

PROCEEDING OF THE TENTH SESSION OF THE THIRD  
MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, TWELFTH SITTING ON  
27TH. SEPTEMBER, 1996.

PRESENT

PU VAIVENG, 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.

DISCUSSION & VOTING ON DEMANDS

2. Pu Lalthanhawla to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill to be introduced, considered and passed.

3. PU J. LALSANGZUALA to beg leave of the House.  
(i). to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 1996.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

- (ii). to move that the Bill be taken into consideration.
- (iii). to move that the Bill be passed.

Speaker : ' *Your devine throne endures forever and ever,  
Your royal sceptre is a sceptor of equity*'. Psalms 45:6

Now, we shall begin the question. Question No. 161. Pu  
Lalhmingthanga.

Pu Lalhmingthanga: Mr. Speaker sir, I ask my starred question No. 161. Will  
the honourable Minister, i/c. Excise Dept. be pleased to state:

- (a). We unanimously agreed to pass and enforce the Total Prohibition Bill. Why the same is not yet enforced till date?
- (b). On which day will the Bill be enforced?

**Pu P.C. Zoramsangliana (Minister):** Mr. Speaker Sir, the answers are as follows:

- (a). the said Bill became an Act after it is passed by the House - for its immediate enforcement. Rules were framed by the Cabinet, which were laid on the House on 16th. September, 1996. However, the said Act cannot be immediately enforced owing to shortage of Staff and finance in the Excise Deptt.
- (b). the Act will be enforced after its publication is made in the Gazettee.

**Pu Lalmingthanga :** Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: The unanimous passing of the said Bill by the House was a turning point for a christian State like Mizoram. If lack of finance and Staff bar its enforcement, can the government utilised Rs. 4 crores allotted by the 10th. Finance Commissioner for upgradation of selected services.

According to the information received by us, two employees of Excise Deptt. at Saiha were killed while on duty as arms were not provided to them. What preparation will be made by the government in this regard?

**Speaker :** As far as supplementary questions are concerned, only specific questions should be asked instead of giving lengthy speeches. In that way, more questions could be entertained.

**Dr. J.V. Hluna :** Mr. Speaker Sir, on the day of discussing his Demand, the honourable Minister stated that the said Bill is likely to be enforced by 1st. December. But he appears to be quite uncertain now.

**Pu Lalrinchhana :** Mr Speaker Sir, financial Memorandum was included in the consideration of the Bill, which was passed only after obtaining clearance. If so, why its enforcement is delayed due to shortage of finance? Besides, the need to strengthen Excise force was mentioned earlier. Will recruitment be made in the near future?

**Pu John Rotluangliana:** Mr. Speaker Sir, apart from Liquor Prohibition Bill, does the government intend to enact Prohibition Rules for Narcotics?

**Pu Zoramthanga** : Mr. Speaker Sir, our honourable Minister has mentioned about the shortage of staff and finance in the Excise Deptt. However, in view of the present situation, Prohibition is more or less enforced in our State as the said Deptt. is actively involved in this task. If so, what is the use of recruiting more forces in the said Deptt.? Moreover, the big question is - can there be equal justice for the privileged and under privileged sections once prohibition is enforced. Will the honourable Minister and his Department be courageous and fair enough.

**Pu P.C. Zoramsangliana (Minister)**: Mr. Speaker Sir, as stated by the honourable members, the said Bill is not reflected in the Budget Provision. However, fund is assumed to be available for the said service. Besides, the government had been informed of the matter concerning supply of arms and other facilities to the Excise force of Saiha.

The honourable Member from Aizawl West-II misunderstood my previous statement; where I simply pointed out my wish and desire to launch an awareness campaign and enforce the Act by 1st. December. Whatever it is, the same will be enforced as soon as it is published in the Gazettee. Presently, the Excise Deptt. has 250 constables, number of staff and officers including a Commissioner.

**Pu Lalsawta** : Mr. Speaker Sir, when the Excise Act was introduced in the House, the financial memorandum was included in it so that concrete steps could be taken up. However, the honourable Minister pointed out that financial allotment is being awaited. If the Act is to be actually enforced, why no financial allotment is made in our Budget? Does the Ministry intend to lead Mizoram through paper-works only?

**Pu F. Lalremsiama** : Mr. Speaker Sir, is it a fact that two pistols had disappeared from the custody of the Excise Deptt.? Were the arrested females gang-raped while in the custody of the Excise Deptt.? what did the seigure do with the seizure Phensidyl worth Rs. 2 lakhs? In such circumstances, will recruitment of 250 Excise personel be recommended by the government?

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Speaker sir, the answer of our honourable Minister is not clear enough. I am afraid that the Ministry has no intention of enforce-

ing the said Act. Is the ministry sincere enough in this matter? Can the honourable Minister in-charge assure the House that the Act will be enforced within 3 to 6 months?

**Pu P.C. Zoramsangliana (Minister):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I assure the House that all the questions raised by the honourable Member Pu F. Lalremsiama will be duly verified and action will be taken as found necessary.

Regarding the question of the honourable member Pu Zoramthanga, administration of justice is not the question here. The entire public should be aware of the Rules and actively support the Ministry. As far as this Act is concerned, the Ministry has strong determination to achieve fruitful results. Instead of mere paper works, concrete steps will be taken up by the Ministry.

**Pu F. Lalzuala :** Mr. Speaker Sir, it is meaningless to debate over the enforcement of the Bill, which was passed by the House unanimously. In this way, we will lose the confidence of the people.

