

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

7. **PU J. LALSANGZUALA** to beg leave of the House.

(i) to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No. 1).

or

to introduce the Bill.

(ii) to move that the Bill be taken into consideration;

(iii) to move that the Bill be passed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : “From the fruit of his words a man is satisfied with good, and the work of a man’s hand comes back to him. The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

Proverb 12 : 14 — 15.

Now, we shall take question, S.Q. no 41. we shall call upon Pu F. Lalremsiama.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Deputy Speaker Sir, S.Q. no 41. Will the Hon’ble Minister i/c Education be pleased to state.

(1) Who is the present President of MBSE ? What’s about the procedure of his Employment ? Is he fully or party employed ?

(2) What are the qualifications for the President of MBSE ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the present
Minister President of MBSE is Pu F. Lal-
lura, we may say that he is
partly employed to some extent and fully employed.

Secondly, qualification for the President of MBSE is that eminent scholar having experience not less than 20 years service at School or College, or having experience not less than 10yrs service in the Administration of Education.

PU LALHIMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Is there any intention to transfer some power of MBSE like curriculum and syllabus making to the other Board/Institute by decreasing the powers of MBSE ?

PU F. LAWMKIMA : Is there any intention to increase HSLC Examination Centre ? Is it suitable to have centres at the far flung Villages ?

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, a Supplementary question - Does the Government seek the way to join MBSE with that of individual Schools as the Amendment Rules of MBSE ?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, will the Government be pleased to revise the decision made by the Government regarding the prescribed books translation especially for less than Class IV lessons ?

Secondly, MBSE has much backlog. Will the Government be pleased take action to solve this ?

Thirdly, will the Government give Permission of Examination in the MBSE Examination in order to get rid of the problem faced by Provisional Schools for the same ?

Fourthly, Is there any partial administration regarding permission of Schools between the Constituency of Ruling MLA and Opposition MLA ?

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Supplementary question.

(1) Is there any provision of qualification for MBSE President ?

(2) Why did not the Government re-employ the retired President of MBSE after he applied for extension of his Presidency ?

(3) Is there any intention to appoint the newly retired Director, who joined Congress Party for the President, MBSE ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question - we come to know that a file for extension of the service of T.P. Khaund Residence Commission is being processed. Is there any intention to extend his service ? May you clarify about it ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, there is no intention to decrease the power of MBSE but we intent to increase its importance and strength and we also intended to re-suffle the works between SCERT and MBSE.
Minister

And regarding arrangement of MBSE Examination Centre, we have no right to do so but the authority is MBSE. That's why if you feel earnest about this, you may ask the MBSE.

Regarding the amendment of MBSE Act, there is an intention. I hope that we would be able to introduce the amendment bill in the next Assembly Session and soon adopt it. And also regarding translation of Text Book, I think that we give wrong answer. We are going to translate it in accordance with the characteristic norms of our State Society, while Science and History will need not such translation.

And some of the backlogs of MBSE are cleared. We are taking steps to clear all the backlogs. After clearing all, we hope that there will be sufficient fund to meet our requirements.

Lastly, Government has laid down Rules to be fulfilled by Private Schools for Permission. If the School has fulfilled the Rules, any School is given permission. Whether it is in Rural Area or in Urban Area. There is no partial administration against the Ruling MLA Constituency and Opposition MLA Constituency.

PU F. MALSAWMA : There are several good Schools in Aizawl Town. While most of the schools seeking permission are without proper school buildings. (Interruption).

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, some
Minister Private Schools at Aizawl Town are given permission without school building in the recent years. We are seeking better way. Some Private Schools are opened at Public places without looking about its environment. That's why we are trying to take care of that, and we depend on the recommendations of Inspection Staff.

And about appointing the newly retired Director who joined Congress for the President, MBSE-we shall follow MBSE Act. Section 15 (1).

Regarding the extension of the service of MBSE President. Government never extend the service after the person in question has attained over 60 years of age.

Lastly, regarding re-employment of Residence Commissioner, New Delhi, I regard it is not relevant. That's why, I shall not give answer.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we had listened to the importance of MBSE, Now, Class XI and Class XII are added under thin purview. The Minister said that they give importance to its improvement. But now, no provision is made what is the reason ?

PU ZORAMTHAAGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to repeat my Supplementary Question - will the government extend the service of Mr. A.P. Khaund, Resident Commissioner, New Delhi Mizoram House?

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : It seems that we deeply favour the special service of Mr. A.P. Khaund, Resident Commissioner, New Delhi Mizoram House. He was re-employed for seven times. I therefore, want to know what is his special quality in service ?

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Is it true that no vehicle was provided to Dr. H. Lallungmuana, Mizoram M.P ? If so, what is the reason ?

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY : Supplementary question. Khuangleng High School has fulfilled the desired guide lines of MBSE

but not received any grant-in-aid till date. I earnestly ask you to make deficit sanction.

Secondly, Delhi Mizoram House has no Mizo Officer, May you appoint Mizo Officer for the Delhi Mizoram House?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we shall call upon its concerned Minister. After that we shall take another question.

**PU LIANSUAMA
Minister** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I hope you would not expect me to answer the question regarding provision of Vehicle for our M.P.

Regarding non-existence of Budget Provision for Education especially for MBSE we are informed to make Budget without exceeding the Budget amount last year. That is why, no additional fund appeared in the Budget. But we will expect additional fund when Revise Budget or Supplementary Demand is made.

Regarding Grant-in-Aid and Deficit, we could not have a good progress. We have 82 Private High Schools without any sanction of Grant-in-aid and 50 Middle Schools without any provision for Grant-in-Aid. That is why, it is very difficult to decide the case. We may sanction a small amount of money for their Grant-in-Aid in the coming year.

PU ZORANTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, being an Hon'ble Minister i/c DP & AR he should give us answer. Why did the Hon'ble Chief Minister leave the House? Let him tell me about the extension of the Service of our Resident Commissioner, New Delhi. Why did he get out?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us proceed to Starred Question No. 42. Pu Lalrinchhana (Interruption).

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, (Interruption).

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is only a Supplementary Question. That is why, we may go to Starred Question No. 42.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, we had
Minister furnished answer to that question as a normal question at this Assembly. The answer is if we find out officer to employ, we shall change him. That is the answer.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 42.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Finance Department be pleased to state —

(a) Has 20% of budget provision from every department been deducted?

(b) If so, for what purpose it is deducted?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir,
Minister (a) 20% of Budget is deducted from the Budget amount of different Departments. But this does not include the Basic Minimum Service, District Council, the construction of Lengpui Airport, Sanction for Indo-Myanmar Border Trade, Earmarked Sectors and 10th Finance Commission Recommendation.

(b) The reason for deduction is that Planning Commission allowed us to deduct 20% of fund from defierent Department's provision for recovery of Rs. 40 crore deficit from our own source. The money thus is utilised for the same.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, what is the exact figure of deficit after deduction of Rs. 20% of Budget and after recovery is made for the same?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu F. Lawmkima.

PU F. LAWMKIMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, almost every 30%, 20% of Budget is deducted, in this regard, is there any other way for such recovery? Besides this, Finance Department used to cut some portion of other department's fund for their own use. Is this contempt of this august House? Has it been practiced in any other State?

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, It is learnt that 20% had been deducted from non-plan. After deduction, utilization certificate seemed to have been issued without any actual utilization to be seen. Am I right?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I had
Minister already answered this question on 18th March, 1998. Our deficit shall be Rs. 85.77 crores on 31st March 1998. The question of deduction after passing budget is true to some extent. As we know Central Government has not properly functioned for the last three years. During this period, our Budget too is not properly laid out. Even now, we have to discuss twice a year.

And Arunachal Pradesh too deducted 15% from Plan and 10% from non-plan the day before yesterday.

Deducted fund are utilised for recovery of financial deficit and used as resource mobilization.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, may the Hon'ble Finance Minister be pleased to make provision of Fund for his demands for priority while we are discussing our Budget?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, what amount of money is utilised for recovery of locally mobilisation of resources? Secondly, what is the amount of break up line to meet Rs. 117.14 crores deficit. Looking back into the estimated recovery, it appears that there may be some mistakes. May you kindly clarify the same.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I think **Minister** that the Hon'ble Member Mr. Lalsawtas question shall be the important point. The answer is that fund under Non-Plan may be received according to the Recommendations of Finance Commission. It really depends upon the expectation of Revenue by Central Government. If they receive less than their expectation, we also suffer or vice-versa. Especially on Plan, we get the amount on the basis of fixation made by Planning Commission.

Now, we are informed to follow the latest plan and the actual amount we are going to receive will be fixed when Planning Commission pass the sanction. That is why, we follow the latest figure of Planning Commission we have been following this practice for the last two years. As I said before, plan size is fixed in the

month of December and January during the Central Government is properly in function and reflect it at Budget Session in March. But for the last three years we cannot do so.

And Rs. 117.14 crore deficit recovery is made in this ways —

(1) Our own resource	Rs. 4.41 crore
(2) Plan Assistance in April	Rs. 21.32 crore
(3) During May	Rs. 21.32 crore
(4) Share of Central Tax in May	Rs. 21.94 crore
(5) Gap Grant (April)	Rs. 4.06 crore
(6) May	Rs. 4.06 crore
(7) Advance Central Assistance	Rs. 37.00 crore
(8) Lengpui Airport Special Programme	Rs. 14.25 crore
(9) K. Deposit	Rs. 9.28 crore
(10) Central Sponsored Scheme	Rs. 23.17 crore
Grant Total	Rs. 160.81 crore

We, therefore, made recovery in this ways.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, 20% deduction has amounted to Rs 58.87. What amount of money is contributed to Resource Mobilisation? What is the amount of recovery to meet our deficit? and what is its break up?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : If we deducted 2%0, its total is
Minister Rs. 58.87 crore. But as we had no deduction from Basic Minimum Service, District Council etc. the total amount is Rs. 13.49 crores only. If you see page no. 6 it will be indicated. This is utilised for non-plan deficit.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, is it Rs. 13.49 crores in reality?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the
Minister meaning is that we may utilise 20% of own resource mobilised fund received from Central Government for recovery of non-plan deficit. That is why we use them for this.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we shall take Starred Question No. 43. Shri Hrangthanga and Shri B. Lalhlengliana. Now let us call upon Shri Hrangthanga Colney.

