is according to the Indian Law that any person from the age of 65 can be admitted in Old Age Home. Nothing of this has been implemented as the government doesn't have vacancy in its Home. We should create more Old Age Home to look after the older people. And another important thing is our upliftment of the poor and the disabled. The government should consider this as one of the most important task, and find a way for this unfortunate people to live a better life.

Pu Speaker, last but not the least, is our Total Prohibition Law. Now that the government is going to enforce the Law. We should be very careful in implementing it. I'm afraid that we will misuse this Law to oppressed the poor while the rich are excused. Whether poor or rich, powerful or lame, we should exercise the Law with equality, thank you.

Pu B. Lalthlengiana : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, let me start Excise Department Demand No. 7. According to our Finance Minister, the fund needed to enforce our Total Prohibition Law is around Rs. 110/- lakhs. Till today, none of these funds can be seen. What are we doing about it? Our situation is worse and worse with no ways and means to improvement. If we go on like this, nothing will be left of our youth. It is a urgent need that we arrange funds to enforce the Law at its best.

It is not only the enforcing of the Law that is important but the most important is the results we get from it.

Regarding our old age pension, there are various misconduct in the distribution. Person are well-off with other family to look after them receive such pension while others who doesn't have a mean of livelihood nor any other family member to look after them do not received such pension. The government should look into this matter and provide pension for such person.

Regarding allotment of Rs. 134/- lakhs in the purchase of nutrition food, if we allot so much we must be careful in what we purchase. There are various examples regarding the purchase of unhygenic foods.

Regarding the Electric department, like some of the respected members have said earlier. Let's not purchase what we don't need. Purchase each and every material according to its need. There are so many material in the Godown which could last for years and years. Regarding the functioning of the KVI, specially in its distribution of various grants and aids, most of these are giving to person from the Congress Party. In order to develope we should stop such practices. If we are in the Ruling and follow the same practise, you will be the one to criticize the most.

Pu Lalkhama : Mr. Dy. Speaker, we had delegates from Japan looking at the possibility of Hydel Project in some parts of Mizoram. If such project are completed we should give enough care to the maintenance because of maintained well, we can derive more profit from the Plant.

Other important issue which the government should look into are like Subsidy, Customary Law, Old Age Pension and Home, disable upliftement etc. As for our Agriculture, we need a more scientific system in our way of cultivation and also from the protection against soil erosion.

Another important features which the government should allot fund is to the investigation of Hydel Project. And also the government should create a permanent High Court in Mizoram. This way we can have a speedy delivery of justice. Thank you.

Pu Lalsawta : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the consumer forum was under Food and Civil Supplies in our Plan. But in our budget it is under the Law department. Others like District Forum, State Commission was all under the Food and Civil Supplies department. During 1995 - '96, But inspite of this, the main responsibilities

lies with the Law department. Please give us clarity regarding who is responsible between this two departments.

Secondly, we have too many departments. Most of these departments like Weight and Measure, Registration of Firms and Societies, Trade and Commerce are very small in size as well as unproductive in their work. We should amalgamate all these small departments under Taxation or Cooperative Societies.

Thirdly, another important thing regarding this departments is their service condition. The service conditions in some of the departments like Exicise, Power & Electricity department are not in proper condition. Various things like their allowance, transfer etc. are not according to the Rules and Regulation laid down. I sincerely reques the Minister in-charge to look into the matter.

Regarding the De-addication Centre, Jail, Hosipital there are many difficulties faced by these institutions. We should set up a statutory Board comprising of members from various voluntary organisation, Officer, MLA etc. to look into their problems. Regarding the Electricity department, we should create an electricity Board and licence so that many difficulties faced by the consumer are solved.

Regarding Taxation, we should have a careful study in order to create new taxes. This will be important State revenue resources. And another important issue is department purchase. We should have certain rules and regulations for our purchase. Thank you.

Pu H.K. Chakma : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I'll start with Demand No. 15, in Tlabung a Jail has been constructed but not improvement has been made so far. I request the concern department to look in matter as regarding to the improvement of the Jail.

Pu Dy. Speaker, Demand No. 33 - Social Welfare department, there's a shortage of pre-Primary teachers in my constituency. I request the department to look into the matter as it is of great importance to the people. Beside this, the police pension and the Anganwadi teachers salary are not enough. I request the concern department to find ways to increase their salary.