**Speaker :** Question No. 163. Pu F. Malsawma and Pu F. Lalremsiama.

**Pu F. Lalremsiama:** Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question No. 163.

Will the honourable Minister, i/c. Education & Human Resources Deptt. be pleased to state -

- (a). since when midday meal was provided to the pupils of primary school?
- (b). what is the daily quota of per pupil?
- (c). the type of meal arranged by the Govt. of India?
- (d). whether distribution of rice in Mizoram is done in accordance with the arrangement of the Central Govt.? Whether such record is put for audition?
- (e). Quantities of rice that had been distributed and number of pupils availing such distribution?
- (f). Amount of financial allotment made by the Mizoram government for midday meal scheme?
- (g). whether the mid-day meal is a centrally sponsored scheme?

**Pu Lalhuthanga** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the seat allotment of the Members is clearly written in our Rules 297. Today, the honourable member from Aizawl East II changed his seat. Is this violation of our Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business? Will his questions be answered?

**Speaker** : The honourable Member from Aizawl East II changed his seat because his Mike cannot function. I apologize for not making the announcement earlier.

**Pu Lalhuthanga** : Mr. Speaker Sir, if that is the case, we have no complaint.

**Pu Liansuama (Minister)**: Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer of starred question No. 163 are:

- (a). Mid-day meal was provided to the pupils of P/S since 15th. August, 1995.
- (b). The daily quota of per pupil is 100 grms.
- (c). The type of meal arranged by the Govt. of India is either rice or wheat.
- (d). According to the guidelines of the central govt. cooked and warm meal should be provided to the pupils either by the voluntary organisation or the Panchayati local bodies. However, as Mizoram has different food habits and as permitted by the centre, raw-rice is distributed to the pupils, whose attendance in School is not less than 80%.
- (e). So far, 4384 quintals had been distributed to 65618 pupils.
- (f). It is not necessary for the Mizoram government to make financial allotment for mid-day meal scheme.
- (g). the mid-day meal is a centrally sponsored scheme, and the financial expenditure will be audited.

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know the quality of rice.

**Pu B. Lalthlengliana** : Mr. Speaker Sir, does the mid-day meal scheme cover all the Primary Schools of Mizoram? Is the government aware that the system of distribution is unfair and the quality of rice widely differ? Is there a more

systematic way making the distribution?

**Pu Lalhuthanga** : Mr. Speaker Sir, why do we jump from question 161 to 163?

**Speaker** : Question No. 162 was not raised by the owner of the question.

**Pu F. Lalremsiama** : Mr. Speaker Sir, is the honourable Minister able to furnish list of Schools and quantities provided during the last 12 months?

**Pu John Rotluangliana**: Mr. Speaker Sir, are there any pupils from outside Mizoram availing the mid-day meal? Can the same be provided to the Schools owned by the churches?

**Pu F. Malsawma** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know whether all the materials needed for preparing the meal is included in the scheme? The present practice fails to serve the actual purpose of the scheme. In the villages, children do take mid-day meal. If so, is there a way of providing the said meal to the children?

**Dr. J.V. Hluna** : Mr. Speaker Sir, is the government aware the teachers are facing increase problems from the retailers? In future, can the government spare the teachers and students from making extra-payments?

**Speaker** : Let us call upon the honourable Minister.

**Pu Liansuama (Minister)**: Mr. Speaker Sir, at the cut set, I would like to remind the honourable members that as transportation charge is not free, transportation of rice from the FCI Godown to the various Schools is not easy task. Regarding the quality, it is not a superfine rice.

This scheme covers all the Primary Schools recognised by the government School owned by the churches or private schools are not covered by the scheme. The Government is not aware of such matter concerning the unfair distribution.

As requested by the honourable member from Aizawl B-II, the list of schools will be furnished. As the scheme covers all the recognised Schools, the entire Mizoram is assumed to be covered by this scheme. The government

has no knowledge of any outsiders availing this scheme.

**Pu B. Lalthlengliana** : Mr. Speaker Sir, if the said scheme covers all the recognised Primary Schools of Mizoram. why the Primary School of Thekte Village is deprived of this provision? Is the School not recognised by the government? Besides, I would like to remind the House that the rice bag taken from certain retailers are short by 5 to 6 kgs.

**Pu F. Malsawma** : Mr. Speaker Sir, my questions were not answered. Does the provision include materials needed for cooking?

**Dr. J.V. Hluna** : Mr. Speaker Sir, can arrangement be made to start the rice supply in the School or near the School; so that teachers and students will not have to pay the transportation charge?

**Pu Liansuama (Minister)** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I owe an apology to the honourable member Pu F. Malsawma for not answering his questions. As far as the implementing process of this scheme is concerned, voluntary organisations like MHIP, YMA etc. are assumed to undertake the task of cooking. But this becomes a problem as there is no separate provision for cooking. So, presently, we do not afford to provide mid-day meal on daily basis.

Matter concerning the P/S at Thekte Village will be duely verified. Regarding shortage of rice supply taken from the retailers, I would like to point out that even the MLA's quota's taken directly from the godown is often short by certain kgs.

Coming to the question of the honourable member Dr. J.V. Hluna, at present, we cannot afford such arrangement.

**Speaker** : Question No. 164.

**Pu F. Lalremsiama** : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the midday mea scheme, what is the actual implementing process of the government? Can a better arrangment involving members of the House be made by the govt.?

**Speaker** : Question No. 164. Pu Lalsawta.

**Pu Lalsawta** : Mr. Speaker Sir, question No. 164.

Will the honourable Minister, i/c. Education Deptt. be pleased to state -

- (a). whether there is any government/Deficit single teacher School at the Middle level in Mizoram?
- (b). If so, name of School, address and number of students?

**Pu Liansuama (Minister):** Mr. Speaker Sir, such school does not exist. Presently, there are 162 deficit Middle Schools at Aizawl District, and 48 at Lunglei. The total number is 210 with 1444 teachers.