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Excise Department be pleased to state—

(a) How many offenders are arrested after The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition Act has been applied?

(b) Does the Government know that the price of liquor has risen and the quality becomes worse and it is to be found in plenty everywhere after the Act is applied?

(c) Is it true that the youth in Mizoram are taking more drugs and caused more dead. After Prohibition Act is applied?

(d) Does the Government know that it is better to prohibit bad liquor and have controlled better liquor shop for needed ones at lesser price as Total Prohibition has failed in the state?

PU ZORAM SANGLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the
Minister answer is that—

(a) Number of arrested offenders by Excise Personnel and Police Personnel is 6288 in number up to 28.2.1998 and 20.3.1998 respectively.

- (b) Government knows that the price has risen up, but does not know bad liquor are more in plenty after the Act is applied.
- (c) Government does not prove the same.
- (d) No.

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY : Mr. Speaker Sir, I want not to pass the Total Prohibition Bill because I am sure that we would surely fail. The reason is that neither the Government of Mizoram has principle laid for success of this Total Prohibition, nor does the Congress Bhavan or Church, Y.M.A. and other Voluntary Organisation has such. Now we see its failure in almost everywhere in Mizoram. That is why, it is required to review our Total Prohibition Act. This is public opinion. We therefore, have to look for better proposal for imposition of total prohibition. We have had practical example for a year. Other State too bravely undone their total prohibition. That is why, will it not be better for the Government of Mizoram to follow suit.

SPEAKER : Now, question hour has passed. We shall not go to our next Business. We have an adjournment Motion. As it is an adjournment motion, we cannot take any other business. The same motion is submitted both by Pu Lalhmingthanga and Pu Zoramthanga. But as it is not technically ideal Pu Hminga's motion is dropped and adopted Pu Zoramthanga's motion. The motion is due to the stoppage of fund release by RBI to the Government of Mizoram. Now, let us call upon him to read out the Motion.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I think it is not required to read out the motion. The Subject of the mo-

tion is that the Reserve Bank of India stopped fund Release to the Government of Mizoram. That is the motion I had submitted to you this morning.

SPEAKER : I examine this motion carefully. It is accepted on ground of our Rules no 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 and 68 had made it convenient. That is why we shall take this motion setting aside all other business. I had accepted but the House has to accept it, that is, if it is accepted and supported by not less than six members. Now we shall prove it. (The Speaker announced that the House accepted the motion).

We have many business today, we have to take discussion of Budget after this decision. So, shall we try to finish within half an hour ? What is your opinion ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr Speaker Sir, I appreciate true democratic spirit shown by our hon'ble members. But, a Chief Minister motion has been admitted before question hour has properly ended. It may be noted that no motion has ever been admitted during budget session or during its discussion. If the motion is admitted, I do request you to fix time.

Our Rules of procedure provided that the time shall be fixed by the Speaker not more than two hours. In the late evening, we cannot generally participate in the discussion. I therefore, request to fix time as limited as possible.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I think that the time is not so tight if we can finish this Budget Session within March.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, if the motion is an Adjournment Motion, no other business should be taken up. I think all the Hon'ble Members would want to speak about it. Other business may be done by extending our Session by one or two days as the motion involved financial crisis and it is most public importance.

PU P.C. ZOPRAM SANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, half an hour
Minister may be enough. It is all up to you, We may finish it before noon.

PU C. VULLUAIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, you have admitted the motion. It is not required a lot of time for discussing the point. Lets enter into our motion. If this motion is not passed, session cannot be adjourned. This Budget Session should be guided by you the whole of this week.

PU P.C. ZORAMSANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, our Rules has
Minister provided that the time shall not be more than two (2) hours. That's why, your proposal is sufficient and fix, the time for half an hour. We support, your proposal.

SPEAKER : We may finish within half an hour.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is not good to look for a shortest way and mean to discuss public importance in this House. You should not always get rid off our privilege, we request two hours, but not more than two hours, as it is our privilege.

SPEAKER : Let's fix it to be concluded within an hour.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, you had already admitted the Adjournment motion as it is public importance, our Rules has provided for two hours. Sir, you have a discretionary power to decide the case but you should not utilise in the wrong way.

I also want to point out that stoppage of payment is rare enough while Budget Session is held. But now we have such situation. That's why, we should speak about it solemnly as it is the fact.

PU LAL THANHAWLA
Chief Minister : I want to inform the Honourable Members that more than four or five states have overdraft in the RBI during Session in the North East States. You should be clear first to what you say.

SPEAKER : Let us fix at an hour. Ten minutes for a member. Let us call upon Mr. Zoramthanga to move the motion.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I will not take much time and spare it for other friends.

As we all know, no payment is made by Reserve Bank of India to Government of Mizoram, which was announced through, Radio and Televisions on ground of too much Overdraft. As Finance Minister pointed out that in the last Session, we have feared for this situation. The Finance Department and Ministers tried to

recover through different ways and means. But as the Hon'ble Finance Minister had stated in the Budget Speech that we require major operation. We are now the victims. How shall we go against the Government.

No development is there, nor is salary could be drawn. While Mizoram could not exist even a single day without fund. If it is a fact, Government has to resign. That's why, this Adjournment motion is compulsory. This is not a surprise evidence, but warned by the Hon'ble Finance Minister. That's why, Government should prove itself that it could not run the Government anymore. That is the meaning. Even if we do not admit it, Government has no more money in its Bank. No-one should regard it as habitual evidence. Government should resign on this ground. It is not an amendable evidence. Even Finance Minister warned us and also had tried to find ways and means for its remedy but cannot do so. It has reached its climax. That's why, Mr. Speaker Sir, Government has to offer its responsibilities as a Government to the persons who would be able to carry on the works of the Government in order to safeguard the people from starvation and also that salary may be drawn by the Government Servants. We are now bankrupt. As provided by the Indian Constitution, Financial Emergency is a must if the Central Government is normal, and as soon as Governor recommends such position. Therefore, it is require for the Government to resign and surrender.

If we look at our Budget provision for this year, I do not know how we are going to spent it. Our next stage is very bleak. That's why, if we look back the past, everything is full of difficulty and reached its climax. The ministry who form the Government should therefore resign. Time has revealed their failure. Resignation is the next business of the present Government.

PU LALHUTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we have just now listened to the Adjournment Motion. We had

noted financial crisis of Mizoram from last year. Improper functioning of Central Government is also known while we are expecting Rs 68 crores from Shukla Commission, no payment is made on ground of election. That is known by all. As such we met difficulties from different angles like RBI etc. we are waiting Rs 36 lakhs which may come today or tomorrow. While we are in such situation I cannot agree with such request for our Government to resign. Even our neighbouring states like Assam and Nagaland did not draw salary for two months.

But now our Government issued fund for our servants salary till date. That's why, our state does not meet too much difficulties. But the Reserve Bank of India met difficulties in its own in regards to payment. I therefore could not agree with such request to resign. If Central Government has proper functioning we may receive fund from Shukla Commission and even as rehabilitation etc. We may not be charged as corrupt Government. Of the Government servants in the North East States, Mizoram Government is most lenient with its employees. That's why, I wonder Mr. Speaker Sir, in regards to your admittance of the Adjournment Motion. The reason is that no state can ever admit Adjournment Motion while discussing Budget. I am therefore, sorry for this state of affairs. That's why, there cannot be much to discuss.

Lastly, Funds are drawn two or three times in a year. Now, we reach the second time only. It is pleasing that we have not much difficulties till date. We, the people utilise the wisdom and know-how of our Hon'ble Ministers. Anyhow, let us discuss the Motion as it is un-normal evidence.

Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I thank you for your admittance of the Adjournment Motion and also for

our liberty under your liberal leadership. I also want to inform you that the Adjournment Motion is always admitted during Budget Session. The Treasury Bench may have misguided you in this matter as you have a liberal idea. In this regard, I have to point out some points regarding financial management of the Government as a result of which we came to this stage.

Firstly, what I want to speak is generally beyond stoppage of payment on ground of overdraft. The financial management of our State Government is very bad. The un-usual form of financial management is applied for a long time in this Government. Our State has Urban Area Fund Control Act. But the Treasury Bench had never applied this from some years ago. As such, we are over-ruled by the Government for about 8/9 years in financial management.

Secondly, the present practice which other state had never done in regards to House Rent control, small saving scheme etc. shows failure of the Government in financial management. As a result, people have suffered much.

Thirdly, Government of Mizoram has impounded enhance D.A., I.R. from time to time against the wishes of Government Servants. We had asked many questions in this regard in this House. The Government only convinced and win over the heads of Associations. They had never taken individual consent. This unfair means is a result of bad financial management.

Fourthly, when we looked at C & AG Report last year, Rs. 549 crore is found out to be our liability. That means, Government of Mizoram has Rs. 549 crores liabilities against suppliers and contractors. This liability is not counted as deficit. That's why, our contractors, suppliers met difficulties. This hampers financial circulation in the country from different angles.

Fifthly, Tenth Finance Commission has spared 8.50 crore for a State in order to safeguard the Government from and against overdraft, but do not increase it to Rs. 16 crores in 1995. In spite of this, the RBI announces overdraft problem and stoppage of payment for our State. That's why, the suffering of the people of Mizoram is increased day by day. If the Government fails in financial management, what will they do then? The first duty of the Government is to step down in order to solve acute financial problem faced by the people of our state.

I therefore, request the Government to step down in order to prevent further downhill for the people as well as the Government. Mr. Speaker Sir.

Thank you.

PU F. LALZUALA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, we know that Government meets difficulties in finance on ground of stoppage of payment from RBI. That's why, this Adjournment motion came into existence. While we are to discuss about the motion, our members ask the Government to resign itself. But no confidence motion is moved. If we have no confidence in the Government, No-confidence motion should be moved formally, But no-confidence motion is moved while we are requested to resign from our seats. If so, all should agree to resign from our seats. We should acknowledge the suffering of the people as our suffering. Let us love our state and the people.

