

NINTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, 22nd March, 1994

PRESENT

Pu Vaivenga, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister,
13 Ministers and 23 Members were present.

QUESTION

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

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill to be considered and passed.

2. Pu J.LALSANGZUALA to move that the Mizoram (Pension for Members of the Defunct Mizo District Council and of the Defunct Pawi-Lakher Regional Council) Bill, 1994 be taken into consideration.

Also

to move that the Bill be passed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON ANNUAL

BUDGET FOR 1994 - 95

3. General discussion on the Annual Budget of the Government of Mizoram for 1994 - 95 to continue.
(to be concluded)

SPEAKER :

Blessed is he who considers
the poor. The Lord delivers
him in the days of trouble.

Psalms 41:1

We shall now take up questions, Pu Lalkhama may ask
question No. 57.

PU LALKHIMA : Mr. Speaker, my question No.57 - How much has the Government spent for the cost of hiring Helicopter during 1989 - 1994 ? How much is yet to be paid for the Bill ?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalhmingthanga may give reply.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : The total amount of money so far paid was Rs 148,91,412/- and the amount of pending bill is Rs.4,97,744/-. We have received the sanction of Rs.3,47,000/-from Finance Department for the pending bill, leaving the rest of the amount to be paid in the next financial year. Therefore, Rs.1,50,744/- will remain unpaid in the current financial year.

DR.R.LALTHIANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, additional question. For what purposes were these Helicopters hired ? what were the routes covered by them ? If it is not possible to give oral answer to this right now, will it be possible to give written reply to the members.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Although the question asked for the period from 1989 to 1994, the reply covered the Bill for the period from 1985 to 1994. Information for the routes covered is not immediately available with the Information Department unless it is traced from the record.

SPEAKER : Will it be possible to give written reply as asked for ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Ofcourse, it is possible.
MINISTER

SPEAKER : Question No.58, Pu Lalsawta.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Chairman, my starred question No. 58 - What section of Forest Law in Mizoram requires a person to obtain a permit from the Government to fell and sell the Teak Trees in his garden and what section of Forest Law requires him to pay royalty for such sale ? Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Environment and Forest be pleased to reply ?

SPEAKER : Pu Zosiama may reply to this.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : The answer to the question raised by Hon'ble member from Aizawl South I is as follows:-
MINISTER Section 5.1 of the Mizoram Forest Act 1955 prohibited cutting and removal etc. of trees and timbers except under the permit issued by the Government or any other Officers empowered on this behalf. Royalty on the sale of Teak tree is not charged by the Government but administrative charge of Rs.5/-per Teak tree is realised for meeting the expense for marking and transit pass.

PU F.LALREMSIANA : Royalty has been imposed by Forest Department on all kinds of forest tree, not necessarily on the tree of their own plantation, as sort of unclassified forest. In view of the tradition, from our forefathers, of using forest trees for construction of houses and for other material necessities free of any taxation, will the Government make provision for use of trees within their own lands, free of royalty, for Building houses and for other household materials ? Is not the present system causes undue hardship to the people living in rural areas ?

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, the Forest Law insists payment of royalty even if it is produced from one's own Land. The Government created a separate Forest Department to look after trees, sandstone etc. not owned by an individual and as such it imposes royalty on them.
MINISTER

- PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, section 5(1) of the Mizoram Forest Act specifically mentioned Council Forest while according to our Forest Act, these Council Forest, Council Reserved Forest and Reserved Forest. As I understand these three categories of Forests do not include 'farm' within their fold. I, therefore, would like to ask once again that is not it that it is not necessary to obtain permit from the Forest Department by a person to dispose of trees of his own land or farm ?
- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, as in accordance with Section 5(1) of the Mizoram Forest Act, 1955; it is illegal to fell or saw any tree without prior permission from the Government or the Officers authorised by the Government.
- MINISTER
- PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, additional question - I shall read out the Act and I would like to request members of the House to pay attention please. "The cutting, sawing, conversion and removal of trees etc. (well then I shall not read it) and the collection, manufacture and the removal of forest product from a Council Forest". It says here, "from a council forest" and I would like to request this House to acknowledge it and the member to look into this matter more carefully.
- PU R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I ask my starred question No. 59 - Are there posts of District Civil Supply Officer which have not yet been filled up ?
- PU C.L.RUALA : Yes, there are two vacant posts of District Civil Supply Officer (D.C.S.O.).
- MINISTER
- DR.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, additional question - When will they be filled up ? Also, we heard that it is intended to abolish the post of Superintendent in the near future. Is this true ?
- PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, it is intended to fill up these posts. However the Departmental Promotion Committee (D.P.C.) scheduled to be held in the first part of this month had been postponed as the Recruitment Rules for District Civil Supply Officer (DCSO) post was not yet approved by the Government.
- MINISTER
- SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu H.Lalruata to ask question No.60.
- PU H.LALRUATA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister reply that - Has the permission been given for plantation for the period 1979-1980 ?

- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, the answer to the
MINISTER question raised by Hon'ble
Member from Lunglei consti-
tuency is 'No'
- PU H.LALRUATA : While giving a negative reply
to the question, is the Govern-
ment not aware that there has
been preparation for plantation
and Nursery by felling of forest under Hnahthial Range ?
- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, in case of some
MINISTER failure of plantation in
certain areas for the year
1979, 1980 and some other years,
plantation work for refill and reforestration, and not
for New Plantation, have been taken up.
- PU H.LALRUATA : Pu Speaker, additional question,
is it necessary to prepare
Nursery for refill ?
- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, it is necessary to
MINISTER prepare nursery to refill from
which they will be transplanted.
- SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu F.Malsawma
to ask question No.61.
- PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, I asked my Starred
question No.61.
- SPEAKER : Pu C.L.Ruala.
- PU C.L.RUALA : The answer to the question (a)
MINISTER "Why has the power supply for
Ramhlun and Vengthar been so
irregular" is that the Govern-
ment does not aware of the irregular supply of power par-
ticularly for Ramhlun and Vengthar. And the answer to the
second question,"(b) Is there a way for supplying them
more regularly?" is that efforts are on to find better
means of supplying them.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, additional question, I would like to know from the Hon'ble Minister whether you have never been visited the Department or not that now you have said "We are not aware of it". The building allotted for S.D.O's Office has been used for the quarter of Junior Engineer and for Office instead of using for the purpose. There has been no regular power supply for about 20 years and it is surprising to know that the Government is not aware of it. Power supply has been so irregular particularly for those living in the outskirts of eastern and western side of the town. I would like to ask that will the Hon'ble Minister take stock of the situation by meeting with the Department officials and representatives of the local areas so as to improve the said power supply ?

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, additional question. Yesterday I asked about the irregular power supply for Venghlui and Bethlehem areas and its improvement. Regarding replacement of Transformer, has the Government make any proposal for replacement of the existing transformer with a bigger transformer for the improvement of power supply to the said areas ?

DR.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, irregular power supply has been a big problem for Lunglei town, fro. Is there a way of improving at least the Power House. The Engine: which had been installed in 1976 has now become so old and unable to function properly. What plan of measures does the Government have ?

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, Is there any specific problem facing the hydro-power supply to the people living along Tipaimukh road that they have not receive hydro-power supply for so long ?

SPEAKER : Let us summon Hon'ble Minister to answer the questions.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, Yesterday also we discussed about Ramhlun area. It was said that construction work for installation of Transformer at Ramhlun South was completed and

that Transformer be supplied soon. Our discussion today proceeded further extending towards Lunglei. Pu Speaker, as a whole, our power supply coming from outside the state has been gradually decreasing. Presently we receive only 10 Mega Watt at peak hower and the minimum supply used to be only about 3 Mega Watt. The requirement for pumping water is about 3 Mega Watt which entails cutting of V.I.P. live. There has been suggestion to procure power from Eastern Electricity Board which is twice costlier than the existing source. Having no other alternative we are hoping to get approval from Finance Department. Such being the present condition, we are facing acute problem regarding power supply.

Besides the Diesel Station at Lunglei, all other Diesel Station have been functioning over 20 years which is beyond their generating capacity. Therefore arrangement has been made for its rennovation and repairing. Having no State Fund for this purpose, we are intending to procure Loan from P.F.C. and it is hope to improve the condition of the old engines. This is the condition we are in and I think we may further discuss about it at the time of budget discussion.

SPEAKER : Pu F.Malsawma may now ask question No.62.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, I ask my Starred question No.62.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, the question
CHIEF MINISTER raised by Hon'ble member is whether there is any intention to construct road reaching Phuaibuang and Khawlian during 1994 - 95 ?