Pu Dy. Speaker, Electricity Demand No. 46, since Tlabung is a Sub. Division and a border areas, we should establish a Electricity Department. And I would like to give a suggestion about the Puankhai river, which will be suitable for the construction of a Mini Hydel Project.

Pu Dy. Speaker, Industries Demand No. 47, the Mizoram Industry Candle quota is only 45 metric tonne, while other States quota are around 400 to 600 metric ton. I would like to ask the State government to request this Centre government to increase our quota to atleast 400 - 500 metric tons.

Pu Dy. Speaker, lastly I would like to thank the Congress government for the Lok Adalat which is a tremendous success. Pu Dy. Speaker since the bell has been rang so many time, I'll end my speech, Jai Hind.

Dy. Speaker : Pu Remsiama

Pu F. Lalremsiama : My Speaker Sir, one of the most important in the maintenance of a criminal justice system is the Magistry Administration of Justice.

Rs. 20 lakhs allotted for the construction of Court Building is not sufficient regarding its importance. Besides this, we should allot more funds for the checking of foreigners, deportation, detection of inner line pass etc.

Another important feature which concern both the Excise and Social Welfare Department is the education of public regarding the awareness against drugs and alcohol. If we are to carry on with the Total Prohibition, we should have a massive awareness drive to educate the public.

Another important topic which always comes out in every of our discussion is the Old Age pension. The amount of pension that this old people receive is not enough to cope with the present living condition. Regarding our midday meal fund, it has been slash from Rs. 125 lakhs to Rs. 50 lakhs. If we have read in the newspaper, there is lot of mismanagement in our midday meal operation in the whole of North East. It has come to a point that even the CBI will be taking enquiry into it.

The distribution of funds in our Power & Electricity is not right. Rs. 495 lakhs has been allotted to lights and building, Rs. 375 for Power House maintenance - both of which is much more than needed. But as for the allotment of Rs. 600 lakhs for the purchase of power, I support the government.

(Interrupted by the Speaker)

Regarding some of the work like Meter reading, the department should employ the regular employee. Regarding the Sales Tax controversy, the government should form a all Party Committee to end the controversy, thank you.

Pu Biakzuala : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I'll speak about some of the issue

which I think important.

Firstly, regarding the treatment we carry out among the addicts; we have not meet with much success. I like to propose to the government to carry a new type of treatment. We should construct some kind of box to place this addict in public places and we should also make it clear the roads and streets. This way we can teach them lesson not in a cruel way but in simple but effective manners.

Secondly, the building in most of our Anganwadi Centre are not proper and well equipped. The government should allot some of the funds to the construction of a better and well equipped buildings. And we should continue with some of the grant in aid to Voluntary Organisation.

The Industry department Demand No. 47. Regarding the Demand, there are various project specially in my constituency which the department is undertaking. Most of the project are very important, some of which are mainly related to the Tea industry. The government should give proper attention to this project as this led to the promotion of the Tea industry. The success of these various project lies with the government. Thank you.

Dy. Speaker : 16 members have spoken about the various demands. Now, I shall call upon the concerned Minister Pu P.C. Zoramsangliana to present Demand No. 7,8,15, 33. And please ask the permission of the House to pass the Bill.

Pu P.C. Zoramsangliana: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, 16 respected member has spoken on various issues concerning my department. They have spoken on issues like Taxation, Prison, Social Welfare and Excise.

Let me start with Demand No. 8, relating to Sales Tax. It was started on April 1st. 1990 and it had 97 items. The amount collected was Rs. 48,68,000.00. In 1.4.1993, we stop practising the Registration under the MST Act 1989. It was stop because both the government and the Mizoram Chamber of Commerce was of the opinion that the Mizo's were not yet ready for it. But how the need arises to start practising this Act as we are in need of funds for our development process.

Regarding the Prison department, working together with the Social Welfare Department, we will reform the Jail into a Reformation Centre. At present there are 520 inmates in Aizawl Central Jail, which in the plan is only suitable for 250 inmates. We need to extends the Aizawl Central Jail and equipped them with better facilities like gardening, Industries, Playground, training centre, Library etc. This will

certainly be in line with the proposed Reformation Centre.