I therefore, want to speak out that let us be awoken by the problem faced by the State Government. Let us not depend upon other power. In this regard, I have to apologise to the people of Mizoram. In this connection, all of us have to look into ourselves. Not only by the Hon'ble Members, but also by our senior officers from different angles.

On the other, if we resign, who shall take charge of the Government. I therefore believe that to delay this Business is not a minor case, Mr. Speaker Sir.

Thank you.

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I had spoken out the overdraft problem a few days back in this Session. The Finance Minister informed us that it was normal thing and happen occasionally. But I regard it seriously.

Regarding the matter, the ministry of united Front in the Central is always charged. But if we look at the provision of the Budget, we can see a word of praise for Central Government. It was also seen in the last year budget and also on Governor's speech. It was also shown in the Budget 1996-97. Not only that, he also praised even 10th Finance Commission which runs — "We increased by 76.5%. Although we are blessed by the Central Government, our problem is RBI overdraft and stoppage of payment for the Government". The reason is that the fund are spent out for luxury as delivered by the Hon'ble Finance Minister.

Lastly, I want to speak out and request the Government to go to Delhi to clear our present problem faced by the Government not only signing Bills and Supply orders. I also request not to purchase materials which the Government does not require.

Thank you.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is very shameful to discuss the Adjournment Motion. The reason is that the Hon'ble Finance Minister informed the House that Damo-

cle's Sword may cut him down at anytime. Now, we are the victims. Because Government does not seek better financial administration and take economic measures.

Secondly, I am very sorry for Hon'ble House Leader's information. There is four other States who has overdraft at RBI in the N.E. States. I want him not to imitate other bad states for example in economic measure. I would like to point out that let us copy the best state in financial administration.

And I also want to point out that there are a good number of money transactions which the Government does not want. For example, (a) Keeping of a large number of vehicles (b) Expenses on Lengpui Airfield — i) Compensation ii) For visiting the field, a large number of vehicles is sent (c) Purchase of land at high rate (d) Stock Suspense.

In short, if funds are not utilised properly, Government will always have difficulty in finance. That is the reason why we reached this stage of climax in finance. The best way for now will be to take stern financial measures and adopt austerity. I therefore urged to take steps in that way and I support the Adjournment Motion.

Thank you.

PUR. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I will speak a little. Mr. Speaker sir, what we had in mind from the very beginning is that this Ministry spent out all amount of our budget fund without any knowledge of the members. Work Schedule of the Government is not known by the representatives of the people. But work Schedule is made day by day. Besides this, annual plans are not made by the Hon'ble members.

That's why, there is a large loop hole in the financial management. This message I've always delivered it now and then. But Government gives no regard to it. For this reason, we have no more money in the RBI and stopped all payment for us.

In fact we had quite a good figure in the budget last year, but now all is exhausted. Where is the fund? Why it is not utilised in time or in place? This is my question. Shall we constitute Enquiry Committee? We have Rs. 117/- crores deficit. But it was recovered from our Budget provision. We will get more debt than before. I am sure it is going to be more by the next year if nothing is done.

In this regard, the Hon'ble Finance Minister who keeps the key should be able to clarify the reason if our funds are exhausted. If this is not clarified, he should resign. If the members do not try to find out the money, the members also should resign. I therefore, want to deliver such speech Mr. Speaker Sir.

Thank you.

PU H. THANGKIMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as information received from the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of Mizoram has debt of about Rs. 177/- crores in July 1997. While all of us are agrieved by it, the Hon'ble Chief Minister delivered his appreciation of debt before public. Now, we have overdraft problem in RBI will he appreciate that again? Will he tells the people the debt as standard of living? It appears that his goal is to deny the bad financial management of the Government. Not only that, a Cabinet Minister too delivered the same thing, before the public at Mualthum. That's why, it is very unfortunate that the financial management/administratson is very bad. It means that if the period of their management is longer, the poverty of Mizoram will be longer.

Besides these, we have heard and discussed our poverties from different angles even in this House. Almost all the association has to deliver their problems to the Government. The total of these problems is innumerable. How will you answer the question of the people of Mizoram? Will you condemn yourself? Or you will apologise? You have forgotten that you are elected by the people and spent out money for luxury and get idea. That's why, we came to this situation. If you are normal person, you have to recollect yourself and say, "We are unworthy". If it were other State we shall press you very hard and follow the press.

Thank you.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is very unfortunate that this subject has to be discussed today. Before 1993, this Government is suspected to be involved in corruption. People believe that the hidden corruption will be revealed some day. As Finance Minister inform us that the present Budget provision is amounting to Rs 882 crores. But it is to be deducted to recover finance deficit of last year. Now, we face the new Session with readymade deficit. That's why, there is financial crisis in every corner while actually there is large amount for some.

By looking into the financial position of different department and corporations, their funds are all exhausted for luxury. Some Department like Power & Electricity has stock of material for twelve years. While the Recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission and Medical Re-embursement Bill are stopped.

And workshop bill amounting to Rs 500 lakhs and Rice carrying charge of Rs 252 lakhs are Government liability. That's why, RBI has stopped payment for Government of Mizoram shamefully. Now, our Government has to do nothing but only to recall public mandate to form the Government.

Thank you.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is not praise-
Chief Minister worthy to stop payment on
 ground of overdraft. But being
 a poor state having no good source of fund and depending at the
 rate of 100% on Central Government Assistance. It is a wonder
 that we are not always be in this position of overdraft.

As I had said before, Karnataka State has overdraft of Rs 152 crores, besides this, three other State in the North East India has an overdraft problem. The State of Nagaland could not provide its Servant's Salaries for two months. These States asked ways and means to the Central Government without any success. As such, older State having good resource mobilisation had overdraft problem. But we, the State of Mizoram having no resources to be mobilised depend upon the Central Government by 100%. In our State, we can not impose tax even the Sales Tax. That's why, it is not a surprise to have overdraft problem of Rs 16 crores and deficit amounting to Rs 117 crores. Now, we have to draw Rs 20 crores immediately to solve this problem. That's why, I could not agree with your request to resign from our seats.

In short, I will not answer all questions asked by the Hon'ble Members. But CAG report could never be regarded as a matter of great importance. But it is to be used for improvement in the functioning of the Government. Anyhow, what I want to say is that if we don't have resources to mobilise I am sure that we will always meet difficulties, while our necessities increase day by day.

That's why, we should look into ourselves. We only depend on central assistance by 100% while we have to see our contribution to the Government. I, therefore, urged ourselves to be awoken from this problem and prepare for our future.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, we shall call upon the Hon'ble Finance Minister.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am, the one
Minister to be blamed for an overdraft problem. We use to release fund in exceed to be in a state of overdraft. We have to receive Rs 20 crores immediately.

And I think that some of the Hon'ble Members are not clear enough in our budget system. Necessary fund for the coming year is provided. In fact, no fund is made now. Let me read out my speech on 19th March 1998, "Hon'ble Members are well aware that our budget is heavily dependent on the flow of resources from the centre. Almost the entire provision of our Budget is sustained by the Central Support. Although we work hard to mobilise resources we may contribute only 8% of our Budget.

That's why, most of our fund is released by the central monthly. We, then, use the fund.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : You don't yet fulfilled it? Which is the limit? If it is the reason why we have this problem it should be clarified.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I will clarify
Minister it. Budget is prepared as we expect fund from the centre. If Central Government receive more revenue we benefit from it or vice-versa. Now, Rs 120.99 crore is not yet received which we expected we are informed to receive such amount from the Central Government.

And regarding increase of D.A and Interim relief we alloted the fund to the Government Servants as they enjoy central pay

scale. But the amount is not paid in cash but credited in their G.P.F. Account with the consent of the Leaders of the Association. If it is needed, it can be drawn too.

And stock suspense is made compulsory so as not to break Government's works.

Again, regarding New Pay Scale, other States too met difficulties. In this connection, committee is constituted, and the committee submitted its report to the Government. It is now to be laid before cabinet. Unfortunately, sitting is held till date.

And regarding the carrying charge of rice, Central Government financed upto PDC. We now have to draw Rs 3 crores for it (interruption). Mr. Speaker Sir, PDC to FPS is our responsibility.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding this Adjournment Motion, we, the members mean that Government money is spent for luxury and no constraint is made in this regard. We do not mean about that. If the Hon'ble Finance Minister has to speak about it, let him speak it clearly. If not, it will mean that he is mis-leading the House.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, what I had spoken about is to be given but not as a loan. While Plan fund of Rs 10% is as a loan; 90% is as a token of assistance. That is special category for ten states only while other States are given 70% only. As I said before, we are mostly depending on Central Government. But the recommendation of fund from Central Government decrease year by year for they expect us to mobilise our own resources in order to be fullfledged State.

That's why, we request the help of the Hon'ble Members. Only our state could not levy sales tax. We had practised twice but failed on ground of Public Leaders Opposition. Not only that, our best income of excise is affected by Total Prohibition and spent lots of fund for its enforcement.

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, An Income Tax of Rs 60% can be levied by the Government from Non-Mizo Contractors let it be imposed from now on.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if the Hon'ble
Minister Members could give us advice as such, Government will examine shortly and we would be able to solve our problem. But if we have no resource mobilisation, we would have this problem in future too.

Our funds in non-plan is required to be used for increase in salary and our economy becomes tight day by day and increase necessities. On the other hand, we receive lesser and lesser from Central. That's why, I request the Hon'ble members to co-operate with the Government in implementing its policy and give advice for the same.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Is not it required to discuss this Adjournment Motion? It is about the stoppage of fund release by RBI. The motion indicates discussion but no other. Besides, Government will take step for this purpose.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I propose for discussion but not to stop there, it requires follow up action by the Government.

PU C. VULLUAIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if you close our discussion which may extend upto two hours, you mean to constraint the hour of discussion.

SPEAKER : Now, Mr. Zoramthanga, mover of the motion agree to discussion. It takes half an hour. Now we will have recess and resume at 2 00 Pm.