**Pu B. Lalhlengliana :** Mr. Speaker Sir, the government Middle School at Lungsen is managed by a Headmaster, one Teacher and one craft teacher only. This is quite wrong as the School has number of students. In this connection, I would like to ask whether Director will be appointed in the School Education?

**Pu F. Malsawma :** Mr. Speaker Sir, in some areas of Mizoram, certain Schools have equal number of teachers and student. I would like to know whether there are any such other Primary School?

**Dr. J.V. Hluna :** Mr. Speaker Sir, is there any intention to upgrade H/S and M/S to a deficit status within this year? If so, how many H/S and M/S will be upgraded to the said status?

**Pu Liansuama (Minister):** Mr. Speaker Sir, depending upon the financial condition, the upgradation of H/S and M/S to a deficit status will be considered by the government.

At the moments, the government is not aware of such matter concerning P/S having equal number of teachers and pupils. Besides, the P/.S and H/S in the Chhimtuipui Area is in the hands of the District Council.

Regarding the point raised by the honourable member Pu B. Lalhlengliana, steps are being taken up to improve such situation.

**Dr. J.V. Hluna :** Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask my starred question No. 165. Amount of professional Tax collected during 1995-'96 from -

- (a). Motor vehicles.



- (b). Government employees.
- (c). Traders.

**Pu P.C. Zoramsangliana (Minister):** Mr. Speaker Sir, the answers of Starred question No. 165 are as follows:

- (a). Motor vehicle: Rs. 9,7600.00
- (b). Governments employees: Rs. 117,3,4000.00
- (c). Traders: Rs. 11,74,008.00

**Pu B. Lalhlengliana** : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is learnt that the professional tax of employees under Aizawl East SDO is wrongly assessed by their officers. Can this matter be verified by the honourable Minister?

**Dr. J.V. Hluna** : Mr. Speaker Sir, is it appropriate to collect professional tax from teachers and lecturers of unaided private schools and colleges, who do not get regular salary?

**Pu P.C. Zoramsangliana (Minister):** Mr. Speaker Sir, the question raised by the honourable members from Sateek will be duly verified.

Emphasizing on the question of the honourable member Dr. J.V. Hluna, in the previous year, "The Mizo District Profession Trade Calling & Employment Taxation Regulation, 1963" was amended in the forms of "The Mizoram Profession Trade Calling & Employment Taxation Act, 1995, number 7 of 1995. Thus, the Professional Tax is collected in accordance with this Act.

**Pu F. Malsawma** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask my Starred question No. 166.

Why did ZOHANCO stop purchasing Handloom materials from the Handloom units?

**Pu C.L. Ruala (Minister)** : Mr. Speaker Sir, ZOHANCO stopped the purchased in order to prevent over-stock. Purchased will be resumed by 1st. October.

**Pu F. Malsawma** : Mr. Speaker Sir, as far as local products are concerned, the main problem lies in the market as the Govt. fails to pay enough attention. Since 1982, an order was issued by the Govt. to use only local products, be it furnitures or handlooms in all the officers and governments building of Mizoram. Is this a standing order even to this day?

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. The government gives financial assistance to the various handloom weavers of Mizoram. Is the government aware that such grant is not meant for the weavers and that Rs. 500/- is cut by the office from each installment?

**Speaker** : Question hour is over. But we shall call upon the honourable Minister to furnish answers of supplementary questions.

**Pu C.L. Ruala (Minister)**: Mr. Speaker Sir, I will give the answers in brief. Firstly, the order to use only handloom products is still standing. Presently, steps are being taken up to improve the quality so that the products can be marketed on a larger scale.

Regarding the question of the honourable member Pu Lalhmingthanga, investigation will be taken up although this is in the hands of the co-operative.

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Speaker Sir, according to the information received by us, grant was sanctioned by the Directorate of Industries and not the co-operative.

**Pu F. Malsawma** : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is learnt that ZOHANCO stopped the purchased due to shortage of finance. This information is quite different from your answers.

**Pu C.L. Ruala (Minister)**: Mr Speaker Sir, let me clarify this point. The cast of the opening stock at the beginning of this year is more than 11 lakhs. In spite of slow market, more purchasal was made for Rs. 5,50,000/- within this year. Hence, we decided to stop the purchased for a time being.

**Pu Lalthanhawla (Chief Minister)**: Mr. Speaker Sir, though question hours is over, kindly allow me to make certain clarification.

The Excise personnel responsible for losing the pistols were suspended and departmental proceeding is going on. Regarding loss of wireless set, it is the Police force who is responsibled and not the Excise force.

Further, regarding the rape case, mentioned by one of our members, the government received no such information. However, if the case is proved to be genuine, action will be taken against such serious offence.

Although, the Excise Act was passed unanimously by the House, the same cannot be enforced immediately as there are certain formalities to go through. The matter is deeply regretted. Today, immediate implementation of the said Act is favoured by all, but prior to that, we felt the need to conduct an awareness campaign in order to avoid any problems in future.

Moreover, the duty of the Excise Deptt. is extremely heavy and whether or no Total Prohibition is to be enforced. The need to strengthen this Deptt. is fully realised by the government. In spite of limited staff, the efficient performance of the said department is worth mentioning and at the same time, I would like to assure the Members that in no way will the Prohibition Act be delayed merely on ground of limited staff or shortage of finance.

In matter of midday meals, transportation is our main problem and we have informed the Central Food Ministry and the Human Resources Development Deptt. but no positive response is yet received from them. Nevertheless, steps are being taken up to make midday meal serve its real purpose.

Another point I would like to stress is election of VC. The present system of election is not fully approved by the Ministry and we have considered ways of improving the same. But in view of the present condition, we do not afford to change the system. The matter will be considered as the need arises and I request each member to make valuable contributions and suggestions. Thank you.