There is no intention to construct roads for Phuaibuang and Khawlian in particular during 1994 - 95. However, there has been an on-going project for construction of roads to reach Khawlian and Phuaibuang ranges from two directions:- One direction is completed upto East Phaileng and another from East Phaileng via Suangpuilawn is also completed upto Suangpuilawn. These roads have to go on passing through some villages. However, we cannot make much progress due to financial constrains.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, additional question - the area lying beyond Suangpuilawn and Phullen is a land locked area therefore it will be economically feasible to construct road toward the area at least from Ngopa side.

Saitual to Phullen road was already completed two years back and therefore, it is unfortunate that the said road had not been continued for a long time. In view of the ongoing preparation of work scheduled for the plan, I would like to ask the Hon'ble Chief Minister if there is a way to allocate for construction of the said road in the budget at least as a token ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA :
CHIEF MINISTER

Pu Speaker, so far as the present financial condition could afford, it is intended to continue the ongoing construction of Jeepable road and to construct all weather bridge where necessary further step will be taken according to availability of fund.

SPEAKER :

Pu H.Lalruata to ask question No.63.

PU H.LALRUATA :

Pu Speaker, I ask my starred question No.63 to be answered by Minister in-charge Power and Electricity.

SPEAKER :

Pu C.L.Ruala.

PU C.L.RUALA :
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, starred question No.63 are -
(a) How many posts of Junior Engineer has the Government

of Mizoram got ?

I take it for granted that the question relates to Electric Department in particular. There are 255 posts of Junior Engineer under Electric Department.

(b) Is there any intention to create new posts ?

There is no such intention as yet.

PU H.LALRUATA :

Pu Speaker, additional question - Of these 255 posts, how many has been filled up ? and how many are not yet filled up ?

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, out of these 255 posts, 183 are reserved for J.E. Electric and of this 50% had to be filled up by direct recruitment while another 50% by promotion. 159 posts (i.e. 93%) had been filled up by direct recruitment while 12 posts (i.e. 7%) had been filled up by promotion. We have 72 posts of Civil Engineering of which 92% had been filled up by direct recruitment while 18% had been filled up by promotion.

PU H.LALRUATA : Pu Speaker, could he say in terms of number and not in percentage ?

PU C.L.RUALA : Of the 72 posts of Civil
MINISTER Engineering we have filled up 72 posts and of these 1 post was filled up by promotion. Regarding Electric Engineering 159 posts had been filled up by direct recruitment while 12 posts had been filled up by promotion. Pu Speaker, what else would the member like to know ?

PU H.LALRUATA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know how many of the 72 posts for Civil Engineering have been filled up and how many of them have not been filled up ?

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, 71 posts have been
MINISTER filled up and one post is not yet filled up.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, I have summed up the figures given by Hon'ble Minister and found that it is less than 255. The remaining vacant posts together with the posts already filled up come to only 244. Where have the 11 posts been ? Let him explain more clearly please.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, of the 183 posts
MINISTER of J.E. Electric, there were 159 direct recruitment and 12 posts have been filled up by promotion while 12 posts remain vacant.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr.Lalthangliana to ask question No.64.

DR.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I ask my Starred Question No.64 - 'Total grant received by PIGFED from Government'.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : The answer is Rs.14,21,250/-
MINISTER

DR.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, additional question - Has the Government verified the utilisation of grant from the Government ?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : The utilisation of grants has
MINISTER been checked and verified by the Department. Regarding purchase of vehicle, Rs.300,000/- have been granted to the PIGFED for purchase of Transport Vehicle.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu F.Malsawma to ask question No.65.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, my starred question No.65 - The sum total of deposits made by Government Servants under the scheme of IVE/KVP upto 28th February,1993 - 94.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalhmingthanga may give the answer.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Any individual person may
MINISTER deposit money according to his own sweet will under the scheme known as Indira Vikas Patra or Kisan Vikas Patra, and Government's permission or knowledge is not necessary to obtain for it. Therefore, the Government does not know anything about the deposit made by its servants.

SPEAKER : Dr.R.Lalthangliana may now ask question no.66.

DR.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, a few words before I ask - I don't think I have submitted my question like this. It may be difficult to answer as it appears now. In the original question I ask 'The Approve rate of steel wire-rope' which has not appeared now. I would like to ask him to read as I have just said. (Speaker : You may add it to your additional question in that way).

Pu Speaker, I think, the procedure this time is a bit confusing as other departments not concerning to my question even responded it a few days ago. As for my present question, let it depends upon the member to respond it.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, it may be a printing mistake but I shall try to reply as he wished. If the question asks the approved rate per metre of steel wire-rope, the answer is the Government has no approved rate.

DR.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, having no approved rate, how could a huge amount of money for it been spend ? If there is no existing rate ? I shall be happy to know the last rate. Besides, I would like to know the names of suppliers and the amount of money spent by each of them. Besides, is there any other departments that purchased it ? if so, had such departments purchased by the same rate ?

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of E.E. (Electricity) Khawzawl Division, the Departmental Purchasing Board approved on 28th Oct. 1992, the rate of 19mm Steel Wire-Rope at Rs.1976/-per metre. However, the rate was found to be excessively high and therefore, it was cancelled on 19th March, 1993. Right now, I cannot reply whether there was any Department or not that made purchase in between and I shall look into the matter, Pu Speaker, if the Member can inform me about this.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, it is said that before the Khawzawl Division purchase Steel Wire-Rope, the Purchase Board wanted to purchase at the rate of Rs.976/- but one number was added when the actual fixation was made just as the case of addition of zero recently. Will it be possible to conduct investigation on it ?

DR.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I am not sure whether it is in between the fixation of new rate and its cancellation, purchase appeared to have been made for over two crores of rupees. It is surprising to note that the rate of Rs.1976/-per metre was approved while the existing rate in other place like Calcutta was below Rs.100/-per metre. What a careless Government it is!

DR.J.V.HLUNA : Has there been any purchase made after the cancellation on 19th March, 1993? At what rate was it purchased ?

PU C.L.RUALA :
MINISTER Pu Speaker, we are not aware of any purchase made after the cancellation of rate on 19th March, 1993. Regarding alleged addition of one number to Rs.976/- as stated by Hon'ble Member from Aizawl East II Constituency, we shall investigate and trace out where such malpractice took place.

SPEAKER : Dr.R.Lalthangliana may ask question No.67.

DR.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my starred question No.67 - Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Labour and Employment Department be pleased to state - Total number of Government Employees in Mizoram (in Group-wise).

SPEAKER : Pu C.Vulluaia is absent today. Who does he authorise ?
Yes, Pu Suama.

PU LIANSUAMA :
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows :-

Group 'A'	-	2322
Group 'B'(G)	-	342
Group 'B'(NG)	-	5071
Group 'C'	-	21482
Group 'D'	-	10467
Total	:	<u>39684</u>

SPEAKER :

Question No.68, Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA :

Pu Speaker, I ask my starred question No.68 as follows :-
(1) (a) Number of permit for All India Tourist Bus

issued by the Mizoram Government ?

(b) Names and Addresses of Permit holders ?

(c) Places of plying of these Buses ?

(2) Names of the Members of State Transport Authority ?

SPEAKER :

Pu H.Thangkima

PU H.THANGKIMA :
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the answers to the question raised by Hon'ble Member as follows :-

(1) The number of permits for

All Indi Tourist Bus issued by Government of Mizoram is 62.

(2) Names and addresses of permit holders are :-

Pu Thangmala S/o Denghmingliana, Sikulpuikawn and

Pu Lalmakthanga S/o Thansanga Ramhlun II.

SPEAKER :

Just a moment please.

He asked question numbers (c), (d)..

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA :

Pu Speaker, I will accept written reply gladly; but for the second question, I think it will not be difficult to read out names of the Members of State Transport Authority if it is convenient.

SPEAKER :

As the reading out of the names of of Bus Owners will take time, it will be better if you could give me in writing.

PU H.THANGKIMA :
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, it will not take time and I think it is better to read out.