2 : 00 Pm, Afternoon Sitting

SPEAKER : Laying of paper, if any authorised?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, As I was authorised in oral, may I move it,
Minister

SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanhawla, to lay on the table a copy of the action taken Report on the Recommendation of Assembly Committee to enquire into Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme, First Report.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, I beg to lay on the table of the House a copy of the Action Taken Report on the Recommendation of the Assembly Committee to enquire into Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme, First Report.
Minister

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The copy be distributed. Now, presentation of Reports. Pu F. Lalremsiama to present to the House, the 21st, 22nd and 23rd Report of the PAC.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your kind permission, I present to the House a copy each of the 21st, 22nd and 23rd Report of the PAC.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Its copy be distributed. Now, Mr. R. Tlanghmingthanga to present to the House, the Report of the Committee of Privileges of the 3rd Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I, the Chairman, Committee of Privilege as in the approval of the Committee present the Report on its behalf to the House pertaining to the Third Mizoram Legislative Assembly, on a Privilege laid in the House by Pu Lalbiakzuala, MLA on 24th November, 1997 against Editor of Zonunmawi Daily Newspaper.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Its copy be distributed. Now, please present voting of the Supplementary Demand for Grant 1997—1998 by the Finance Minister Pu J. Lalsangzuala.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA
Minister : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your kind permission, I beg the House to consider supplementary demand for the year 1997—1998 which I moved on 19th March, 1997 in this august House.

SPEAKER : Do you agree to consider the same? Agree with it?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, its copy is
Minister already distributed to the Hon'ble members. Not only the recovery of deficit in different Departments passed last year, requirement of funds are also provided. If any question, I will try to clarify it.

Thank you.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, is it good to
 discuss Supplementary Demand, and do voting on demand at the same time?. First comes discussion.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, on
Minister ground of non-proper functioning of Central Government as well as Planning Commission our plan size cannot be clear till date. That's why, I earnestly request this august House to pass our Budget for four months only. And then we shall assume Budget Session in July, 1998.

I therefore, request the House to consider Vote on Account for expenditure of the Government of Mizoram 1998-1999.

SPEAKER : Now, we shall have discussion
 on this Vote of Account to the point. Now, we shall call upon Pu Lalhmingthanga.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir,
 There is a lot of humour about the Central Government's weakness in this House. I am afraid that it would have wrong picture

outside. It is a serious case to know about un-proper functioning of Central Government. The reason is that they are the colleagues of those seat in the Treasury Bench. It has bad effect on 950 millions people. Golden Jubilee of Independence is celebrated now. Out of this, about 47 years is ruled by INC. During their resign, no economic, social and infrastructural dead-lock are cleared till date. United Front Ministry does take the first initiative. It is not bad administration but it is Indian National Congress. They could not tolerate with other Ministry and destroy the Government now and then. That's why, the Treasury Bench has no more to say about it. In Demand No. 5, there is election. We know that M.P. have been elected in which a non-congress member was elected. The Treasury Bench as their leaders in the Central Government could not tolerate that a person from other party won the election.

Church leaders and those who want to reform the Government and who want better administration are termed as 'bad cyclone' as alleged by Hon'ble House Leader in his speech. Public longed for better financial management. Church leaders are alleged as offending code of conduct of the election rules, and case is being filed against them in the Court. Thus, the Congress Party revealed in their press released. Because of all these that this Adjournment Motion has come up in the House. I earnestly request our House leader not to adopt the policy of their counter parts in the Central, instead, our Government should try to frame best form of administration of their own.

And regarding this Supplementary Demand, we have no time to discuss all that which required. But, different demands of Deptts be looked into carefully by the concerned Minister without simply accepting all Demands.

Regarding School Education — 81 Primary School Teachers employed on officiating basis are to be regularised. Almost all

the candidates of Bhavan are to be included. This is not good. I request the Government to make appointment on the basis of merit list.

Mr. Speaker Sir, no provision is made for Workshop Bill in this Supplementary Demand. This Bill is amounting to Rs. 1292/- lakhs. Some of them are pending for a long time. This pending bill be included in the next demand. I therefore, request the Government to give priority to this matter.

We have more than 17000/18000 casual employees. Without them no Government could function properly. Some of them are dismissed now and then. It is required to strengthen Trade union through Labour and Employment. No provision is made for this purpose in this Supplementary Demand. I hope that provision is made in the next budget for them. I therefore, request the Government to keep this in mind.

Thank you.

PU B. LALHU ENGLIANA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to repeat answer to my question about Supply Department. Rice position is good enough in the paper, but stock of rice is not good enough in different Godown. And rice supply did not reach far flung villages. As such Lawngtlai MLA moved a resolution to declare his constituency a famine area. Under BPL programme, rice is distributed in different places. But, the rate is higher than expected even tho the quality of rice is of low quality.

And I also want to speak about Weight Bridge. The Weight Bridge at Zuangtui could not function properly. The same weight can be differ now and then. Unproper functioning of this Weight Bridge made loop holes for inspecting staff. That's why, I want to suggest to be wrote-off the Bridge and purchase a new one. If not, weighting problem will never be solved.

A bag of rice brought from Rengtekawn is marked as 100 kg. But when the same bag is sent out from Zuangtui Godown it is marked again as 101 kg per bag. That means that it involves a serious carruption. I request the Hon'ble concerned Minister to look into the matter.

Fine Rice and Super Fine Rice appear in the Challan when it comes from F.C.I. is categorised as 'A' Grade in the new challan coming from Rengtekawn, and fixed its rate at Rs. 750. While Fine Rice rate is Rs. 700 and Super Fine Rice is Rs. 800 from F.C.I. In this connection, F.C.I. rate be used in Mizoram. I cannot agree with this kind of deceiving the people.

And Mr. Speaker Sir, there is a lot of rice shortage between Rengtekawn Godown and Muanna Godown. As a result of this Shortage Retailers too could not use proper weight. If no remedial measure is taken, Retailer will never use true balance.

Besides these, Truck Trip of Rice is always diverted to Retailer. When it is diverted, Retailers give the balance of their allotment in cash to Inspector of Supply at Zuangtui.

Some Hawkers followed them by small Truck and purchase from Drivers on cash down payment and sale it at Bazaar. That's why, the position of Supply Inspector is regarded to be best for earning money. I therefore, request the concerned Minister to look into the matter and take necessary Action.

Lastly, regarding action taken against Retailers who use false weight, Action is to be taken; but faults should be rooted out from the very begining. After that, necessary action may be taken. I therefore, ask the Hon'ble Minister to have spot verification and take necessary action in these regards.

Thank you.

PU LALSAWTA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, I believe that it will be more beneficial to discuss the subject in general.

It is unfortunate that the House is not ascertain of the maximum of deficit the Government is having at this stage. That's why, Government servants will not be able to enjoy new pay scale.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to raise only two points—firstly, let us be careful in spending fund in the budget and the fund we have should be used as best as possible. We have many experts in economics, their knowledge should be utilized for the improvement of our economy. Secondly, I cannot agree to the way the Government is spending fund. The way they spend shows partiality in the distribution of fund. They show favour to the lazies and party members. If we do not stop spending fund this way, are will never be saved from our spastic behaviour.

Thirdly, it is required to think a new system. Any progressive country used to change its system. For example, we should use "Turn Key Basis" in contract system. Besides this, 'Build, operate and transfer' system is also adoptable in our Government. This system is mainly practised in South East Asia. If the system is unchange, we would never be a progressive State.

And the next point is that we should have proper planning. Especially urbanisation of Aizawl has increased day by day. It can be imagined that Rural Development Department has failed in the rural area on ground of NLUP, EAS, ATY etc. That's why, it's required to think about the rapid increase of population to ensure proper planning.

It is so required to have Village Resettlement, but no Resettlement is done till date.

Besides these, regarding the administrative system, there is no decentralisation and transparency, formation of new District and Municipalities. There is no progress. Our decision had never produced fruitful results.

Lastly, we had discussed about Local Area Development fund for opposition MLAs in the CPA meeting two years back. A decision was made and the matter was handed over to Finance Minister for its implementation. But, he said that the Finance Department objected. In this connection, as we are representatives of the people, we should guide our Government servants and a how the way how we should carry out our policies and decisions. It seems that we donot know our rights and privileges as a representative. If we donot know our rights and powers, I think we will soon be fasted in the near future.

PU F. LALZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir,
What I want to say is that if
the Government is able to issue
LSC for Lunglei district, let it be issued please.

Presently, Tawipui 'S' and Tawipui 'N' is declared to be 'famine effected area'. LSC for this area is to be issued from Aizawl. This is a great problem for them. If it is possible, please let it be issued to them in their own localities or if not so, please be issued to them through Revenue Department at Lunglei.

Secondly, Zobawk PHC is soon to be established. The road is already constructed but Black topping is not yet done. If no provision be made in Non-Plan.

And Tawipui South PHC is not properly functioning. And Lunglei Hospital is under construction. In this connection, financial sanction goes slowly. The construction of this Hospital be completed as soon as possible.

Regarding Thingfal water supply the pipe line is broken due to land slide. All pipes were brought back by PHE. As a result, there is acute water problem in the locality. If the Government could not repair the pipe lines, water be supplied to them by Truck. Besides these, the water problems of Mualthum South, Chithar and Vaisam be solved as early as possible.

Thirdly, South Vanlaiphai to Muallianpui Road is estimated at Rs. 26 lakhs under RDD, out of it, Rs. 5 lakhs only is sanctioned. The people are so disappointed that I could not pacify them. If sanction is made again, adequate fund for completion of the work be allotted.

Fourthly, Leite to Lawngtlai via Mualthum Road construction be continued to be completed as early as possible. It is important for Chhintuipui District. This will help Kolodyne Phase II Hydel Project complete immediately.

Fifthly, carrying charge of rice in the far-flung villages be raised as the retailers used to add carrying charge from their own pocket.

Sixthly, Thangte, Taizawl and Lungleng Middle Schools had permission to function and Lengpuitlang Private Middle School had not yet been given permission. These Schools had good results in the examination. In this connection I earnestly request the Government to issue permission and give grant-in-aid.