**Speaker** : I would like to inform the honourable members that full telecast of our Session is not possible as owner of Cable network can spare us only limited hours. Anyway, we are considering ways of telecasting our full session.

**Pu Lalsawta** : Mr. Speaker sir, I would like to thank the honourable House Leader for his valuable informations. However, in contract to the previous statement of the honourable LAD Minister, the honourable House Leader pointed out the need to improve the present system of VC Election. So, can the previous day's proceeding be expunged from the record?

**Pu S.T. Rualyapa (Minister)**: Mr. Speaker Sir, as question was raised on this point, I simply furnished my personel opinion.

**Pu Lalsawta** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I presume that instead of personal opinion, Ministers should furnish opinion of the government. Such personal opinion should be erased from the record.

**Pu P.C. Bawitluanga (Minister)**: Mr. Speaker Sir, there is no need to expunge the statement of the honourable Minister.

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the statement of the honourable House Leader is more important and recommended for Mizoram, whereas the honourable Minister's statement should be expunged.

**Pu Zairemthanga** : Mr. Speaker Sir, election of VC involving the entire public is a big issue. So, it is utterly wrong to have a completely different opinion from the honourable House Leader and the Minister on such an important policy matter, which should not be recorded.

**Pu John Rotluangliana**: Mr. Speaker Sir, the honourable Minister has given his personal opinion.

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the financial allotment under the custody of the honourable Chief Minister is immensely high. But unfortunately, since the latter part of the previous year, the names of the honourable Chief Minister and his family appeared in various national papers on charges of corruption, which is a great humiliation for the entire state of Mizoram. In their greed, the honourable Chief Minister and his family has ruined our otherwise perfect image and reputation. As such, the honourable Chief Minister is no longer trust to handle the major portion of our state budget.

So, today, for the sole interest of our State, the honourable Members Dr. J.V. Hluna, Pu H. Thangkima and myself cannot pass the various Demands under his charge, thank you.

**Pu Liansuama (Minister)**: Mr. Speaker Sir, my statement concerning the Residential Commissioner of Delhi, Pu Khaund was mis-interpreted by the honourable member Pu Lalhmingthanga. I, strongly resent such misinterpretation, and I should not be blamed for such things not stated by me.

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I did not put the blame on the honourable Speaker. His statements have certain implications.

**Pu Liansuama (Minister):** Mr. Speaker Sir, we have a full record of the MLA's and Minister's statements. So, let us replay the recorded statements.

**Pu John Rotluangliana:** Mr. Speaker Sir, as we are discussing the Demand of the honourable Chief Minister, firstly, I would like to lay emphasis on Demand 22 - Deptt. of Sport & Youth Services.

The achievement of this Deptt. is highly remarkable. It is though this Deptt. that our community earned national as well as international recognition. So, more financial allotment is recommended for the said Dept. Besides, as the Mizos are small in size, more encouragement should be given on Indoor games, and to promote sports, our various playgrounds need further improvement.

Coming to Demand No. 49 on Civil Aviation, I request the Ministry to arrange helicopter services for our State.

Next, I would like to make brief statement on Demand No. 54 - PWD. Unlike the previous times, the PWD is slightly lagging behind in their tasks. As the working season is approaching, I request the government to pay more attention towards their performances. Besides, steps should be taken up to improve the drainage system, and the task should be undertaken in block-wise instead of piecemeal. Regarding construction and repair of roads, I request the Deptt. to give priority towards my constituency.

Coming to Demand No. 14, what I would like to mention is that shortage of Police personnel creates certain problems in my constituency. Hence, I request the government to strengthen the Police force and set up more out posts in my constituency. Apart from that, as traffic jam has become a great problem in Aizawl, can there be a way of expanding the traffic section of Police Deptt, thank you.

**Pu Zoramthanga** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know whether political pamphlet is allowed to be distributed in the House?

**Pu Lalhuthanga** : Mr. Speaker Sir, to begin with, I would like to speak on Demand No. 1, regarding Registrative Assembly. Today, it is a matter of satisfaction to be able to conduct our Session in a newly constructed House. However, considering the number of Office staff, the building is not spacious

enough to accommodate all the staff. Besides the Recess Rooms need further improvement. Anyway I am grateful that the government is considering ways of extending the building. Further, I would like to suggest that Discretionary funds for Deputy Speaker should be reflected in the Budget.

Regarding Demand No. 24 on Sports & Youth Services. As stated earlier, our State has earned national and international fame in this field, which is a great achievement for a developing State like ours. As far as Sport is concerned, what I would like to suggest is that in view of the growing interest in Tennis, more attention should be paid towards promotion of this particular game.

Further, speaking of Demand No. 14 on Police Deptt. The first and foremost necessity in expansion of the Police force, whose service is required for the safety and security of our entire State. Moreover, as far as Service Rule is concerned, the Rules of the MSC had been amended three times since 1988-'93, whereas the Rules of the MPS had remained untouched since 1989. This matter, should be taken into consideration. Further, as far as supertime scale and selection grade are concerned, the MPS is lower than the MCS. At the same time, I am grateful towards the honourable Chief Minister for his due concern towards the salary of the subordinate staff.

Coming to Demand No. 54 on PWD, I would like to point out the need to increase the post of Chief Engineer. If I am not mistaken, the Assam State has six Chief Engineer, who are incharge of various Divisions of work. Likewise, with additional Chief Engineer, our PWD too will be able to make steady progresses and number of unemployed enginners could get job-appportunity. At present, the number of trained JE in our State is about 110-120, which necessitates the expansion of this Deptt.

To conclude, I would like to remind the honourable Members that instead of critising one another, we should cordially discuss the various contributions to be made for the promotion of State, thank you.