- (3) Pu John Saptea Haliday, Chaltlang.
- (4) Pu V.L.Biakenga S/o Thanthuama, Bara Bazar.
- (5) Pu K.Lalhnuna, S/o Thansanga, Zarkawt.
- (6) Pu T.L.Chhunga S/o Lalhmingthanga, Zarkawt.
- (7) Pu R.Lianhnuna S/o R.K.Buaia, Lunglei.
- (8) Pu Liansanga S/o Dr.Challiana (L) Chaltlang, Aizawl.
- (9) Pu K.T.Dawla & Sons, Bara Bazar.
- (10) Pu Zohmingliana S/o Buangthanga, Electriect, Aizawl.
- (11) Smt.L.T.Khumi d/o Kaptea (L) Chaltlang, Aizawl.
- (12) Pu Lalrivenga S/o Thangridema, Bara Bazar, Aizawl.
- (13) Pu Thansailova S/o Khama (L) Ramhlun 'N', Aizawl.
- (14) Pu Francis Lawmkima S/o B.L.Thanga, Kulikawn, Aizawl.
- (15) Pu Lalthankima S/o Saihnuna, Hmunpui.
- (16) Pi Vanhmingthangi D/o Vankhama, Electriect Veng, Aizawl.
- (17) Pu Lalthianghlina S/o Lalhluna, West Bungkawn.
- (18) Pu Zoremsanga S/o H.Bata, Tuikual 'C'
- (19) Smt.Tiali D/o Kiantuma, Vairengte.
- (20) Pu Vanhela S/o Chhunzova, Chhingaveng.
- (21) Pi Lallianpuii D/o Ronguauva (L) Khatla.
- (22) Pu Lalramliana Tochhong S/o Lalnghaka, Ramthar.
- (23) Pi Lalsangpuii Vanchhawng D/o Darthankima, Chandmary.
- (24) Pi Vanlalthangi D/o Lianzama, Ramhlun.
- (25) Pi V.L.Nawli D/o Thuama (L) Zarkawt.
- (26) Pu H.Biakthuama S/o H.Lalruata, Zarkawt.
- (27) Pu Vana S/o Fuana(L) Sikulpuikawn.
- (28) Pu H.Hrangkima S/o Tlangmawia, Chhingaveng.
- (29) Pu Hlunchhunga S/o Lalzuala, Bezelel Industries, Electriect Veng.
- (30) Pu Vanlalauva S/o Liansanga (L), Chhingaveng.
- (31) Ex.Sub.Lt.Lalthanzama S/o Vankunga, Pachhunga & Son.
- (32) Shri Tlangchhunga S/o Chuauhuuna (L) Zarkawt.
- (33) Shri R.Vaikunga S/o Tuma (L) Electriect Veng.
- (34) Shri K.Lalhmingthanga S/o Rophuta (L), Kulikawn.
- (35) Smt. Kawhmingliani D/o G.Siama, Bawngkawn.
- (36) M/S Seha & Bros S/o H.Thansanga, Chandmary East.
- (37) Shri Rothangpuia S/o Challianchhinga, Lunglei.
- (38) Mr Thanthuama, Bungkawn.
- (39) Mr Malsawma, Zarkawt, Aizawl.
- (40) Shri Rodingliana, Zoram Travels, Bungkawn.
- (41) Joseph Travels D/o Rohmingthanga, Chandmary, Aizawl.
- (42) Lalramliana S/o K.S.Luaia, Chandmary, Aizawl.
- (43) Thangmawia S/o Zoramsiama, West Bungkawn, Aizawl.

- (44) L.Muansanga S/o C.Biakchhawna, Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl.
- (45) Shri Lalruata S/o Sanghluna, Chhingaveng, Aizawl.
- (46) Shri P.L.Lalhmingthanga S/o Lalliana, Bungkawn 'W', Aizawl.
- (47) Zosangliana S/o Lawmkunga, Chandmary, Aizawl.
- (48) Khuma Air Travels Agency, Upper Khatla, Aizawl.
- (49) Esther Travels Prop Laldinmawii D/o Lala Hmar, Champhai.
- (50) Shri R.Khawma, M.C. S/o Salthanga (L), Kawnpui 'N' Mizoram.
- (51) M/S Lalrin Earth Movers, Prop: Lalrinsanga, S/o Rosangliana C/o P & Sons, Bara Bazar, Aizawl.
- (52) K.Lalhnuna S/o Thansanga, Zarkawt, Aizawl.
- (53) Vanlalruatlina S/o Thansiana (L) Dawrpui Vengthar.
- (54) P.C.Vanlalruatkima S/o Vanhlira (L), D.Vengthar, Aizawl.
- (55) Biakliana, S/o Thangthiauva N.Vanlaiphai.
- (56) Sangkunga S/o Taithiauva, Venghlui, Aizawl.
- (57) Lalropari D/o Lalroenga, Mission Vengthlang, Aizawl.
- (58) Alber Lalthakima S/o Varlianzova, Mission Vengthlang.
- (59) George Thanhawla S/o Saibela, Republic Veng, Aizawl.
- (60) Biakliana Renthlei S/o Rangkuma, D.Vengthar, Aizawl.
- (61) Lalnunthara S/o Zarzokima D.Vengthar.
- (62) Zairema S/o Khuma, Bawngkawn.

These are the names and addresses of permit holders and places of service are Mizoram, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Nagaland.

Names of the existing Members of State Transport Authority are :-

Chairman - Pu Malsawma, Transport Secretary.

Members -

- (1) Dr.H.Thansanga
- (2) Pu Ngurchhina
- (3) Pu D.R.Zirliana
- (4) Pu Ringluia, Member Secretary, Director, Transport.

PU K.RCKHAW : Pu Speaker, my Starred Question No.69 - Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge District Council Affairs

be pleased to state :-

- (a) Have the District Councils of Mizoram been empowered with more authority ?
- (b) If so, which departments have been empowered so ?
- (c) What amount of additional funds been allotted to each of the District Councils ?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA :
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the answer to question No. (a) is - The District Councils have been given more powers but due to certain administrative and financial problems it is set to be effective from the 1st April, 1994.

As for the second question, in Agriculture and Horticulture Department they are given authority over construction of Agriculture link roads, distribution of planting materials and seeds, water Pumping Machinery and other implements and tools which may be given in 50% subsidy, construction of Minor Irrigation field channels and land developments.

In Fishery Department, authority over grant in-aid to fish farmers is handed over to them. In Public Health Engineering Department they are given authority over Rural Sanitation, Water Supply by gravitational force, Public Latrines and urinal sanitations. In Industry Department they are given authority over Handloom and Handicraft, grant in-aid to individuals and educated unemployed and in Sericulture Department authority over grant in-aid to private rearers, cocoon marketing within their jurisdictions have been handed over to them. In Vety Department authority over subsidy and Vety Dispensary are transferred to them. They are also empowered authority over grant in-aid, grants for production of books, District Library and District Museum in respect of Art and Culture.

It is also decided to transfer authority over Old Age Pension, Welfare of Handicapped and Welfare of Poor and Destitutes in respect of Social Welfare Department. They are also given power over the followings - Terracing, subsidy scheme and village grazing grounds in Soil Conservation Department, Urban Development and other minor works such as construction of steps, culverts, retaining walls etc. in Local Administration Department; the whole Forest Department except National Parks at Phawngpui and Ngengpui as these will be too expensive. It is also decided to let them manage a separate Transport Departments of their own with one Bus each for the beginning. It is also decided to follow the system of the District Council of the neighbouring States like Assam in respect of the pattern of tax collection such as Road tax, Goods tax and Passenger tax. It is also decided for the Mizoram Government to provide fund for the setting up of a separate Sports and Youth Services Departments of their own. It is decided to transfer authority over Co-operation Department with the exception of its technical items.

In respect of Public Works Department, it is decided to transfer the work for constructions of Inter Village approach roads connecting P.W.D. roads, inter village roads, improvements and maintenance of satellite towns.

In Education Department the existing control over Primary Schools should be extended to Middle Schools and Adult Education. In view of the possible problem regarding Examination it is decided that Examination should be placed under the control of the Mizoram Board of School Education.

Rural communication, community Halls and Rural Housing will be under their control in regards to Rural Development Department. It is further decided to allot Rs. 1 Lakh each to them (Speaker ; question hour has just ended and therefore, we shall wind up after this) In respect of D.R.D.A. and I.C.D.S. Departments it seems that it is require to obtain approval from the Central Government. We will soon obtain instruction regarding the extent of authority to be handed over.

The Government of Mizoram decided to allocate special fund for better progress in development of water ways as it is an important means of communication for Chhimtuipui areas.