And Bualte and Tuipui 'D' Village have Private High School. What we want is only permission, I also request the Government to give grant-in-aid.

Lastly, I also request the Government to solve the problems faced by Lunglei T.T.I. (DIET) as early as possible.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Mr. Lawmkima.

PU F. LAWMKIMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to speak generally about the supplementary demand and

Vote on Account.

If the Budget funds are utilised as it is planned, the State will be more prosper even in five year. But most of the fund are spent in the wrong way. That's why, we cannot get good result. As it has often been said, no care is being taken in financial management. In this connection, I think it is better to apply Mizoram PWD code as there is a big loophole for corruption in CPWD code as financial accountant has authority to pass the Bill which he himself prepares. This is a real loop-hole.

If Mizoram PWD code is already prepared, be it enacted for the betterment of financial management. In it, we may get separation of financial management as Account Branch and Technical Branch. If not so, we may never get to learn proper utilisation of fund in the budget. It is important to look into the execution of finance by its concerned Minister. I am sure that if the Minister looks after the execution, the Department always get prosperity.

Besides these, almost all the materials supplied to the Government are generally of bad quality. Cold Storage is purchased at Rs. 70 lakhs, but it is defective and useless. Our street lights are also in a similar condition. Though street lights are looked after by LAD and P&E Deptt. and if anything goes wrong, Power Department condemns LAD Vice-Versa. This is due to improper functioning of executive machinery.

The conditions of our Police Forces also have to be looked into. To function properly and efficiently, they have to be well-organised. No Police is deployed at state boundary or international

boundary to safeguard the people. Their equipments and clothing are of poor quality which shows the improper functioning of Government machinery.

Lastly, it is about my constituency. The Hon'ble Supply Minister informed the House that supply position is good. But, in my constituency, there are many refugees who depends solely on supply. This I pointed out so that timely action may be taken. Besides this, there are private schools, which requires grant-in-aid and deficit status. I request the Hon'ble Minister to look into this matter and take action.

Thank you.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, please clarify whether our discussion includes General Discussion?

SPEAKER : We are now discussing Supplementary Demand and Vote on Accounts. After sometime we shall have General Discussion. It is also required to pass this Supplementary and vote on Accounts.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, an important matter left out till date is that no provision is made to increase stable marketing or entrepreneurship in the Supplementary Demand or Vote on Account or State Budget. It is unfortunate that no provision is made to increase mobilisation of resources. 75% of the workers can never benefit from our Budget if we cannot make such provision. Our State Government will never get progressed or self-sufficient if we have no provision made for improvement of our economy. If we go on like this, we may one day have to sacrifice our nationalism. I therefore want to inform the

House that our State Government will have self-sufficiency in economic only when Budget Provision is made to increase our own resources.

And next to this, the Asian Age issued from Bombay on 22.3.98 indicates that the Provision made on the report of the Assembly of R.S.S. provides that Mizo Christians evicted the Riang people from their localities. It also appeared in the newspaper a few days back. The reason why I speak about it is I have a fear that greater inflation would be made from Central Government. That's why, it should be countered through the same news paper as early as possible.

And Mr. Speaker Sir, it is required to examine different problems faced by the Government Servants their moral goes down. That's why, pay recommended by Pay Revision should be applied to the Government Servants as it is an obligation.

And next to this, Director post in the Social Welfare Department should be filled up. And the posts of Civil Surgeon should be upgraded. MPS and MCS post should be made better. MPS should be upgraded so that, DIG post may be made promotional for those in the MPS and MCS for Deptt. Secretary. Mizo family should be looked after from its member. Likewise, other deptts too required examination. Chief Engineer of P.W.D. is looking after Power & Electricity. This too is not right enough.

Besides these, no provision is made for promotion of women in our Society. Fund should be provided in the Budget for the same.

I also want to request the Hon'ble Minister i/c Education to clarify his speech about the coming appointment of Teachers.

Lastly, the problem of cooking gas is so great to-day. Even mid-night is not early to wait its distribution. This problem is

known for all. This problem may be regarded as immediate challenge. How shall the Government tackle this problem? Can proper distributive system be made? If Government is pleased this problem can be easily solved.

Thank you.

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, What I want to speak are — Firstly, about Refugee — A number of refugee from Manipur State arrived in Mizoram at different localities. While some of them are registered, non-registered refugees are many at different villages. These refugees caused hardship in different areas in rice supply. It is required spot verification. Let us be clear about their identity to solve the problems in different localities. Home Minister may take initiative for the same.

Secondly, Demand no 4, Administration of justice-The permanent Judge of Mizoram High Court is shifted to Imphal. That's why we have no more judge which a number of outstanding cases are registered. Steps be taken for this purpose.

Thirdly, Demand no 5- All of us are agrieved with the Electoral Roll. Immediate step be taken so that only a citizen of Mizoram may be entered in the Electoral Roll.

Fourthly, Demand no 10- Reserve Bank of India allowed to open two Branches of Accounts and Treasury. What does the State Bank of India have difficulties in this regard ?

Fifthly, Demand no. 13, District Administration- I cannot agree with the opening of Champhai and Mamit District and a number of new Sub-Divisions without post creation. I also expect the Government to stop replacement of non-Mizo D.C. for Aizawl District.

Sixthly, School Education- two years increment be allotted for trained Post Graduates among Teachers.

Seventhly, Health Department— Special allowance be given to those in the X-Ray wing of Civil Hospital for the machine is so dangerous for their health. And six vacant post be filled up as early as possible.

And next to this, Urban Development and Housing Department of Aizawl be bifurcated as passed by Cabinet Sitting on 19. 9. 1997.

Besides this, Principal of I.T.I. and Sub-Regional Employment Officer be appointed as soon as possible.

Lastly, Presbyterian Church of Lawngtlai is under lock and the members could not pray inside the Building. Step be taken by the State Government so that the church may enjoy their rights as per provided in the Constitution of India.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I did not stand before noon. I hope that you would give me concession if I were to speak for a long time. The longer the present party is in power, the more we seem to have difficulty. The problem faced by the State is serious enough. As informed by Hon'ble Finance Minister, there is 117 crores deficit and there will be again another 85.77 crores deficit. The beginning speech of our session is not praiseworthy for femine Area is declared from the Ruling MLA Constituency i/c. Lawngtlai. It may be regarded as the Ruling MLA moves no confidence to the Government. While, Supply Minister informed the House that Supply position is good enough on the day before. I therefore, could not understand in what position we stand.

Mr. Speaker Sir, let me deliver my speech on how I regarded the Government. Firstly, it appears that the Government has no

infrastructure but only to distribute IRDP, SDS, Silpauline and roofing sheets. No infrastructural policy is laid by the Government. That's why people has no confidence in them. This is evident from the result of M.P. Election. No infrastructural policy also appeared in the Hon'ble Governor's Speech. That's why, this Budget Session is a disappointing Session for the people.

Besides these, Government servants are in despair regarding Fifth Pay Commission Recommendation. Not only that I.R., DA, Arrears, Bonus, MR and LTC are strictly restricted. No facility is given to the Government Servants.

And many Hydel Project is made to produce Electric current, but no current is produced. They are only a joke to the people. Even ZIDCO is only the House of Debtors. No satisfaction is seen in every corner.

And regarding ginger, 2/3 lakhs of rupees is spent for disposal of the already purchased ginger. No Government has taken step towards that end.

If we look at our Civil Hospital, want of Medicine and Material is so great. Even its construction is very very bad. Not only that, the problem of transportation of Staff Nurse an Holiday should be automatically solved.

The High Power Committee of Lunglei is also meaningless. It is now called 'Despaired Committee'. It is very shameful. No decision is implemented at all.

And regarding revision of Electoral Roll and State Hospital, our suggestion has no meaning. All are denied till date. Even Border Police Batallion is not arranged in the International Border Areas. I think it would be better to make post for them in our State Boundary lines.

And even Assam Rifles at the Center of Aizawl are not yet shifted at Zokhawsang till date.

Lastly, it seems that we need not move No Confidence Motion in the House. M.P. General Election is held a few days back, people revealed 'no confidence' to the Government through their votes. The Government does not win the confidence of the people. That's why, you should no more take seat there. You have lost your majority. It appears that all these problems have cropped up because you still sit in the treasury bench. It is the condemned Government by the people.

Thank you.

PU T. HRANGHLUTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, while we are discussing Vote on Account, Some of our members discuss about other subject. I, also have to clarify one of them.

In the year before last year Presbyterian Church of Lawngtlai purchased a plot of land. The land was exchanged with the area of Veterinary Department with sanction and approval of Lai Autonomous District Council Revenue Department. The people in the adjoining area also do not know about it. The Presbyterian Church has however constructed its church. There is a great rumour here. While Lai Autonomous District Council authority sent letter to return the transaction, the construction is already completed.

The matter is amounting to a great issue when District Council Election was held last year. The L.P.P. and some candidates have used the issue to their advantage. The District Council authority too went to Aizawl to settle the disputed area. (Interruption).

The Government also has intention to send Joint Director to settle the disputed land. Therefore, the District Council authori-

ties do not stir up the land issue on ground of being Presbyterian Church, but it is due to public agitation and the manner in which transaction was done without any approval of District Council. (Interruption).

SPEAKER : It is now 4 o'clock. It is time to adjourn. But as we have more business, shall we take more business? We shall call upon the Hon'ble Finance Minister after Shri T. Hranghluta's speech. We shall therefore take a break after discussion and voting on supplementary demand and vote on account.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we may take
Minister a break after Mr. T. Hranghluta's
speech. That is our practice.
Voting should be done after discussion.

PU T. HRANGHLUTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to inform the House that there is religion freedom under Congress Government. I also want to express my gratitude for achievements highlighted. If any party forms a Government, it should work as per the provision of the Budget. As such the Government takes steps in different ways. In this connection, Government gives priority to the development of rural areas. The Hon'ble Finance Minister too gives priority to the rural areas development in his Budget speech. I am delighted by this. I hope that we would pass the Budget Vote on Account without any complaint.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We may take a break to resume business at 4 : 30 P.M.