**Speaker** : We shall now have a Recess till 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

Deputy Speaker : Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

**Pu B. Lalthlengliana** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, thank you for allotting me time to make statements. At the outset, I would like to make brief statement on PWD. In every Budget Session, matter concerning Stock Suspense is the main topic of discussion. Presently, the amount of Stock Suspense under PWD alone is Rs. 500 lakhs. Whether it is PHE, PWD or Electric Deptt., Stock Suspense is no longer recommended considering its wrongful utilisation. Above all, the non-Mizo suppliers are obtaining lion's share from such funds. In this connection, I would like to mention that the main supplier of GCI Sheets is the Poonam Trade Corporation, where cent percent advance is to be made by the Demand Draft in favour of the supplier. Likewise, 90% advance is to be made in favour of the supplier of steel. Our own people should not be deprived of such opportunity as the same task can be easily undertaken by our own supplier under such beneficial condition.

In matter of urban Development, owing to poor drainage system, landslides occurred in many parts of Aizawl. So, more attention should be paid towards improvement of drainage system. Moreover, without proper maintenance, the condition of road in my constituency is extremely poor. So, I request the PWD to initiate the repair works atleast during the working season.

Coming to matter concerning the Police. Their ration-money is fixed on the basis of AR scale. In spite of that, the ration money of the AR is Rs. 650/- per month while it is only Rs. 350/- for the Police. I suggest that the matter be reviewed by the honourable House Leader. Another point I would like to mention is that at the shoot-out between the HPC and our Police on 16.5.1989 at the Cachar border, the Assam Police confiscated the arms and other belongings left by our Police force. Which are not yet returned till date. I hope this is not neglected by the Ministry.

Regarding the issue of foreigners, why is there no detection of Chakma foreigners, while full concentration is given towards the CNA.

Coming back to the Deptt. of PWD, I request the government to create promotional avenues for member of IV Grade staff, who were given appointments since 1989.

Finally, I would like to suggest that there should be more financial allotment for the TA & DA of the various committee's members of the Assembly Sectt., because shortage of finance hampers the workings of the said committee, thank you.

**Pu F. Lalzuala:** Mr. Dy. Speaker sir, to begin with, I would like to express my gratitude for our new session Hall. However, the House should be rendered sound proof as there are too many disturbance specially during the rainy season.

Regarding Demand No. 54 on PWD, the first and foremost necessity is creation of separate directorate for building and Road Division. In this way, we will be able to make more progressive achievements. Besides, inspite of allotting Rs. 25 lakhs for Inland Water Transport, there is no provision for speed boat's service. Besides, more allotment should be made for State-Highways and District Roads.

Coming to Demand No. 24 on Sport, I would like to request the government to take up immediate actions for completion of the proposed Sport Complex at Lunglei. Moreover, Sport materials are obtained only from the Director's office, which poses problems for the Districts. So, a more convenient arrangement should be made by the government.

Another, suggestion I would like to put forward is that for better administration, the three Districts of Chhimtuipui Area should have their own DC. If this is difficult, a Commissioner should be appointed for administration of 2 Districts.

In matters of Law & Order, Infiltration of Foreigners etc. I would like to suggest that a Police Battalion should be stationed at the Chhimtuipui District to prevent the great influx of foreigners. At the same time, it is of utmost necessity to provide better facilities and higher salary to the Home Guards.

On matter concerning Civil Aviation, what I would like to state in advance is that for improvement of flight services in our State, there should be financial allotments in our next Budget.

Further, the government should pay more attention on matter concerning Protocol in the Civil Secretariat. In addition, I would like to remind



the House that the post of Deputy Chief Whip is ought to be created in our State. But the said post with all its facilities had been neglected all along by the government. Finally, in matter of administration, it is a high time for the Ministry to carry out a more efficient administration, thank you.

**Dr. J.V. Hluna:** Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, at the outset, I would like to point out that the portfolios held by the Ministers of P.C. Party is not satisfactory. Hence, I request the government to re-shuffle the various portfolios of the Ministers.

Next, regarding supply of police-uniform, it is unfair to select the higher bidders while similar materials could be obtained at a lower rate.

As stated earlier, Mizoram is the most peaceful state in the whole of India. This is true to a certain extent, but of late, the safety of our border-areas is endangered with the occurrence of many untoward incidents in all the border-areas. I regret that the honourable CM is no longer capable of protecting our rights and privileges. With regard to Electoral Roll, it is learnt that 2000 more Chakma's were added in the Roll. Above all, the non-Mizo traders and suppliers are drawing huge benefits at the expense of our people. It has also come to our knowledge that after passing a bill on Total Prohibition of Liquor, a truck (No. MZ 01 6083) owned by Pi Lalsawmliani, Zarkawt, carrying full load of liquor was seized by the VDP at Vairengte, but the Police immediately came to rescue the truck.

Above all, Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, there is another serious and surprising information. I happened to receive an anonymous letter stating that our honourable CM has joined the smuggler's syndicate and is actively involved in the illegal trafficking of drugs in different parts of the globe, and one of his associates is an influential and wealthy man named Joginder Kumar, who helped the honourable CM to receive the numerous awards. The letter also mentioned that one of the representatives for the talk on Indo-Myanmar Border Trade is the syndicates leader of Myanmar. In order to investigate and settle such allegation, the honourable CM should resign and if necessary he could be re-elected.

To conclude, I would like to mention about Civil Aviation in brief. It is learnt that for the proposed Airport at Lengpui, 6 Gypsies had already been purchased to initiate the task. I do hope that funds are not squandered or diverted for personal benefits. The honourable CM has pointed out is approved

for fair weather only. Hence, I request the Ministry to take up steps so that the said Airport could be approved for All Weather Airport, thank you.

**Pu H. Zathuama** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me opportunity to make statement on the Demands of our honourable House Leader.