Regarding allotment of additional fund to each District Councils, the following allocations have been made :-

- (a) Lai District Council - Rs.116 Lakhs for Plan and Rs.173.96 Lakhs for non-Plan
Total = Rs.289.96 Lakhs.
- (b) Mara District Council - Rs.103 Lakhs for Plan and Rs.178.03 Lakhs for non-Plan.
Total = Rs.281.03 Lakhs.
- (c) Chakma District Council - Rs.76 Lakhs for Plan and Rs 36.80 Lakhs for non-Plan.
Total = 112.80 Lakhs.

Thank you.

PU F.MALSAWMA :

- (a) The amount of overdraft incurred by the Government of Mizoram as on the 10th December, 1993.
- (b) The amount of overdraft incurred by the Government of Mizoram as on the 1st March, 1994 ?
- (c) The expected amounts of debt calculated upto the 31st March, 1994 on Internal Debt, Loans from Central Government and Public Account ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA :
MINISTER

(a) Government of Mizoram had no overdraft as on the 10th December, 1993.

(b) We had no overdraft as on the 1st March, 1994. (c) (i) Internal Debt = Rs. 9070.78 Lakhs
(ii) Central Loans = Rs. 15,708.69 Lakhs.
(iii) Public Account = Rs. 13,465.45 Lakhs.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHC :
PU K.ROKHAW

Regarding the construction of Chhimituipui bridge at Kawlchaw -

- (i) Year of tender ?
- (ii) Expected year of completion?
- (iii) Has the State Government

urged the concerned authority to speed up the on-going construction work of Chhimituipui Bridge ?

(iv) What step has the Government of Mizoram taken for faster progress in the work ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA :
CHIEF MINISTER

(1) As the construction of this bridge has been taken up by the Project Pushpak we do not know the year of tender.

(2) The expected year of completion is 1989.

(3) Yes, it has urged.

(4) Since the progress of work has been too slow, there is no hope of completing even by 1995. Therefore, the Chief Engineer, Pushpak is requested to speed up the work and to inform their problems to the State Government.

PU LALRINCHHANA :

Is there any intention to call the meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for promotion of Health Supervisors

in the near future ?

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA :
MINISTER

There is no intention to call meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for promotion of Health Supervisor

in the near future.

PU K.ROKHAW :

(a) How many Micro-Hydel Projects had so far been completed within Mizoram ?

(b) How many ongoing projects

are there ? (c) What is the total number of completed and ongoing projects ?

- PU C.L.RUALA : (a) Four Micro-Hydel Projects
MINISTER had so far been completed
within Mizoram. The total
number of Hydel Projects com-
pleted so far is 9. (b) The number of ongoing Micro-
Hydel Project in Mizoram is 1(one). The total number of
ongoing Hydel Projects is 6(six). (c) The total number
of completed and ongoing Micro-Hydel Projects is 5(five).
Total number of completed and ongoing Hydel Projects is 15.
- PU L.P.THANGZIKA : Does the Government intend
to provide Electric power to
Cherhlun, Thingsai, Bualpui and
Ngharchhip ?
- PU C.L.RUALA : Yes, it does.
MINISTER
- PU LALSAWTA : What recognition and facilities
have been accorded to the Mizo
receptients of Padma Shree
Award by the Government?
- PU LAL THANHAWLA : Government of Mizoram invites
CHIEF MINISTER the receptients of Padma Shree
Awards in important public
functions like Republic and
Independence days.
- PU L.P.THANGZIKA : Where have those Bulldozers
purchased during the Ministry
of M.N.F. been ?
- PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : In Mizoram.
MINISTER
- PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : When will the Mizoram Assembly
House, presently under construc-
tion be ready ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA :
CHIEF MINISTER

According to the Contract Agreement it will be completed by 14.11.1995.

DR.R.LALTHANGLIANA :

Total expenditure already incurred for construction of Mizoram House at Salt Lake, Calcutta?

PU LAL THANHAWLA :
CHIEF MINISTER

Rs. 291,387/-

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA :

When will the Pachhunga University College Road be widened ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA :
CHIEF MINISTER

It will be widened at the earliest convenient time.

SPEAKER :

Question hour has now ended and we shall proceed on to the next business. Pu Sangzuala may now beg leave of the House for consideration of the Pension for Members of the Defunct Mizo District Council and of the Defunct Pawi-Lakher Regional Council Bill, 1994 which he has introduced the other day as agreed by Members.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA :
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House for consideration of the Mizoram Pension for Members of the Defunct Mizo District Council and of the Defunct Pawi-Lakher Regional Council, Bill 1994.

SPEAKER :

Do we agree ?

PU ZCRAMTHANGA : In the Business Advisory Committee meeting it was decided to allot two days for the Government Business and further that the unfinished business if any within this period, be considered after the 29th of the month. Today is Scheduled for general discussion on budget as in accordance with the decision of the Business Advisory Committee meeting therefore, will it not be better to go as already approved by the Business Advisory Committee since we are going to have adequate time around 30th or 31st of this month ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, we have a tight scheduled of time as we have 15 Ministers each of whose demands are to be discussed. MINISTER
As a rules this Bill had to be submitted five days before the discussion. Hon'ble Members have adequate time to study about it as it had been already distributed to them on the 15th March. Therefore, it is moved for consideration today.

PU ZCRAMTHANGA : I think the House should follow the time table approved by the Business Advisory Committee (BAC). We persist that the budget discussion be finished first and then discuss the Government Bill afterwards as we are going to have time after 29th particularly on 30th and 31st.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, ordinance has already been made on it and this is for its approval. Therefore, MINISTER
I would like to request the Opposition Leader to understand it.

SPEAKER : Yesterday we had some general discussion, and today's programme is set for the whole day. In consideration of this and the Bill, already preceded by an ordinance will not take much time. Therefore, its consideration now is found to be convenient. Can we agree to it ?

PU R.TLANGHMINHANGA : Pu Speaker, since it can be taken up after passing the Budget why should we take up today in such a tight programme ? Will it not be better to move on to the Budget ? Will it not be better for us not to by-pass the decision of the Committee ? While the introduction of the Bill itself is good will it not be better to leave its consideration to be taken up in some other convenient time ?

PU P .C.ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I agree with some of the Hon'ble Members in respect of the decision of Business Advisory Committee but as the introduction of the Bill has been agreed upon and as most of the text had been there in the Ordinance let those who have some defective points to point out speak up now. If there is no one to point out its defects, we shall straight-forwardly pass it and this is only one minute job which will not disturb the general discussion.

PU LALHMINHANGA : Pu Speaker, the date of 30th and 31st do not appear in the programme prepared by the Business Advisory Committee.

It is not proper for a Government to run Ordinance for long time and besides, as a norm, ordinance is taken up generally in the first sitting. Further, Business Advisory Committee, being Advisory Committee it is technically justifiable to make a slight change in its programme. I, therefore, think that it will bring good name for this House if the Bill is passed without any negative argument.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, what is important here is the system involved. Business Advisory Committee has already arranged everything including the time schedule for Government Business, which has already been approved by the House. It is understood that it must be taken up if it has been running as an ordinance. Why has it been tabled to clash with the Budget Discussion ? Could the Business Advisory Committee re-schedule the discussion of the Bill behind the scheduled programme ? Will it be advisable to go against the system which has been approved by us ?

PU LIANSUAMA :
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, as already circulated in the Bulletin and as stated by Finance Minister let us pass it soon. I think the time we have spent so far was enough for passing it.

SPEAKER :

We could have passed it in a moment had it been agreed so and this is our idea at the outset. However, we have to respect the rules. We the B.A.C. are the one to formulate things but such things require the approval of the House. We have now tabled the Bill without prior meeting of B.A.C. for it as stated by Opposition Leader. However, this has been done so with the hope that we would all agree since it could not have been done during the Government Business the other day. So, if the Opposition Members could agree, we would be able to finish it in a moment.

PU ZORAMTHANGA :

Pu Speaker, if you, yourself said so, we do not feel like going against it. However, I just mentioned the spirit of the meeting of the B.A.C. and how today had been kept separate for the General Discussion. In view of the possible entry of other Government Business, we kept in mind to extend the sitting as necessity arise. Anyway, it depends on the decision of the House. We have a premonition that it will take time because we heard that there have been something wrong in the list of names of the former members of District Council. We therefore, expressed our disapproval to consider the Bill in between the general Discussion. However, we would like to mention that we do respect your request for consideration of the Bill.

PU LAL THANHAWLA :
CHIEF MINISTER

Pu Speaker, I agree with the Opposition Leader regarding the Principle in consideration of the importance of the Budget General Discussion for which the Members would like to have maximum time. However, since you have interfered in support of the consideration of the Bill, I think it will not be right for the House to turn it down. I thank the Opposition Leader for having accepted your request.