PU P. LALBIAKA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to speak shortly. That is about Lawngtlai mentioned by Dr. J.V. Hluna

and T. Hranghluta. We hold the reign of the Government for a long time, but lost M.P. Election a few days back. In this connection, we are expected to withdraw our Ministry and to vacate our seats.

In this connection, I don't know the reason why we should vacate our seats. We have so many times lost M.P. Election. It is not only our Government, but also other parties and States. But the Government never vacate their seats for losing M.P. Election. Assam State Government also lost all of their M.P. Seats. But the State Government still stands. I think democracy allows us to remain in our seats.

We are now confronting State Assembly Election. At that time, we will vacate our seats if we lost the confidence of majority of the people. If not, we will form again the Government.

And regarding Lawngtlai, there is a proposal to exchange the area of Presbyterian Church and AH & Vety Department. No decision is made till date in this regard, the Hon'ble Chief Minister may have to make a decision regarding the pass. While no formal approval is made, objection is made by the LADC. If there is an objection, verification is a must. Jt. Secretary is sent to do so, I called the Church Leaders three times in my Office along with LADC authorities. Decision is to be made under congenial atmosphere, no decision is made till date. The door of Church Building is under locked by LADC after setting aside the Area pass and warning, now discussion is going on. Any how, both parties are to work for the Government, we will expect the best of all. As such, decision is expected to be made in early April this year.

Besides these, I want to speak about foreigners. There is a great outcry in this august House against foreigners. All parties do not want to enrol foreigners in the Electoral Roll. No parties should take advantage of them. All of us should condemn and reject foreigners even if they are our political party members.

Thank you.

PU C. VULLUAIA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I have to speak on Demand No. 30. — Information and Public Relation. Although the provision is small but there appears expenditure of more than Rs. 1 lakh for watching Lengpui Airport among its achievement.

Governor mentioned about Diary and Calendar. We, the three members including Finance Minister are not in it as the Hon'ble Chief Minister requested us to resign. If our names are not included among the Ministers we should be included among the MLAs. But no name of us are included in it.

And I also have to speak on Demand No. 50 and 14 — Home, Police and Transport Department. Regarding Motor Registration, order was issued in supercession of the Mizoram Motor Vehicle Amendment Rules, 1989. Breach of the Motor Registration Rules should not be amounting to Rs. 100 even if it were arrested more than once. But now punishment for it is very severe. Even if a Taxi breaches a single order, its fine is amounting to Rs. 3000/-. There is an intention to apply such Rules when Chief Minister Team is stopped by a Taxi turning at Thakthing. The Taxi was imposed a fine amounting to Rs. 3000/-.

And the Traffic Duty over-exercises their power. There is an Enforcement Wing. The Wing should impose fines for transport revenue. But the Traffic Duty personels impose the fines,

while no fine is imposed on V.I.P. Vehicles. As such, the Traffic duties over-exercised power. While their duty is to show the way and the wrong sides. And regarding Motor Plate, the Motor Vehicle Act, 1989 Section 46 informs us how to use our plate. But now it is said that no glitter plate should be used. Mr. Speaker Sir, the fictional Rules is now applied superceding our Act. That would not be good for us.

Regarding the control of Government vehicles while name of department is to be indicated at the side of the vehicle, only an alphabet 'G' is indicated. Only when 'F' series is used up, only then 'G' should be used. If not, there will be confusion. This shows improper functioning of the Government. Besides this, vehicle with red light is entitled by sitting cabinet Ministers. But now, vehicle with red light is in plenty. I request them to respect and obey rules and regulations.

We all know about Khawzawl. Almost all the Government offices are shifted to Aizawl now. But, as we know, we are representatives of the people representing different areas of Mizoram. I therefore request the Government to re-open offices which are shifted to Aizawl. The Hon'ble Rural Development Minister also has declared his pardon for those who did wrong.

Lastly, we are now discussing our Budget. In this connection, I request the Government not to spent beyond and means of the Budget, but to utilise it for the development of poorer section of the people of our state.

Thank you.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Budget Session is the most important Session for all the Hon'ble Members. The reason is that Government planned the necessary expenditure

for implementation of its policy in different services. But funds are generally spent beyond planned provision in the Budget. That caused financial deficit or financial crisis. Moreover, I want to point out that the Government always neglect the speeches and suggestions made by the Hon'ble members especially opposition members in different departments. This causes un-enthusiastic discussion in the Budget.

And Rs 35/- lakhs only appears for MLA Loan. It seems too small. Does it mean only for 7 members? And Rs 800/- lakhs appears for Loan to Government Servants. Out of it, Rs 240/- lakhs only appears in the Vote on Account. I have fear that it would be taken away from them.

Regarding District Administration provision is made too small in order to establish proposed New Districts and Sub-Divisions.

I think that suggestion would be moved for financial constraint. It is now suggested. I think that lessening of stock suspense Accounts and Vehicle attached to Minister would be a good suggestion for financial constraint.

Lastly, regarding Greater Water Supply Scheme, the recommendation made by Sub-Committee of Enquiry Committee is not adequate to lay on the table of the House. It is not sufficient for consideration of the House. No act should be made in the House.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Thangkima.

PU H. THANGKIMA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, what I want to speak is that we are now misled by the Treasury Bench. It is not good. The latest M.P. Election is fair enough.

The Treasury Bench informed the House that it is due to the efficiency and impartial administration of Government. This is not true. The true statement is that 'This speak eloquently of the value system of our society and rich culture and adherence to principled politics by the people of Mizoram. This includes all people of Mizoram. It is not true that it is due to efficiency of the Government led by Mr. Lal Thanhawla. On the other hand, the Government has many faults regarding Electoral Roll, Paihte refugees and shifting of Aizawl District Head Quarter from Khawzawl to Champhai. That's why, Mr. Speaker Sir, the statement made by His Excellency, the Governor of Mizoram is the truth in this regard.

And I also want to speak about land allotted to Six Families of Bungtlang from Development Commissioner for practising NLUP. In this connection, in-efficiency of the Government is revealed. The land allotted for six families is of about the area of 150 Jhooms. Besides these, the Cultivated land of Chhipphir is allotted to them, Chhipphir is under Lunglei District and Bungtlang is under Aizawl District. There is dispute between Chhipphir cultivator and the six families when the Chhipphir V/C inform Lunglei Deputy Commissioner. The people of Chhipphir are restless. This proves that the Government is not efficient Government.

Thank you.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for sparing me time to speak about Supplementary Demand and Vote on Account. Let me speak as general as possible.

The people of Mizoram is crying for want of money. The reason is that the development fund for the poor could not reach them. It appear that 20% of the Budget funds for the last year and the Supplementary Demand funds are deducted for recovery

of fund deficit. Rs. 200/- crores from Supplementary Demand and Centrally Sponsored Scheme has come, even then funds could not reach the people. Being Christian, we should not treat people like this. If not, I am afraid that the people will be too despair. We are the representatives of the people to chalk out proper functioning of Government and development of the State. That's why, we should seek for the welfare of the people and try to lift-up the poor situation of the country. It will be meaningless to have earnest discussion if the funds are always diverted. That's why, I am afraid that people will neglect the Government if infrastructure is not made for the progress of our the people.

Lastly, it seems that demand on vote on accounts is going to be passed as it is. But when the Budget for the year 1998—99 is discuss we should have plan to reach the people. We should have plans and ideas which will develop the people and the State. I therefore, earnestly request the Hon'ble Finance Minister to initiate such things.

Thank you.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, What I want to speak is that let us no more extend the area of Forest Plantation Area, when Plantation Area is reserved, the Forest Department treated it as they like, and the people could not move about or cultivate land, that means we sold or gave away land indirectly to other power.

And we have now Wild Life Sanctuaries and National Park. Within its area no one is allowed to settle and even if it has a village, it is to be shifted at another convenient place. Today 7100 hac. have been reserved for forest plantation. Who would benefit the same?

While the Forest Department has restriction against transportation of wood and bamboos, there is much to sell in the market. In this connection, brother of D.F.O. carries the wood with mail Van Vehicle of ZRX 241. He directly tripped to Mamit. There may be cooperation between Forest and Transport Ministers or their staffs.

The Government has a Statistical Cell. Decision is also made for every Department to have Statistical Cell. But it cannot pass through DP & AR. The Committee for this purpose headed by Secretary Co-operation passed the same. The Committee is constituted by the Governor. If this is not established it is the responsibility of the Government. The Committee Minute should be followed as early as possible.

Regarding enforcement of Traffic Rules as said before, even Constable can impose fine on Drivers and Owners of Vehicles. If any breach of Traffic Rule, the case is usually decided by O.C. No Magistrate is required now. That's why, Police on traffic duty have over exercised their power. Some of them have in fact caused more traffic jam especially at Bawngkawn where direct crossing is not permitted and required turning at Zarkawt. This brought more traffic problems for vehicles.

Lastly, Government of Mizoram has many refugees particularly of Paihte tribe. Some of them are registered while some are not. Government of Mizoram give them food and shelter, it is also the responsibility of the Government to send them back to their area of settlement or localities. If not, house-sites, ration card and occupation will have to be allotted and searched for earning a living as it is not going to be possible to depend solely on the Government for long.

PU LAL BIAKZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, let me say a little. I see a lot of development and progress in

every corner of Mizoram Villages. But as we need much we have not yet reached to the satisfaction. Even those on visit stayed three or four years in other State and saw and praised the progressive development of Mizoram.

Not only that, also the development under R.D. department and Budget reach every corner in our State. As we could not receive fund properly due to non-proper functioning of Central Government, our progress is retarded to some extent.

Even in Medical/Health Department, we are one of the most progressive States on the basis of population, though we need further progress. In this connection, some bigger villages have both Hospital, Public Health Centre and Health Sub-Centre. As we always said, if the Sub-Centres are distributed to the neighbouring village, where no Sub-Centre is exist, it will be much better.

Regarding School Education, as we know, teachers are many within the Schools of every town. But a single teacher looked after a School in some far-flung Villages. How shall the Government take steps in this regard? Is it possible to create post the School wise? We had a lot of difficulties in this regards.