To begin with, I would like to emphasize Demand No. 13 on District Administration. For better administration and greater developments, the various Blocks or Sub-Divisions in a District should be shared by each Department. As heard earlier, we have three Autonomous District Council under the supervision of CEM. The absence of DC in the District Headquarters creates certain problems. So, for better administration, the District Headquarters should function under the DC.

Regarding Demand No. 54, despite the great achievements of the PWD, the BRTF appears to outshine the PWD as far as road construction is concerned. However, if our PWD is equipped with the same sophisticated tools and machines, they can easily excel the performances of the BRTF and in no time many of our projects can be completed. Presently, we have 54 National Highways under the maintenance of the BRTF, and the condition is extremely poor as compared with the Highways of our neighbouring States. So, the Ministry should pressurize the BRTF to be more efficient and prompt in their task.

Coming to Demand No. 54, more effective steps should be taken up to promote Sports & Youth Services as this is the only Department that can prevent our youths from going astray. Therefore, more funds should be allotted for construction of Indoor and outdoor Stadiums so that our youths can spend their leisure hours on useful and healthy activities.

In matter of Civil Aviation, the services of helicopter is a necessity in our State. And as stated earlier, inspite of having newly constructed House, there are certain improvements to be made, which should be taken into account by the government, thank you.

**Pu H. Thangkima** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the total Demands under the charge of the honourable House Leader is immensely high, which could bring great developements if used properly.

To begin my speech, I would like to mention the intention of the

outgoing central government to lift the Inner Line Regulation, which could endanger the security of our State. With the birth of a new central government, it is the duty of our Ministry to convince the new government not to follow such policy. In view of the present situation, it is a high time to prevent the great influx of foreigners from Bangladesh border, to detect and treat the foreigners as they should be. We should realise the fact that there is no peace and security for our people residing in the border areas. Today, if we closely observe the Demands of the honourable House Leader, the total allotment is as high as Rs. 172 crores. Its proper utilisation will upgrade our State to a great height, while misappropriation of funds could sow the seeds of corruption and ultimately lead our State to destruction, which is likely to happen in view of the poor performances and insincerity of our honourable CM. As such, we cannot pass the various Demands under his charge, thank you.

**Pu H.K. Chakma** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, as we are discussing the demands of the honourable Chief Minister, mention may be made of the great achievements made by the Department of Youths & Services. It is through this department that our youths have earned national and international recognition. However, Sport's facilities are lacking in my constituency. So, I request the Sport's Council to sanction funds for promotion of sports in my constituency.

As far as PWD is concerned, at the initiation of the honourable Chief Minister, steps are being taken up by the said department for construction of roads, which is a pleasing matter. But one of the main short-comings is the poor condition and limited recommendation of our Circuit House. So, I request the government to make certain improvements. Another request I would like to make is that construction of road between Tlabung and Nunsuri should be taken up by the PWD as the said construction undertaken by the BRTF remained incomplete. Moreover, for efficient administration, DC or Addl. DC should be appointed in the Sub-Division or border Areas.

The Congress Ministry has made remarkable achievements in the field of Civil Aviation. Under the efficient leadership of the honourable Chief Minister, who is the initiator of the Peace Talk with the MNF, flight services greatly improved in our State, much to the relief of our people. Presently, a new Airport is being constructed, and I suggest that the same should be stabi-

lised at Lunglei, as this will be very convenient for the people of Chhimtuipui areas. Finally, with the efforts of this Ministry, today we are able to have a new Assembly Building, which is a pleasing matter, thank you.

**Pu K.T. Rokhaw** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, it is a great priviledged to be able to discuss the various Demands of the honourable Chief Minister.

Firstly, I would like to make brief statement on Demand No. 24 - Sports & Youth Services. Today, our youths are making remarkable acheivement owing to the efficiency and support of this Department. As such, more funds should be sanctioned for the said department. In this connections, I request the govenrment to construct a playground in my constituency and not delay the proposed Indoor Stadium.

Coming to Demand No. 40, I suggest that an Armed Battalion be stationed at Chhimtuipui District; so that many of our problems in the border areas could be solved to a great extent. Besides, it is necessary for the Assembly Secretariat to have a separate Security Unit, and more Police forces should be posted at the border areas.

Regarding Demand No. 54 on PWD, what I would like to empha-size is that widening of roads between Kawlchaw to Phurra, Saiha to Chakhang should be undertaken by the PWD. In matter of Civil Aviation, I request the honourable Chief Minister to kindly arrange helicopter services to Chhimtuipui Areas. Finally, as the Assembly's staff have to work overtime during our Ses-sion, honorarium should be sanctioned for them, thank you.

**Pu Lalsawta** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, at the outset, I would like to stress that this august House is not a place for submitting applications. Instead, members should sit together, have meaniningful discussion, share ideas and make valuable contributions for the progress and development of our State. Being the elected representatives of the people, our first and foremost duty is to enact Laws under which the various departments should function. Almost 10 years had passed since attaining a statehood, yet there is no enactment of new laws with the exception of 12 Acts and 7 Regulations framed by us. We are merely adopting the Central Acts and the Assam Acts. As such, the honour-able Chief Minister should give top priority towards formation of Laws in order to have fair and efficient administration. Being a full-fledged States, we

should form our own Rules in accordance with the Constitution of India, Scheduled 7, List II. In fact, the absence of proper Rules & Regulation leads the Ministry towards the wrong direction and thus fails to administer justice. Considering the immense problems and injustice caused by the absence of well-defined Rules, it is a high time to fulfil our obligation as being Legislators.