I would like to mention the backround behind the bill with few words.

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With the grant of pension to M.L.As the former Members of the District Council requested the Government to grant pension to them. After consideration of the existence of many former leaders of our tribe who played important roles but now live in a very poor economic condition and after careful study of various District Councils the idea of introducing the Pension Bill has emerged. Let the Minister concern note down the defects of the Bill, if there is any, pointed out by members. Let us be prompt and fast so as to save more time for the General Discussion.

SPEAKER :

Are we all agree to consider the Bill ? (Members : 'Agreed') Thank you. Pu Sangzuala has something to say and let us call upon him .

PU J.LALSANGZUALA :
MINISTER

I am so grateful and I shall not do such things any more in future.

The origin of this Bill has been stated by the Leader of the House. As we all know, prior to the attainment of Union Territory, there was Mizo District Council for Lunglei and Aizawl Districts and there was Pawi-Lakher Regional Council in the Chhimtuipui District. We had been upgraded to a better status with the attainment of Union Territory.

Regarding the rate of pension, various rates has been made in consideration of the growing decrease of the monetary value and the increasing rate of civil pension. The rate of pension for the ex-members of the Mizo District Council and the Pawi-Lakher Regional Council is prepared at par with that of the civil Pension. The rate of increase from the initial stage till date is as - Rs 150/- at the initial stage, Rs 200/- wef 4th April 1977, Rs 300/-wef the 1st April, 1982; Rs.500/-wef 1st April, 1987, Rs 800/-wef the 1st April 1992 till date.

As it is considered as an urgent matter in view of the strong pressure from the concerned person and the death of many of the former members, it has been effected as an Ordinance which was notified in the Mizoram Gezzette dated the 18th January, 1994, a copy of which I hope you all the Hon'ble members possessed.

The financial implication or requirement for the 23 surviving ex-members of M.D.C., some of them have died after this assessment, is Rs.18,40,350/- and Rs. 410,413/- for the 16 deceased ex-members of M.D.C; Rs. 4,59,900/- is required for the living ex-members of M.R.C. while the requirement for the five deceased ex-member of M.R.C. is Rs.146,408/- making the total of Rs.28,21,071/-.

One of the Hon'ble members criticised the list of names. The list itself will not be included in the Bill and moreover it was prepared according to the information received so far. It will be accepted any time if a genuine name is given. Therefore, Pu Speaker, I request this August House to approve this Bill.

PU LALBIAKZUALA :

Pu Speaker, I thank the Government for giving honour and respect to our former leaders as done for them

today. I am also happy to be one of the Members to pass the Bill to that effect.

Looking back to the past, I think all of us recollect today all those helps and assistances rendered by our House Leader to those former leaders like Pu Lal-denga, who is no more with us and Brig.T.Sailo, in times of their hardship particularly to go abroad for medical treatment. I consider our House Leader praiseworthy for his role. Apart from this, I am happy today for being able to give pension to those who had guided us right from the attainment of District Council.

We, being in a democratic country, all know that we may bring honour to Democracy, by honouring and showing respect to leaders of our past. I think this is the right direction to be followed in future.

Pu Speaker, as you know I am a new Member here and there are a number of official documents and procedure of legislation which I do not understand but I am learning by experience how to act and behave in this House. Our past leaders often praised that the system manner and procedure of Mizoram Assembly are far better than that of the other states and they are exemplary. This is the fruit of the work of those whom we are giving pension today.

I have something to say regarding Section III-(I) of the Bill not because I feel it is wrong but because I feel it is a bit too long.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, to be clarified by Parliamentary Affairs Minister, we have made the rate as if it had been revised after 20 or 30 years back. Why has this been so ? Is there a particular necessity ? What I would like to mention with few words is that I think we all support the bill and therefore it is better to pass it soon as we do not have much time for it.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, as a principle to be followed in future I would like to suggest that the concerned Committee and the Opposition Members be informed or consult prior to submission of ordinance to the Governor except in special cases so as to make it easy to be passed later. Regarding the Bill in question I think it is worthy to be passed.

SPEAKER : I appreciate the opinion of Pu Zoramthanga and I think we all should keep in mind about it. Let us now call upon the Minister to give explanation where necessary and to request for passing the Bill.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : MINISTER Regarding the suggestion made by Pu Biakzuala Hon'ble Member in respect of 5 years in Section III, this has been done so on the suggestion of legal expert so as to entitle all the ex-M.D.C. and ex-P.L.R.C. to receive pension.

Again, regarding his suggestion for addition of the words 'of India' to President and Vice President, it is not felt necessary as it referred to the President of India and Vice President of India within India. Regarding the point raised by Pu Zakhu, as I have stated a few while ago there will be no problem as all the missing names may be accepted later on. In respect of the fixation of the rate questioned by Pu Malsawma, this has been made in consideration with the decreasing rate of monetary value and the increasing rate of pay and pensions. Besides we would like to grant it with retrospective effect. We shall keep in mind what our Opposition Leader had said.

Pu Speaker, I request this August House to pass the Mizoram Pension for Members of Defunct Pawi-Lakher Regional Council Bill, 1994. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I shall now read out the question once again - 'The Mizoram Pension for Members of the Defunct Mizo District Council and of the Defunct Pawi-Lakher Regional Council Bill, 1994'. Those who agree to pass may now say 'Agree'. Since there is no one to disagree it is, therefore, unanimously passed.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER: We shall now proceed on to General Discussion. Yesterday, four members from the Treasury Bench spoke and C from the Opposition Bench took their time. We have an hours time in the forenoon today which will be continued in the afternoon, allotting 15 minutes to each member. Who will speak up first? Pu Malsawma alright.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me a time. First of all in our general Discussion on the budget I think our Chief Minister, who is also our House Leader, should clarify some points. When the members of the Finance Commission visited us, the Government of Mizoram, in its memorandum submitted to the Commission, vehemently criticised the Ninth Finance Commission in which our House Leader himself is one of the Members. It is stated that we are facing problems because the schemes of the 7th Plan have been taken up in the 8th Plan as in accordance with the arrangement made by the 9th Finance Commission. Besides, the Non-Plan Loan under the Union Territory has not been written off thereby resulting the stoppage of central assistance. These are the factors, given for the cause of the current financial crisis. It is reflected that our state will have a financial Deficit to the tune of three hundred and fourteen crores of rupees by 31st March, 1994. Therefore, the amount of deficit calculated to be born by each individual of the state, including children, is Rs.4,580/-per head.

It is very shocking. Why has this been possible while our House Leader himself is one of the Members of the 9th Finance Commission ? Meanwhile, he might have played some role to ease off the problems and I demand an explanation and clarification from him. On the other hand I would like to reflect that it is very unfortunate to have born such a burden because of the 9th Finance Commission.

Secondly, the present Government has been projected to be the Government of the people. However, contrary to this, a Press Release was published yesterday by the A.D.C.C.I. Information Department to the effect that petitions or applications to be submitted to the Government by any Party Members should bear forwarding letter from the unit, bearing its seal. This Press Release was made by Mizoram Janata Dal (MJD) and published by the local paper 'Romei'. Was it that the coalition Government has become so united that the Press Release of one of them was published by another ? Anyway, I am afraid that we are going back to the system discarded by the people. Regarding the amount of our Budget, it is not much unlike stated by some of us yesterday. The additional Budget of Rs.20/-lakhs has been granted probably for Serlui 'B' Hydel and Lengpui Airfield projects making the total of Rs.207.66 crores. In view of lack of infrastructure and our State having entered into the five year plan only when other States entered the 5th year plan, the addition Budget of Rs. 20 crores is not a matter to be so grateful for. Thus, the amount of budget is too small. Why have we been granted such a small amount of budget? Does the Central Government consider us to be unworthy to be granted huge amount of budget? Has there been a doubtful expenditure in the eye of the Central Government. I would like to mention that I think there is a big question in it.

I think there is something odd in the budget speech of the Finance Minister. For instance, Agriculture and Allied Services have been given 'Top-most Priority'. While this is so, the budget allocation of Rs.2402/- lakhs is much less than the allocation made in the last Financial Year of 1994-95 which was Rs.2627/- lakhs. I think it is required to be reviewed.