Regarding the Social Welfare Department, the government is building a full fledged De-addiction cum Rehabilitation Centre, which has a capacity for 300 beds. I, once again, like to thank Pu H.L. Liangura for giving the land in Sethawn free of cost. The De-addiction Centre in Armed Veng will be renovated and extended. We will also have an awareness campaign regarding the evils of the use of drugs and alcohol. And the ways and means to prevent oneself from using it. Regarding the disabled person which is said to be around 5000 person, we are working together with the various voluntary organisation in helping and promoting their cause.

(Interrupted by few questions regarding the promotion of Education for the disabled through TV and Radio)

Pu Zoramsangiana : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the promotion of education for the disabled through media various steps has been taken.

Regarding Nutrition we have asked the supplier to supply not in large stock but in small quantity after every three months. In Lunglei and Chhimtuipui District, nutrition foods will be supplied through the District Social Welfare office.

Pu Dy. Speaker, one of the most talked about in the House is regarding the Excise Department. Regarding the creation of post, we will be opening more specially as we are going ahead with our total prohibition. And regarding the incident in Rangvamaul, I sincerely request the House Member to give us the necessary action so that we can take the necessary measures.

Demand No. 7 State Excise Revenue is Rs. 220 lakhs, Demand No. 8 Sales Taxes revenue Rs. 1020 lakhs, Demand No. 15 revenue Rs. 2,95,90,000.00, Demand No. 33 Social Welfare revenue Rs. 5,13,80,000.00: Total is Rs. 11,40,70,000.00. I request the House to give consent for the Bill.

Dy. Speaker : Do we all agree with Pu P.C. Zoramsangiana's Bill? Demand No. 7, 8, 15, 33 : State Excise, Sales Tax, Jail revenue, Social Welfare: a total of Rs. 11,40,70,000.00 is pass with the consent of the House.

Now, I shall call upon Pu C.L. Ruala, Minister i/c. Demand No. 46, Electricity, No. 47 Industries and to ask the permission of the House to pass the Bill.

Pu C.L. Ruala (Minister): Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Pu Malsawma's questions regarding the irregular supply of power, one of the main cause is the National calamities which is beyond our control.

Regarding our share in grant in-aid is less comparing to other neighbouring States like Assam and Manipur. Many request had been made regarding this.

Regarding the distribution of PMRY, many of the people I have personally recommended have not received either. I have talked to some of the Members in the Bank, this will make the selection more transparent.

Regarding Pu Rinchhana's question about the allotment of Rs. 112/- lakhs for the purchase of motor vehicle. The money has been allotted for the purchase of 3 trucks and its maintenance.

Regarding the KVI loan, the government of India has given new instruction that if the loanee does not pay regularly, the amount would be deducted from the State government. At present we have been allotted Rs. 10/- crores, which the government will take full responsibility in its distribution. The construction of common facility centre in Lunglei and Saiha will be completed by March next year. An additional of Rs. 7/- lakhs has been allotted for its construction.

Regarding the setting of diesel generator, the diesel set will be commissioned both in Aizawl and Champhai by the end of this year. As for Lunglei, we will make our demands to the Centre. As for the Lunglei Pump House, all the diesel machine are working. It is according to the availability of diesel that some are not put into use.

Regarding Pu Hminga's question, 12% is the State share for Black Phase III power. (Pu Lalmingthanga - Though it is a practise, it is not regarding Maharashtra. Our Demand for more than 12% is not too much).

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, 12% share is a common practise in all the States. But with the help of NEEPCO, OELS, we will certainly try to increase our share.

According to Pu Thangkima, the site of Seed Processing Plant in Lunglei is not favourable. But according to our experts and professionals in MIFCO, the site is the best possible as it is away from the public contact. Regarding the practise of the PCB Centre, which perhaps would last for 10-12 yrs. I have spoken to the Department head and officials regarding the purchase. (Pu F. Malsawma - Will any action be taken? A few words will not do us good. And please inform us of the finding of the Enquiry Commission.). I will certainly look in to the matter. Regarding any trade with foreign Firms, it is not possible unless and until we have full clearance. Regarding our project in Bairabi, it is not only Forest & Environment Clearance but also the full technical clearance. Unless and until we have this we cannot start with

the project.

Pu Lalmingthanga : Within a period of 8 years we can recover the cost of constructions; but only 4 volume of the power project is submitted. Are we not clear with the structure. Could the government incorporate the matter.

Pu C.L. Ruala (Minister): Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, we will look into matter, as requested by Pu Hminga for the foreign firms and private firms they are not interested in Hydro Project unless and until it is a gas plant, gas base or thermal base.