Further, the total allotment for Photo Identity Card under Election is as high as Rs. 104 lakhs and 80 thousand. I suggest that our own people should be assigned for the task if they are equally good as non Mizo. Besides, Rs. 132 lakhs allotted for District administration should be utilised for its actual purpose. In matter of Sports, Archer Lalremsanga should be awarded with greater honour so that his name will always be remembered in the world of Sport.

**Dy. Speaker** : Pu Hranghluta.

**Pu T. Hranghluta** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to begin my speech with Demand No. 13 on District Council. As we all know, the Chhimtuipui district has 3 Autonomous District Councils, which fall under one administrative District. For better administration and greater developments, the Civil Sub-Division should be upgraded to Deputy Commissioner office by appointing experienced MCS officers.

Regarding Police Department, in order to maintain Law & Order in the sensitive border Areas such as Tuithum, Sabual, Vathuampui etc. a Police Battalion should be stationed in such sensitive areas.

As far as PWD is concerned, there is only one PWD Sub-Division in the Chhimtuipui District. My request is to setup another Division of PWD for Lai Autonomous areas to undertake the task of road construction and widening, thank you.

**Pu F. Lalremsiama**: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, there are many points to discuss on the Demands of our honourable Chief Minister, which involves huge financial allotment of Rs. 172 crores.

To begin with, I would like to mention the necessity of reconstructing the setup of Assembly Secretariat. There is a need to improve the service condition of the Staff and to create more opportunities for promotion. Be-

sides, inspite of having new Assembly building, lack of proper parking areas cause inconveniences for the public. So, certain arrangements should be made.

As for District Administration is concerned, as assured by the honourable House Leader, there should be re-organisation of District for easier implementation of schemes, better administration and more developments. Besides, the ATI should have its own building and regularly organise Administrative or Refresher Courses.

Emphasizing on the Department of Police, the first point I would like to mention is the unfair and improper recruitment of Police personnel. Apart from that, administration too is not efficient enough. Moreover, it is necessary to increase the ration money and improve the uniform's quality of the Police forces; because without proper ration and uniform, we can never have strong and disciplined forces. Ultimately, Law & Order deteriorate in our State, where chaos and confusion rule the different cooperations and Departments of our State. Above all, there is great influx of foreigners, who move around freely in Mizoram.

Next, I would like to make brief statement on 'Other Administrative Services'. The condition of our Circuit and Guest Houses at Shillong, Calcutta, Delhi etc. is quite satisfactory. Yet, we are too extravagant in the maintenance and furnishing of such Houses. There is practically no control on the expenditures, and it is utterly wrong that the Account of the Engineering Services' Association is audited by themselves. There is a wide gap between the privileged and the under privileged. Under such circumstances, Rule of Law is urgently required as suggested by the honourable member from Aizawl South II. So, Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, we, the Opposition Party is ready and willing to assist the Ministry in setting things right.

Regarding PWD, Rs. 4,20,000/- is sanctioned for construction of Type- II quarters at Tlabung Division, while a token provision of Rs. 5,72,000 is allotted for Saiha Division, which is quite meagre. In this connection, what I would like to mention is that building is an asset while in the road construction, a larger portion of the fund is misused or diverted elsewhere. Besides, I am afraid that new Division might be set up unnecessarily, because a Division should have an Executive Engineer, SDO, JE and number of other posts, which requires more expenditures.

To conclude, I would like to emphasize the need of creating separate cadre for IAS, IPS and Forest Service. Apart from that, the success and progress of our engineering department; and our State as a whole, rests in the hands of our honourable Chief Minister.

**Deputy Speaker:** It is 4:10 PM. We shall now have Recess for 20 minutes.

**Speaker** : Pu Zosiama Pachuau.

**Pu Zosiama Pachuau (Minister):** Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me opportunity to make statements.

At the outset, I would like to point out the fact that inspite of living in a remote area, we, the Mizos are quite advanced and civilised as compared with other States of NE region. Despite the limited opportunity and facilities, we are making remarkable progress particularly in the field of Sports. Being elected representatives of the people, we need to work together and render sustained efforts to explore the talents of our youths.

Further, the numerous developments made by the PWD is worth mentioning. In particular, the buildings and roads constructed by the PWD show great sign of improvement.

As far as Police Department is concerned, I would not be wrong to say that our Police force is the best in the whole of North East India inspite of certain criticisms. On several incidents, the Mizoram Police have shown their courage and efficiency.

As we are discussing the various Demands of the honourable Chief Minister, we can clearly visualise the heavy burden that rests in the hands of the honourable Chief Minister, who undoubtedly excels Chief Minister of other North East States. Today, if we work together with a spirit of unity and harmony, our State can rise high above others and lead other 7 States of N.E. Region, thank you.

**Pu Lalrinchhana:** Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for allotting me time to speak.

Firstly, I would like to point out that despite having new Assembly building, the Session Hall is very stuffy. I hope the Hall is made more airy from the next Session. Besides, lack of proper Parking area is another problem. So certain arrangements should be made.

As we are discussing the Demands of the honourable House Leader, I would like to mention that the government's employees have numerous grievances. So, the honourable Chief Minister and his council of Ministers should duely consider ways of resolving their grievances.

As heard earlier, Voters' Identity Card is to be issued shortly. Being located in a border area where there is great infiltration of foreigners, issue of the said Card should be done with utmost care. If not, our State could face many hardships in future.

Since the year 1987 - 88, there was a proposal to trifurcate the Aizawl District into 3. For that purpose Rs. 66 lakhs is estimated in the current budget. Likewise, Rs. 123 lakhs too is sanctioned for Chhinlung Hills Development Council. As such, I request the honourable House Leader to take up steps for their immediate materialisation.