Again, special importance is being given to improvement of school buildings. However, the budget allocation for it is only Rs.806 lakhs while allocation for the current financial year is Rs.882 lakhs. The budget allocations for which we give importance and priority decreasing in amount. In the budget distribution break up particularly in regards to Building, the allocation for High Schools is only Rs.45 lakhs while allocation for

the same head in the current year is Rs.85 lakhs. Are we not careful enough to see the reality of the text during its preparation ?

What is more surprising is that in the speeches of the Finance Minister and the Governor as well as various informations given by the Government 45 Middle English Schools and 79 High Schools are said to have been granted deficit status. Pu Speaker, this is not true and I would like to reveal today that we have been given wrong information. On enquiring from the Department yesterday I found that no order to that effect is released by them. However, looking at the English version the words 'Were' have been used. Have they carelessly done things in this connection ?

Coming to the Budget, the allocation for Art and Culture is only Rs.65 lakhs while the allocation made for the current financial year was Rs.70 lakhs. While the Department plays important roles for all entertainments of visitors from outside as well as for important occasions, we have allotted budget in a decreasing manner. In the same way, the allocation for water supply in the current year was Rs. 1320 lakhs while allocation in this budget is only Rs. 102,070/- again Rs. 212 lakhs is allocated for Urban Development while it was Rs. 256 lakhs for the current year. In the same way allocation for Labour & Employment and Co-operation are less than that of the current financial year. Have not they been kept to be promoted ? Are we going to please with a Budget having decreasing trend ?

Let us say few words in connection with Education. In view of the over-emphasis on the physical side like comprehensive, building etc. I would like to request our Chief Minister, as it is under his charge, to give more effort for academic area which is the real objective of Education. I would like to reflect the importance of concentrating on academic sphere.

For information to the Chief Minister I would like to mention that even though proposal has been made for regularisation of Primary School Teachers employed on the basis of fixed pay, I heard that it was

rejected by D.P & A.R. They are the people who had gone through various obstacles even during insurgency period.

I think we should stress on vocationalisation as done in advanced countries in which much importance is given on occupation for livelihood, so as fit in various occupational practices.

In respect of MBSE, the financial requirement is about Rs. 35 or 36 lakhs whereas we used to allot a grant of Rs. 31/- per year. Our State being a revenueless State, it therefore means creation of public burden. We have to realise this problem while projecting only their dark side.

I submit that intensive precautionary measures should be taken in setting questions for examinations. It should be designed so as to test the standard of students. I would like to reflect that candidates always face problems as questions are set without any consideration of Model questions or weightage of marks.

I think it is necessary to instruct the Mizoram Board of School Education (MBSE) to concentrate and give importance on academic sphere. Pu Speaker, the expenditure incurred for training in the District level as presently being done is much less than the Cost of in-service training. I think this should be kept in mind while recruiting teachers for Primary and Middle English Schools.

Thank you.

PU ZORAMTHANGA :

From the Budget estimate we know that there has been financial deficit to the tune of more than Rs. 3000 lakhs.

In his speech the Finance Minister has reflected the existence of huge amount of financial deficit right from

1987 and 1988. However, I heard that the plus trend began to take place from the estimate of 1987. However, in the transitional stage of Union Territory we have started having the minus trend as it was not pass afresh and henceforth overdraft set in. The amount of financial deficit had been going down gradually with the coming of each new Ministries. By 1990 & 1991, it went down to Rs. 1835 lakhs from the amount of Rs. 5947 lakhs of 1989, 1990. As seen from the explanatory memorandum of the Budget estimate for 1994-1995, the amount of deficit has come to Rs. 3157.64 lakhs. In the Government's memorandum to the Finance Commission, the total amount of the State Government's debt, including internal debt, debt on public account and Central Government, is reflected to the tune of Rs. 3,00,01,42,200/-. Therefore, each individual of the population of our State have been born with a debt of Rs. 4580/- each. The present budget has been opened with such an amount of debt.

In the budget speech of the Finance Minister priority is given to the two important Departments, namely, Rural Development and Power & Electricity. This is appreciable in view of the productive nature of these Departments. However, looking at the great amount of fund allocated for New Land Use Policy, the operational system of the scheme is not so appreciable. So far as my knowledge about NLUP is concerned, on the basis of the book written by our Finance Minister I come to realise that the NLUP is thirty times costlier than the estimated cost of construction of Bairabi Hydrel Project and the requirement of time is also thirty times more. While the present Finance Minister made statement that N.L.U.P imbibed, laziness and a sense of obtaining things from the Government free of cost, in the minds of the people it is stated on the other hand, that the most important programme of Rural Development Department relating to NLUP is to win away the people from jhuming and provide them permanent settlement. Pu Speaker, we, the opposition Members are at a dilemma as to which statement of the above is to support. I don't find words to commend on this policy except 'Let us take up NLUP with more cautiously since we have made statement for precaution'.

Secondly, regarding Electricity, the budget speech contains projects for various Mini-Hydel Projects. At the same time, projects for constructions of 60MW project at Tuirial, 210 MW project at Tuivai and phase I of 60 MW project at Koladyne are simply said to

be 'being processed'. In the last a simple statement was made that the Government is also pursuing vigorously the 121MW Dhaleswari Hydel Project popularly known as the Bairabi Hydel Project to be taken up as early as possible as a central Project'.

It is also stated that preliminary work for Serlui 'B' Hydel Project had been started and it is expected to be Commissioned by 1994-98. Lakhs of rupees have been allocated while its generating capacity is so low. Why should we go from small to smaller and smallest instead of going from big to bigger and biggest.

Therefore, let us take up the Bairabi Hydel Project leaving others aside because with a generating capacity of 120MW we will be self sufficient in power.

Thirdly, I would like to speak about Agriculture, Pu Speaker. While it is a good thing that the Government gives loans for Bulldozer, Tractor and Power Tiller, but I would like to suggest to give loans in area-wise so as to utilise them for the purpose it is meant which is for tilling the soil and not for transportation.

In respect of Mizoram State Transport too, I do not think the present system will work unless we introduce privatisation instead of Government control.

Last of all, I think it is not forceful enough to say as written here thus 'Maintenance of Remand Home and De-addiction cum-Rehabilitation Centre continue to engage the attention of the Department', while so many of our children are dying. I would like to request you to concentrate the Department's fund in lakhs of rupees so as to set up a big place outside Aizawl for rescuing work. I assure you that we, all the opposition members will support you on this.

Thank you.

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY :

Pu Speaker, thank you for allotting me a time. I have often mentioned that the time has come for us to

evolve a new system in our budget instead of following the same old system or pattern every year. A certain officer informed me that it is the clerks that prepare and decide on which items an increase from last year's budget be made. If this is the system we are following we will never evolve a workable budget.

Having been elected to M.L.A. on the Centenary year of our Christianity, I think, we should prepare our Budget accordingly as a true Christian. Regarding the budget for Co-operation Department, as mentioned a few while ago, while the allocation for it in the last budget was Rs. 328.83 lakhs, the present allocation is only Rs. 233.60 lakhs thereby decreasing by Rs. 87.23 lakhs. Again, I have found that the present allocation for MAHCC is only Rs. 4.40 lakhs while the allocation in 1992-1993 and 1993-1994 are Rs. 66.8 lakhs and Rs. 28 lakhs respectively. I think there is a big question why the government made such a decreasing allocation. In view of its important role in depicting the picture of our State through participation in various exhibitions and through presentation of their products to visitors of our state, it should be given due importance. Besides, it is the only Apex body that has no liability.

I think it is important to appoint representatives from people taking up handloom etc., as occupation in the Handloom and Handicraft Development Corporation Board. Not only for Handloom and Handicraft but also other corporation like MAMCO and MIFCO, it is important that the artisans or craftsmen who have real interest should form majority in the policy making authority. This is necessary because it appears now that the bureaucrats have interest only in the Office establishment and not in the actual works.

While the price of Chilli is generally more than Rs. 40/- per Kg. in various parts of the country, we could not adequately purchase what the village farmers produced and I think we should take adequate steps toward this.

In respect of Education, it is necessary for the Ministry and the government servants to maintain good coordination and take earnest efforts to guide the morality of students in view of the deteriorating morality in our Society. What is so sad about our education system is that there is concentration of teachers in the towns and scarcity of teachers in rural areas. What appears to be a good solution to this problem is to have a fixed number of teachers for each school so that transfer of a teacher would make vacant post in his previous place to be filled up by person from that village.

Regarding furniture sanction from Education Department, it will be better to make sanction directly to the schools and not through the SDEO as presently practised so as to avoid manipulation of sanction between the SDEO and the Suppliers. I think it will be very much pleasing if the Sanctions directly reached where it should reach. I wish I have a lot more time to say a number of points I have yet in mind. Thank you.