Dr. J.V. Huma : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, this is because the Bairabi Project has been given the 5th. priority. You have give more priority to Tuiral and Thawng.

Pu C.L. Ruala (Minister): Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, we don't have any priority list for our hydro project. As for our ~~Stop~~ ~~Suspend~~, we will be more careful in the future.

As for our power project we have various project like Maicham Project, RAI Project, Tuipang Project, Yairi Project, which are under the government plan. And we are taking various survey for our Mini Power Project. And as for our Thermal Base Project in Bairabi, it is under the consultancy review. And we also have a project in Tripura under the NEPC scheme which will be shared between the two States. The project is likely to commissioned this March. We are also looking forward for some gas base thermal projects.

Regarding some of our undertaking, the Industries department we are promoting the production of passion fruits. We are in touch with various firms in Bombay/Mumbai and Bangalore.

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Request the House to pass my Demand No. 46 & 47.

Dy. Speaker : With the consent of the House, I announce the passing of Pu C.L. Ruala's Demand No. 46 & No. 47: a total of Rs. 74,52,65,000.00.

I shall call upon Pu C. Vulluaia.

Pu C. Vulluaia (Minister): Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I like to thank each and every member who spoke about my department and specially to Pu H.K. Chakma.

About our High Court, we have been given a permanent judge, Justice H. Kamini Kumar Singh. Regular sittings are done but since it is a single bench, there as 18 cases pending because its a double benches. We have made our request to the Chief Justice for a double bench sitting.

Regarding the construction of building, High Court Building is under construction with a budget of Rs. 26 lakhs. Aizawl District Court of Rs. 44/- lakhs and Lunglei District Council Court for Rs. 58 lakhs.

Regarding Customary Law, it is not easy and in fact it is not our department jurisdiction to change our Customary Law. It is the Social Welfare's concern regarding the change in our Customary Law. The Law department can only show or direct towards the right path.

Pu F. Malsawma : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, till today, none of the Dept's wants to take direct concern. The MHIP through the customery Law Committee has already made their request.

Pu C. Vulluaia : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, we have receive a remarkable applause for starting the Lok Adalat. Our Union Law Minister, Rama Khan Palak has issued a request, to have a Lok Adalat meeting every satuaday.

Regarding MACT, Motor Accident Claim tribunal, 29 person has been given insuarance claime between 7.3.'94 to 30.8.,96. Regarding Zobawk incident our MACT, cannot be given all the blame as the problem may have been created by the Insuarance Company itself.

Regarding Legal awareness, whether they are voluntary ordinary organisa or not, one should abide by the rules. Indian Constitution has laid down certain basic rules and regulation, and it is the duty of each and every citizen to abide by the law.

Pu. F.Malsawma : Mr.Dy. Speaker Sir, regarding the work of the voluntary Organisation and their actions taken against the seller liquor they are not doing anything the law, in fact they are helping the Gov't. in putting the law to work. If we compare the two of them one is the saviour while the other is the evil one, we should take this voluntary organisation under our wings and protect them when needed

Pu. Lalrinchhana : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, in exercising our law how are we c our Mizo customary law and the Indian Penal Code?

Dr. J.V. Hluna : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, has the amount of Rs 25/- lakhs loans given by MAMCO for the purchase of chilli been paid back?

Pu. C. Vulluaia Minister : Mr. Dy.Speaker Sir, right now I am not sure about the MAMCO deal. Regarding the use of the Mizo Customary Law and the I.P.S. it de-

pend upon the case or the matter concern . And another important matter is the punishment of the alcohol sellet which is often done by the voluntary organisation like have a set of rules and rigulation on who has the authority over those matter. No person or organisation has the right to carry such practises.

Pu.Lalsawta : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, what you just said is totally against the voluntary work of this organisation. Please, justify the work of both the sides)

Mr. Dy.Speaker Sir I am not saying anything against the work of the voluntary organisation. What I am saying is that one should follow certain procedure when taking action, against these people.

Dy. Speaker : It is important that one recognised the work of these organisation. But it also important that they should abide by the Law/Indian constitution.

Deputy Speaker : Will the House pass Pu C. Vulluaia's Demand No. 4 - Administration of Justice.

Demand No. 4 - Administration of Justice, amount of Rs. 175 lakhs is passed with the consent of the House.

We will start at 10:30 AM tommorrow.

Meeting adjourned.