Regarding Demand 14 on Police Department, for efficient administration, a full-fledged State should have atleast 5 Battalions of Armed Police. Almost 10 years have elapsed since attaining a statehood, yet, we have only 3 such battalions. So, strengthening of Armed Police is a matter of urgent necessity. Apart from that, in order to have a well disciplined and efficient Police force, the Police Training Headquarters should be further improved and upgraded.

Coming to Demand No. 24 on Sport, I request the government to distribute more footballs in rural areas where this Sport is becoming extremely popular among the youths. Another requirement in the field of sport is proper playground and Indoor Stadium.

In the PWD, the main problem faced by the contractors and suppliers is the outstanding Bill. So, the Ministry needs to examine itself and the honourable Chief Minister should consider ways of solving such problem, thank you.

**Speaker** : Now, let us call upon the honourable House Leader.

**Pu Lalthanhawla (Chief Minister)**: Mr Speaker Sir, at the outset, I would like to thank all the Members for their valuable informations and suggestions.

I would like to apologise to the honourable Member Pu F. Lalremsiama for furnishing wrong information on expenditures incurred for Bairabi Road. The fact is that expenditures on mechanisation is 111.11 lakhs,



Rs. 6.30 lakhs on diversion Phase I and Rs. 74.95 lakhs on Diversion Phase III. Apart from that, I would like to remind the honourable Members that the government is duly considering the grievances of the government's employees, and negotiation is going on with the federation's leader.

Regarding Police Department, lack of separate cadre is our main problem because the controlling Authority appoints any IPS or IAS officers of their choice. However, we are rendering our best efforts.

Regarding the points raised by the honourable Member from Sateek, all the arms that remained in the hands of the Assam Police have been recovered. On matter concerning the supply of uniforms, the lowest tenderer is not necessarily selected because, the quality, capability and capacity have to be taken into account.

Next, I would like to remind the honourable Member from Aizawl North I that the newly recruits in the Police department were all properly exchange, and some were appointed on compassionate grounds.

Regarding illegal transportation of liquor mentioned by the honourable member Dr. J.V. Hluna, the Police immediately investigated the matter and clearly proved the allegation to be false.

In matter of voters' Identity Card, there is nothing to doubt or fear as only Mizo photographers are assigned for the task. Matter concerning procurement of ginger will be verified by the government. Some members highlighted about the eviction of Assam Rifles and the condition of road between Aizawl to Silchar. We shall pressurize the Central VIP, who are about to visit our State.

The honourable Members Pu Lalhmingthanga and Dr. J.V. Hluna have pointed out certain allegations against myself and my family. So, investigation should be taken up by forming an Equiry Commission under the Chairmanship of the honourable Member Pu Lalhmingthanga. If all the allegations are prove d to be true, I am ready to submit my resignation.

Although, our various programmes and schemes are mocked by others, the main concern and policy of this Ministry is to upgrade the economically weaker section of society by providing them regular means of earning a living. Such crucial task may seem impossible, but with the help of the Almighty God, today we are making steady progresses. At the same time, we do

welcome the support and assistance of the Opposition Party. As such, in our endeavour to promote our backward State, we are willing to work or cooperate with any persons, irrespective of political parties. In fact, after 20 years of great turbulence and insurgency, peace and harmony had been ushered into our State, and after 7 years of forming this Ministry, God has showered his blessings upon us.

Finally, Mr Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass the following various Demands under my charges:

Legislative Assembly	- revenue : Rs. 231 lakhs and 50 thousand capital: Rs. 18.5 lakhs.
Governor	- revenue : Rs. 1.7 lakhs.
Council of Minister	- revenue Rs. 140 lakhs.
Election	- revenue: Rs. 450 lakhs.
Secretariat	- revenue: Rs. 11 crores, 46.2 lakhs
District Administration-	revenue: Rs. 985 lakhs.
Police	- revenue: 42 crores and 14.2 lakhs.
Administrative service-	revenue: Rs. 842.1 lakhs
	revenue: Rs. 362.1 lakhs.
Social Security & Welfare	- revenue: Rs. 11,55,400
	revenue: Rs. 75 lakhs
	revenue: Rs. 67 lakhs
PWD	- revenue: Rs. 34,52,46,000.00
	capital Rs. 51,19,28,000.00
Total	: Rs. 172,20,58,000

Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir.

**Speaker** : The Enquiry Committee proposed by the honourable House Leader should be passed by the House.

**Pu J. Lalsangzuala (Minister):** Mr. Speaker Sir, the necessity to engage the CBI is for the sole welfare of our State, there is no personal hatred.

**Speaker** : The honourable House Leader has begged leave of the House to pass his various Demands. Members, who agree to pass the same will say 'agree', and who disagree will say 'disagree'.

As all the Members agreed, the Demands of the honourable House

Leader is passed unanimously by the House.

Now, we shall call upon the honourable House Leader to beg leave of the House for introduction of his Bill.

**Pu J. Lalsangzuala (Minister):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg the House to introduce the Mizoram occupation number 5 Bill 1996, thank you.

**Speaker** : As permitted by the House, the honourable Minister Pu Lalsangzuala will now introduce the Bill.

**Pu J. Lalsangzuala (Minister):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg the House to move that the Bill, Mizoram Occupation No. 5, 1995 became into consideration, thank you.

**Speaker** : The honourable Minister has begged leave of the House to introduce and consider his Bill, which were permitted by the House. Now, let us call upon the honourable Mover to beg leave of the House to pass his Bill.

**Pu J. Lalsangzuala (Minister):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass the Mizoram Appropriation No. 5 Bill 1996 amounting to Rs. 70,33,388 and Rs. 85,000.

**Speaker** : As agreed by the House, the Mizoram Appropriation No. 5 Bill, 1996 is passed unanimously.

**Pu J. Lalsangzuala (Minister):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker** : As we have completed our programme, our meeting is adjourned for today.

Meeting adjourned.