FU F. LALREMSIAMA : Thank you for giving me a time, Fu Speaker, It will be better to highlight the importance of a Budget at the outset in spite of the fact that the government officials and Hon'ble members are more well

verse on it. Our Budget is an important vehicle for Socio-Economic transformation in which we make plans for utilisation of money which is in our capacity and beyond. The drafting of the budget had been done carelessly as stated by member from Khawbung Constituency. Too much of the preparation of Budget had been left in the hands of the Office Superintendents and dealing Assistants. Planning originated in the Budget which contains all the government's priorities and policy. However, in our case, after 3 or 4 months of passing the budget, the fund allocated for certain purposes are used for other purposes the practice of using fund in lakhs of rupees for purposes other than the purposes for which it has been allocated is a big disrespect to the Departments and a neglect of Department's priority. Not only the Department Officers but also the Ministers would be unhappy about it. This is the condition in which we are presently in we should know the sanctity of our Budget.

Contrary to the current policy of our government, it is essential to follow Integrated approach to all the inter-related department. It will be too much for a Secretary to look after various directorates which are under the charge of different Ministers, as in the case of Higher and Technical Education, School Education, Art and Culture, and Sports and Youth Services which are under a Common Secretary.

In the same way, Agriculture Department had been trifurcated into small departments. Is this small State trying to divide a department into Small pieces while it can remain as a single department ?

I do not mean to say here that our Chief Minister, who is in-charge School Education, is unefficient. But the inter-related Departments such as School Education, SCERT and DIET must have Co-ordinated functions.

Preparation of text books must be done with great care. It is advisable for us to follow NCERT Syllabus Curriculum in respect of English, Mathematics and Science Subjects we should also take more care regarding +2 (Plus two) and Vocationalisation as stated by Hon'ble Member from Aizawl North II Constituency.

As seen from the Register of Labour and Employment Exchange, there have been so many unemployed persons holding the B.A., M.A., MSc., M.Com., B.E. and Doctorate degrees. Therefore, vocationalisation is very important.

For what purpose have we admitted a number of them for Pre-Service Training under DIET when we cannot give them regular appointment or substitute teacher ? The same problem has been faced by those who have trained from College of Teachers Education. Why have the three persons from outside been admitted to the College of Teachers' Education while we have our own men who are willing to undergo such training ? Are we trying our level best to accelerate unemployment problem in Mizoram ? It is necessary for our government to look into the matter.

Our Finance Department has released a good pamphlet entitled 'Package of New Economic Measures' containing 30 points. It was released on 10th February bearing the signature of our Chief Secretary. We have got a good number of instructions or guidelines for the Governments. Yesterday our Hon'ble Minister in-charge Agriculture rightly questioned as to why we, the Mizos, have become so corrupted and whose responsibility should this be shouldered? It is not the officers nor the public that are responsible. (SPEAKER : Please be brief as the time is now over.) Thank you, Pu Speaker. This being the budget Session shall we go beyond 4 or 5 pm if necessary?. Therefore, the 30 points package of Economic Measure chalked out by the Finance Department is worth to be followed.

In about 1989/90 the senior officers who were living in their own houses were not paid house rent, just as done on Council of Ministers who had been paid much less amount fixed for house rent during the financial crisis faced by the Government. Besides, special drive was made to recover pending liabilities incurred during political disturbance. The effort of Pu Manzuala, the then Chief Secretary, was indeed praiseworthy in the reconery of lakhs of rupees. Would it not be better to continue serch effort?. In fact, the financial deficit goes on increasing in spite of the release of 30 points package on 10th February.

As mentioned by the Opposition Leader, inspite of various assistance from the Central Home Ministry and the 9th Finance Commission to remove the financial deficit during the Union Territory period and after in the form of financial grants and remission of loans, our financial deficit continued on. Will the Hon'ble Finance Minister be able to decrease it for 1994 - 95?

We do not have any significant source of revenue whereas other states have tax revenue and non-tax revenue in great amount. Meanwhile our only source of revenue comes from lottery and excise revenue. Therefore, I do not think we should impose poll tax and the likes. Instead I would like to suggest imposition of tax on agricultural land, Pu Speaker.

Will the Hon'ble Finance Minister think for additional revenue or resource anobilisation? It is also necessary to have proper Financial Control. Thank you Pu Speaker, for giving me a lot of time.

1:00 P.M. Recess.

2:00 P.M.
SPEAKER :

Let me say one thing briefly especially for those Officers who have come here to witness the Session. It is not allowed in this House to sit idly with cross-legged and doing. It is also not allowed for Members to walk out before the Speaker. You should also keep this in mind. Yesterday most of you walked out before the Speaker which is against the norms of this House. To obey the rules means decoration of the House. The General Discussion will come to an end today and our sitting today will be over at 4P.M. The Finance Minister may need an hour or so for winding up. Therefore, I think we have to schedule our time in advance.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA :

Pu Speaker, as we had already taken our forenoon's time, let us extend it a bit.

SPEAKER :

Nine of you have taken your time so far as such it might not take much time. Anyway, if it is not calculated from the scheduled time it may not be convenient; let the House decide it. Pu Hari, you may take your time now.

PU H. K. CHAKMA :

Pu Speaker, I would like to say, first of all, something about Medical matter in this General Discussion. It is very much pleasing that the Government has now provided Ambulances for use in medical emergency in all the remote villages. When the poor people of the villages fall ill, they are now taken to the town by these ambulances. Such people from Tlabung were taken to Lunglei. (Speaker; Is it Tlabung that was provided?) Yes, Tlabung too has been provided.

There is also 30 bedded Civil Hospital at Tlabung and it will be better if it is upgraded to 50 bedded. As we have Health Minister, Dr. Silvera in the Central Ministry, it is our wish that this desire of us be fulfilled soon.

There have been a lot of problem because many of the Health Sub-Centres, destroyed by cyclone, have not yet been reconstructed. I would like to suggest that Health Sub-Centres be provided to various villages otherwise they are facing a lot of hardship. Further, the Government should appoint local persons for Government jobs in our area because persons appointed from this side

always fail to work properly. But for certain posts like Staff Nurse it is require to have Matriculate, as such it is not possible to recruit the people of my constituency. Therefore, the Government should give relaxation for genuine Chakmas for training. This will greatly benefit this area.

I, therefore, would like to request our Minister in-charge Medical to give assurance in this House to provide training for Nurse and Health Workers.

Coming to Education Department, most of our teachers in my constituency are non-formal teachers and most of the Schools are private Schools. There should be atleast 3 regular teachers in each Schools. Pu Speaker, it is my request that we should be given special treatment in this regards. We are facing various problems presently. A certain Chakma, Dinesh Chakma by name, working on Adhoc basis at Thalukbagh was transfer to Sammuksuri because he failed to perform his duty properly. Besides, he received a building fund of Rs.40,000/- but it is found that he has not erected even a post for the building. Is it not possible to take action against him? Can we not appoint another person in his place? Even if another teacher is appointed where should students go without any School building? This case should be investigated and if the building fund of Rs 40,000/- cannot be recovered from him let the police arrest him. The School students are now in a pittiful condition. How to go about this ?

Again, no action has been taken against a particular teacher who campaigned for B.J.P. during the election. Let them resign and enter into political field if they want to play political role otherwise the village people are suffering. In such Schools as Baniasor, Dama-sura and Mandam the teachers are functioning as private teachers while they are all normal teachers. In the same way, many villages like Lokisuri remain as if they have no teachers. Pu Speaker, we need a responsible person to look after our education. I think action should be taken against those who failed to perform their duty. Investigation should be taken before Rs.40,000/- is spent. He has spent a lot of money for attending B.J.P. meeting at Gauhati.

Pu Speaker, I had reported about this when you were Education Minister. Action should be taken immediately otherwise no one would like to work properly. The Social Welfare Department should provide the village people with Aganwadi Teachers or Pre-Primary teachers. Why has the Education Sub-Divisional Office not been established while Civil Sub-Division, Police Sub-Division, P.W.D. Division, Agriculture Sub-Division and P.H.E. Sub-Division have already been established? It is my earnest request that this Department be established to look after the poor villagers in our area. Will you please give me 2 more minutes.

Regarding Treasury for our area, State Bank and Treasury should be immediately established at Tlabung in order to curb unnecessary expenditure for going to Lunglei on pay duty. Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me additional time. JAIHIND.