And regarding drinking water and Transport, we need more improvement. And regarding Power and Electricity Department, want of power is very high in different places. Some of us have no electric current more than 15 days a month. May you subsidise the rate for them? Or is it possible to have better distributive system? And I also request the Government to give priority to what the members said for the development of each of our constituencies.

Lastly, I have to ask the following — 1) When shall the Airport of Kawmzawl and Mampui be established?

2) Is it possible to make post for Orthopaedics Doctor at Lunglei Civil Hospital ?

Thank you.

SPEAKER

: We shall call upon Finance Minister after Mr. Zoramthanga & Pu Hrangthanga Colney. Now, Pu Hrangthanga Colney.

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, let me start from Transport Department. This Department is a Department, where large amount of money is lost. PAC report too revealed about it, I myself acknowledge that while I am its concerned Minister. Any financial Bill to be passed in the Department never reach the Minister. I then consult and ask Commissioner and said that he also never receive such bill for passing. I did verification and found that Finance Department is bestowed a special fund sanctioning authority to a maximum of Rs. 5 lakhs. It appears that this is the begining of corruption in Transport Department. No other Department have such power. As such, I brought Special Audit Team to audit accounts and found more than Rs. 3 crores mis-appropriation. The audit covers only the year 1992. Our suggested remedial measure for it is not yet followed by the Government till date. I reported to the Hon'ble Chief Minister in written form during my time. It appears that Motor repair and a place where motor parts are kept may be the main reason for exhaustion of fund in the Department. The motor parts Godown may be shifted to Chaltlang workshop by constructing its building with a master plan. That may caused better saving of fund in future.

And regarding Rural Development Department — I want to speak about the causes of its failure. I had always said but the Government did not like to give ear to it. If we see the envol-

ment of fund it may be regarded as infrastructure is being framed for the poor people. But almost all the beneficiaries failed in their trade. The main reasons may be as follows — firstly, It is its enforcement, no experts are employed to impart beneficiaries the knowledge of their trade. Secondly, Beneficiaries did not receive the amount of funds allotted to them.

And regarding Public Works Department we have always spoken about post creation for E.E. in different Department, not only A.E. This may check mis-appropriation of fund to some extent. This is already testified during I served as Minister. Besides this, 2% is deducted for estimate if the work is handed over to P.W.D. That's why, E.E. post be made in different Department.

And I also think that it would be better to make enquiry regarding the functioning of corporation under Industry especially MAMCO.

And Mr. Speaker Sir, I think there may be faulty in the financial management among our Advisors in New Delhi. I therefore, request the Government to enquire it as early as possible.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, Pu Zoramthanga, after that the Hon'ble Finance Minister.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, What I want to speak is that no return ticket of Railway from New Delhi, Calcutta and Gauhati can be booked from our Railway Out-Agency. Remedial measure for this problem be taken by the Government as early as possible.

I also want to say that some persons seem to regard their power as an extra constitutional rights. This may be the reason

that fund is diverted/spent as their wishes. Special attention may be given to this.

There is an intention to open new districts. This should certainly be implemented. Offices and staffs shifted to Aizawl should be sent back to their respective places, and buildings which needs repair or re-novation should be done so.

Regarding Action Report on Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme — It is really disheartening and I am afraid that other states will come to know about it. If it were in Europe, the Chief Minister or the Minister in charge will not remain in office even a single day. The Government is highly defamed by this. Public Money is squandered away. To what extent the Government favours the contractor! It seems that the Government of Mizoram is very very coward and give him a large sum of money without any reason. We shall speak about it clearly in the next Session. I therefore, may not agree to pass this Budget if it is to be thrown away for the said purpose.

Thank you.

PU K. T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to clarify about MIFCO in this House as it was mentioned yesterday.

Mara Autonomous District Council (MADC) and MIFCO had signed an agreement to carry out its works. Its building, Planning, Processing, chowkidar quarters are in the hands of MADC and Machinery Planting is in the hand of MIFCO. The Machinery is not available, but the construction of the building is started now.

And proposal for Pork and Poultry Processing Project is made before I became the chairman. The fund is sponsored by the Central Government and Mizoram in a percent of 75% and 25%

Central has to finance 75% and 25% from Mizoram. The first instalment is being received both from them. The contract of this Project is done in Turn—Key basis and the work is given to Saddish Company.

In regards to Medical Department, Chhimtuipui District has not yet had Medical Specialists of Surgery and Medicines. In every serious case, the patient always has to go to Aizawl. This is the problem faced by the people. And I also request the Government to press the contractor of Kolodyne at Kawlchaw to start the work as early as possible.

And regarding Food and Civil Supply, our District has always met difficulty. We have now stocked enough at Lawngtlai and Saiha. But the common people has no money to purchase it. I therefore, request the Government to sanction all development funds from PWD and Rural Development Department for Femine Relief Scheme.

Thank you.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Assembly Committee recommended to stop any payment. In this regard, I think that it would be better to look back the recommendation.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I thank for the speeches of all the Hon'ble Members for its gives the Government awareness. And I will not have reaction against different department but only to the speeches delivered by the Hon'ble members as far as possible.

One of the Hon'ble members spoke about development in Mizoram which he said has backwardness. I thought how he would

measure that. Mizoram has made rapid progress in the sight of others. While I was taking charge of Chief Minister, a couple of American Consultant in India asked me the causes of the rapid progress. The Army General of South Bramaputra Command, Padmanabhaiah, Home Secretary (retired) but reemployed and Chairman N.E.C. asked me the same question. Besides these Dr. Sunil Ph. D. also praised the rapid progress of Mizoram. As such, we were praised to be good enough in Financial management and have confidence in our Political Leaders.

And regarding unemployment problem, an Hon'ble member had said about it. In my thought of thinking, Employment/Job oriented should be one of the policies of Education. As we look into the Agricultural land of Mizoram, Self employment facility is so high. We saw many successful Agriculturists and farmers in Mizoram at different places. Their net income is very very high. As such, for a man of hard work and skill, there is a lot of employment facility in Mizoram.

And regarding Work Shop Bill, provision is made for it in different demands.

And nearly one third of total Budget fund is made for salary of Government Servants. Not only that, a large sum of money is required to look after them. As such, our Budget alone could not bring self-sufficiency.

We also have better progress in economic planning. We have now a member who is a Doctorate Degree holder. Besides this we invited any of those who has a thought for the progress and development of our State. And BOT (Build, Operate and Transfer) system is also applied now for the development. This system is to be carried on.

And development goes slow since our villages are scattered into small settlement. Regarding Decentralization of power and

delegation of power — Government is taking steps to improve it and examination is undertaken. And regarding Bru (Riang) allegation — we were alleged to be completely at fault. The allegation is submitted to Home Minister and he discussed about it with Home Minister of Tripura. At this time, I clarified the allegation and informed him that it is because of the Political Leaders of the Bru Tribes.

We will also take into consideration about the welfare of Women. We will have consideration of Recruitment of Teachers and do hope that appointment of Government Servants will be done as fair as possible.

Regarding LPG distribution system — we shall have discussion shortly afterward as requested by Hon'ble member Mr. Lalsawta.

Lastly, refugees are to be sent back to their home State. The Government is now taking step for the same.

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the refugees from Manipur are many in different Villages of Mizoram. Let us register and seek for their welfare and facilities.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, they were registered. Anyone coming from Manipur could not be regarded as refugee. But refugees are of course to be sent back to their Home State as early as possible.
Minister

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Whom do you regard to be refugee.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, they are those
Minister who came to Mizoram on ground
of ethnic violence.

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, what we call
refugees are those who stay at
Sunhluchhip, Vanbawng and
Khawlian Villages not only at Mimbung and Teikhang Villages.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if there are
Minister more refugees in different loca-
lity we will alert our officers
in order to find them out.

Accountant General, Shillong gives us permission for dual
system of Treasury at Aizawl, but RBI has not issued any permis-
sion in this regard.

And the figure of Aizawl population is 1.55 lakhs now. We
are now greatly increased in comparing to the years before 1966.

Black-topping of Lengpui Airport is regarded to be good
enough. Its concrete is 27" thick from the bottom to the surface
field.

Regarding the recommendation of Fifth Pay Commission, as
it is a heavy burden, I think that we would not be able to imple-
ment it now. It would require discussion between the Hon'ble
Chief Minister and Prime Minister.

The Hon'ble Member alleged that the latest M.P. Election
proves that the people of Mizoram had no confidence in the Go-
vernment. But that will be noted shortly after Mizoram Legisla-
tive Assembly Election is held.

And regarding foreigners, if the Hon'ble member is sure
enough, let it be informed to the concerned Minister and necessary

action shall be taken. Some amount is set aside for loan to Government Servants.

As for provision made for the new districts, if the allotment could not meet our requirements now, provision will be made in the next budget.

Regarding development we will be in a desperate condition if we try to depend solely on Government fund. Our education should be job-oriented, step is being taken to relieve the people of their poverty.

The work of P.W.D. cannot be handed over to other departments.

Pork Processing centre is to be made with improved standard. And PIGFED will rear pigs and processing will be done by MIFCO or disposal in the market.

Better suggestion is also made for MAMCO. It is decided that Farming Society will collect raw materials and MAMCO will process it.

I donot know much about the problems involved in getting Tickets from our Railway Out Agency. The concerned minister be contacted.

Regarding outstanding bill - the figure is not correct. It is under 50 crore rupees.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, what is the reason for not receiving relief fund for natural calamity of cyclone which hits Lunglei and Chhimtuipui District last year?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I informed the
Minister House to inquire its concerned
 Minister. But I.K. Gujral had made a commitment regarding
 Lunglei District. But it is not implemented till date.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble
 Minister be pleased to minimise
 vehicles in order to economise fund?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we had adopted
Minister this economising measure from
 somedays back and had a progress
 till date.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg the House to pass Supplementary Demands and Vote on Account for the year 1997—1998.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : In my copy, Supplementary Demand is Rs 231,32,60,000/- and
 Vote on Account is Rs 237,10,20,000/- only for meeting expenses for the month of April, May, June and July 1998.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Vote on Account contains 55 demands.
Minister

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we are intending to pass but not know its figure.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the copy is
Minister being distributed to all Hon'ble members. It may be seen at the first page.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Appropriation Bill is to be distributed as it is the other Bill. It would be an Act after a few days. How shall we pass it?. You should introduce it first. Is appropriation bill not included there? If so, it would be very trouble-some.

SPEAKER : If you see list of Business you may see it on the 7th page "The Mizoram Appropriation Bill No 1".

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, let me repeat it. I beg the House to pass the Demands of Supplementary and
Minister
 Vote on Accountt for year 1997—1998. The copy had been distributed to all the Hon'ble members.

SPEAKER : Vote on Account contains 55 Demands amounting to Rs 2,37,10,20,000/- only. Finance Minister had asked to pass. Please voice your agreement now. The Majority members agree, hence the Demands and Vote on Accounts is being passed.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.
Minister

SPEAKER : We shall carry on our business. The next business is Appropriation Bill. Now we shall call upon Finance Minister to introduce the Bill.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir I beg your kind permission to introduce The Mi
Minister

zoram Appropriation (No. 2)
Bill, 1998.

SPEAKER : Do you give permission. If permitted, we will call upon him to introduce it.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I introduce the
Minister two Bills and ask to consider the same in the House.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Do you agree to consider the same.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Bills are
Minister widely discussed shortly before. I think it is not required to discuss again. I therefore, ask this august House to pass the said Bills.

SPEAKER : Let us first take Finance Minister's supplementary bill. He has begged leave of the House to pass. It is 54 Demands amounting to Rs 231,32,60,000/-
(Vote is taken and the bill is passed).

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Minister

SPEAKER : The copies of The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 1 & No. II) Bill, 1998 be distributed. If distributed, consideration and passing the Bill is begged. Now we will take vote (The Bills were voted and passed).

Now, our next business is General Discussion. We should know that it is half an hour discussion. Now, we shall call upon Mr. Lalsawta.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you very much for being given chance to speak. As I am taking leading point in the discussion please allow me to distribute these copies to all members. (The copies were distributed). What I want to speak is about LPG consumption. Its demand and supply are not in balance. While Gas is distributed in accordance with their own convenience, it caused a serious handship to the consumers. As per the decision of Government and High Level Committee the real cause of serious handship to the consumers that the Agent denied the number of consumers. Although they try hard to know the number of the consumers but failed. As such the main purpose of High Level Committee and Supply Department is to root out number of consumers.

In pursuance of High Level Committee's decision Directorate of Supply issue an order to the Consumers for marking seal. After all, the quantity of consumer is clear enough. In this connection, IOC. Gauhati sent an important letter to the Directorate of Supply Department Mizoram indicating the quantity of its consumers. As such, the number of consumers are as follows:

1. Suakchhunga	27,290
2. Mizofed	13,425
3. Pi Vanbuangi	5987
4. Pi Biakkungi	6733
5. V. Neihkunga	1295
6. Pi Zopuii	991

In this connection, Suakchhunga's Agency could not especially afford its consumers their requirements. The people waited the whole day and night to get this their LPG. While they are to be

supplied at their own respective localities. That means consumers of LPG in Mizoram have suffered immensely to help one gets wealth. In fact, Aizawl town needed an adequate number of distributors even though the agencies may think that they could meet the requirements of their consumers. If they think so, we will never have any progress in this regard. I therefore, say all these for the welfare of all instead of taking action against one as an opening decision.

Thank you.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is the result of our question but we often said about it. I think we all know that the hardship faced by consumers of LPG is so great that I am eager to publish this report. The Committee pays serious attention to the matter.

And what I want to speak is that there is a great difficulty in Supply Department even when I was serving as Secretary cum Director. Even Official could never control them. In this report, home delivery and distribution at specified area is recommended. But no implementation is seen even after two years. Why can not its concern Minister carry out the recommendation.

Anyhow, even Central Government regarded Cooking Gas Agency with 5000 Connections as a valuable Trading. Oil Company also follow that now, while in Aizawl an Agency from Zarkawt has more than 27,000 connections. In this connection, 19000 filled cylinder is too small in number to feed more than 27000 consumers in a month. We therefore, earnestly request you to implement the recommendation.

Thank you.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we had lots of discussion about this LPG. And we suffered a lot and people also suffered for it. Even this august House constituted High Power Committee to examine the problem of LPG in Mizoram. As was said before, this strong Government has to pay serious attention to the matter.

And regarding the Area-wise Distribution and Home Delivery- the recommendations of the Committee has deceased. That's why, people has a continous suffering.

In fact, the problem is not so difficult to solve if we give a serious thought to it. Steps to be taken are clearly written in the recommendation. I do hope that action would be taken without stopping at the discussion.

SPEAKER : Pu Zoramthanga.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is very tire-some to speak about this matter. To have home delivery is an ideal solution for consumers but never expect it. But we expect regular delivery at their precinct. But they would not wholly meet the demand. We, the people have no other to voice our grievances but only to the Ministry. Strong violence or agitation is highly dangerous. That's why, this must be given priority before we reach the dark side of un-expectation.

Thank you.

PU L.P. THANGZKA : Mr. Speaker Sir, while we are discussing the problem faced by Aizawl Town, I want to speak about the problem faced by Lunglei Town.

We had informed and pressed the High Commission and Ministry. I also had spoken about our problems in this august House. But no problem is solved there till date. And I also want to know how many connections are there in this town. We purchase House connection by Rs 3500/-. But now it is reduced to Rs 1500/-. Now, it increased to Rs 3550/-. But we purchase it compulsorily as we are in want of it. I want to know from where the rate is fixed? What amount of money is spent for a single connection. I therefore, want the Government to be aware of our problems.

SPEAKER : Do you joint the Consumer Association of Aizawl?

PU L.P. THANGZIKA : DCSO and D.C. are responsible in this regard. I also want the Government to know the rate of connection between Aizawl and Lunglei.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, let me speak about it shortly. The matter is connected with the Traffic and holds an important position in our discussion. Government may be responsible in this regard. But especially Zarkawt Agency use to distribute filled cylinder by Truck and caused traffic block there. In this connection, all members should know the fact that the pigheaded Trader from Zarkawt should not dictate the Government nor the people. It seems that the irreconcilable Gas Agency is more responsible in this regard.

And the Gas Agency should have Godown and distribute it from there. If we are to safeguard public interest distribution may be done where Traffic is loose. Anyhow, Government has to take more attention in this regard.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, there is a consumer Union at Lunglei having 2984 connections. While, Aizawl has more than 50,000 connections. We spoke a lot the problems. We could not reach the problems faced by Aizawl town since connection is too little. That's why, increase of connection up to 6000 is the must by the MIZCFED there.

And regarding the subject moved by Mr. Lalsawta, we had a lot of discussion but has never had any fruit. That's why, we now, clarify and solve the problems.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as the matter is very important and serious enough, let us call C.B.I or Special Enquiry in order to clarify the said problems. If not, we had discussed many times in this august House. People know, but have not seen the result. It is a shame for the Government. Let us take step in that way to clear the same.

SPEAKER : Please keep silence, we shall call upon Mr. P.C. Bawihluanga.

PU P.C. BAWIHTLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to deliver my gratitude on this discussion. It inspires us to know its importance to the people. Its importance increased day by day since we have to save trees and Bamboos.

And regarding the increment of distributors and connections Government has an authority. High power committee is also constituted to safeguard the interest of the people. Report is also submitted to the Government for the consumers may get their own shares like Home Delivery and Hot plate control system. Hot plate problem is now solved to some extent. Regarding Home

Delivery too, Area demarcation is also done. But the Agency where we had L.P.G. connection are different here and there. If demarcation is cleared, we had to change/transfer the connections to each of our Area.

I.O.C. report and Official record has differed from one another as shown below

Sl. No.	Name of Agency	No. of record of official	I.O.C. Report	Difference
1.	Mizofed	13457	13425	(+32)
2.	Suakchhunga	26948	27690	(-342)
3.	Biakkungi	6629	6733	(-104)
4.	Vanbuangi	6306	5987	(+319)
5.	V. Neihkunga	1463	1205	(+168)
6.	Zopuii	1453	991	(+462)

Supply Department constituted L.P.G. cell as recommended by the High Power Committee. The staffs are Inspectors and Store Keepers. As we are in want of Staff, we can never achieve rapid progress. Amongst these six Agencies, Suakchhunga's Agency only creates problem for the people and Government. I, also suffered due to traffic block.

Now, it is encouraged to open three counters at Aizawl Town, but, they may not do the same immediately. Anyhow, I expect that the Government would be able to stop the service of anyone who are not worthy to distribute L.P.G. as per Explosive Act. It has now taking step in such a way.

And regarding more distributors—Aizawl, Lunglei and Champai ask for more distributors. This is also recommended by High Power Committee. But Aizawl is not allowed to do the same.

And regarding Home Delivery and Consumer Card Transfer the Consumer has no difficulty but distributors have, because Suakchhunga Agency had gained all its profits. They have no desire to distribute without gaining any profit. Anyhow, home-delivery should be done whether the distributors agree or not as per the area wise demarcation.

In short, demarcation is done, card transfer is the next business. Now, step is being taken for the next stop. The report is clear enough and we will carry on the report for examination and the result will be informed to you.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : As the matter is an important issue, it has been discussed as per our Rules and Procedure. Government should take steps to make the discussion a success.

Now, we had just finished our business. This Session has special notability for no member is absent on medical ground.

Now, Session Report— we had 181 questions and 172 is admitted. Appear in Business = 54 and 2 question is not answer. 4 answers are being lately received. We have 16 unstarred question and no rejection is made. All are answered. No Government Bill is passed and 6 paper is laid. And 10 Private Members Resolution is received and only one is taken up. And all answers are to be supplied by the Department and the answers are to be supplied to all the Hon'ble Members.

One thing to remember is that issue of Business is slightly late so does some questions which are to be answered. Some answers may not be replied but we shall try our best so that all questions may be answered for Member's information.

Now, we had finished our business. The House adjourned sine die at 8.25 P.M.

H.L. CHUNGA
Joint Secretary.