DR.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, in our budget discussion here we have opening deficit amounting to over Rs. 3,000/- lakhs. From the reply to the questions we have seen that there has been financial deficit of Rs. 1032 lakhs in ZIDCO alone. While the Khadi and Village Industries (K.V.I.) has a debt of Rs. 404 lakhs making the total of Rs 1,436 lakhs. As seen from the Supplementary Demand, while Rs.300 lakhs has been earmarked for election expenditure the requirement has become Rs.461 lakhs. I think, it is therefore apparent that our future is so bleak unless we have proper financial control this year. Regarding purchase of materials which has been pointed out this morning it seems that there has been something wrong. Even our Minister would not give satisfactory explanation in respect of the purchase of Steel Wire Rod - I don't know whether he intentionally unwilling to know about it. Rs 300 lakhs was shared by three or four suppliers. The Government should take action against the purchase made at the rate of Rs.1,900/- per metre while the market price is below Rs.100/- per metre. If action is not taken it would mean that someone has involved in it.

In reply to the unstarred question regarding the purchase of Land in Shillong, it has been reflected in the column No.7 that Rs.58 lakhs has so far been spent for it. It was further stated that "Actual purchase could not be affected due to encumbrance from the Government of Meghalaya". While this is so, it is said that an expenditure of Rs. 58 lakhs has been shown in the list for purchase of Land.

Regarding the ongoing extension of NLUP operational areas, there should be no more supply of spurious seedlings like the supply of plaintain seedlings for Banana etc. Regarding the sale or distribution of 25 lakhs of eggs during last year as seen in the highlight, I think the Department has exaggerated it. Not only this, the distribution of fowls was reported to be 12 lakhs in number.

The plan for creation of Joint Director post at Lunglei has also been shown in the same highlights. In this regard I would like to suggest that unlike in the past, the Joint Director so posted should be vested with due power.

Regarding the plan for setting up Veterinary College at Aizawl, which has long been processed to be set up at Lunglei, I would like to reflect here that we, the people of Lunglei District do not understand about this change.

On Relief and Rehabilitation, it has been reflected that Rs.15,600,000/- was distributed to landslide and heavy rainfall victims in Aizawl Town and other villages. I demand clarification as to whether Landslide at Lunglei last year, causing destruction of many houses and lost of lives was included or not in this ?

Highlighting the achievement of P.W.D. it is so sad that nothing in it has been written about 'Sarkuti Hall' while reflecting various other building constructions. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister has laid the foundation for it and many years has past since then. Therefore, I cannot consider the performance of our Government satisfactory while it is so weak to continue what it has started.

Regarding Printing and Stationery Department I think it would be better to bifurcate this Department into a separate Departments. As stated in the budget speech, "Another 10 lakhs is earmarked for purchase of Land at Chawnpui". If I am not mistaken, this was debated at length in the last session. The proposed site for Press is so inconvenient as it is full of cliff. The present owner is said to have exchange this land. With his taxi, therefore, I would like to mention that the Government intention of purchasing this land at the cost of Rs. 18 lakhs is not viable economically.

Coming to Civil Hospital, our Health Minister has stated the intention of constructing Civil Hospital at Lunglei, I wish that this should be materialised this time. Not only the building but also doctors are very much needed by the people. Therefore, it is necessary to give priority to Civil Hospital.

In respect of P.H.E., the progress for Lunglei Water Supply project has been too slow in relation to the expenditure incurred so far. The approved Revised Estimate of Rs. 2,254 lakhs against the original Estimate of Rs.1,427 lakhs is excessively too high. Besides the contractor should be black listed for not being able to complete till date, while 10 October, 1992 was fixed as the date of commission for this project as the Contract Agreement. I think it is important for the Government to take earnest effort on it.

Coming to Civil Supply, it is necessary to check the multiplication of Mizoram population by 355247 in respect of the issue of Ration Card. In Aizawl District alone the population increased by over 3 lakhs from the figure of the Census Record.

Regarding Agriculture, it is important to know the reason why we cannot be self-sufficient in food-grain inspite of the successful production last year which is reported to be 76,000 Metric tonne. Judging from the allocation of fund and its expenditure it is apparent that there has been something wrong. On my visit to Chhiphir village Yesterday, I found that the people are in great trouble as there is only 150 quintals of rice in the go-down while the requirement is 35 quintals per week. A certain person is practising healing ministry there drawing daily attendance of over 430 persons. The whole village community is busy looking after these people. Therefore, I request for the emergency supply of 1000 quintal before the coming of rainy season, if possible within the month of April as demanded by the people.

I would also like to request our Health Minister to make necessary arrangement so that the existing Primary Health Centre which remains closed now will be opened to provide emergency treatment to the patients visiting there.

Besides Pu Speaker, I would like to mention something concerning Education. Regarding the system of recruitment for Circle Education Officer, in the past they were recruited from Trained Graduates having experience in a recognised Schools, through written competitive examination and interview. The present practice of filling up the said post through open recruitment from graduates is not conducive in view of the fact that High School teachers may be inspected by their recent students. I think our education tremendously suffered as a result of this.

On the other hand, I think the system of supply of school furniture should be change as there has been wastage and manipulation of grants by Headmasters and suppliers without actually obtaining the furniture. I heard that there is an intention to create a new Directorate which I very much appreciate it. In this connection, I would like to suggest the inclusion of Secondary Education in the State Council of Education in the State Council of Educational Research and Training(SCERT). Pu Speaker, I hope this will tremendously help the progress of our Education.

Thank you.

PU LALKHAMA :

Pu Speaker, let we say something in this Budget Discussion the Government Budget is important for the people of the State.

God and the people gave us a Ministry to manage this

budget money. It is indeed important for those big Managing Directors to know the importance of their responsibility for it.

First of all, I would like to stop from the new financial year, the practice of allocating a budget amount of Rs. 6 crores to Non-Plan as done in the current budget.

We have opened our budget with a financial deficit of Rs. 30/-crores. I shall briefly explain about this. By the end of the first Financial year of 1977-78 after the attainment of statehood, we had an overdraft amounting to over Rs 50/-crores. This had been inherited by the subsequent years. However, by 1990, the Planning Commission sanctioned Rs.76/-crores for wiping out all the existing financial deficit. We were, therefore, supposed to have no financial deficit since then. We have got the document relating to this. Our Government requested Dr.Man Mohan Singh, to sanction Rs. 30 crores for meeting financial deficit, when he came last year in the month of May which was granted so. How come we still have a deficit of Rs.30/-crores, inspite of all this ?. There is financial mismanagement. Where have all these money been wasted ? Pu Speaker, our Government should give due importance on this matter. With the increase of our financial expenditure the poor becomes poorer. This clearly shows that there is financial mismanagement.

I have yet some other points to mention which have not been properly reflected in this budget. Firstly, I think the allocation for village Councils is too meagre. Due importance has not been given to the roles, welfare and functions of the Village Councils. I think the prevalent of the destruction of forests by fire is due to lack of instructions to Village Councils about their responsibility and their lack of power on the other hands. It is also due to lack of sincere work with a sense of responsibility on the part of L.A.D. and Forest Departments. Therefore, I think it will be better to provide more fund, more power and more responsibility to the Village Councils.

The Governcr's speech and the Finance Minister's speech revealed that they are nearing the final settlement in their negotiation with the Hmar Peoples' Convention (HPC) and that they thought of creating Chhinlung Hill Development Council. However, no financial provision is reflected in the budget for this purpose. Are we not intending to make the actual settlement or is it that they do not need money ?.

Further, the drainage systems of our towns such as Aizawl, Lunglei, Lawngtlai, Saiha etc. have become so bad. Therefore, due importance should be given to our drainage system, development of towns and roads and more fund should be allocated for these purposes as they are all important for public health.

The Budget allocation for Police Department seems to be insufficient in view of the requirement for Border Security.

Our state is highly potential for economic growth having a good capability attracting foreign investments. I think Transport Subsidy is one of the important means of attracting such investments. I believe foreign investment will be made through our industries if a provision for Transport subsidy for carrying the state finished-products is reflected in the Budget.

I do not find any fund allocation for any scheme that may solve the problem of unemployment, in our Budget. I think this has to be seriously viewed. If we neglect the problem of educated unemployees, a serious danger may await our state.

Coming to Agriculture, while the arrangement has been made under Public Sector for purchase of our farmers' products like Ginger, Chilli etc. our village farmers have been keeping their farm products unsold. As I heard this morning, more than 100 quintals of the farmers' products remains unsold at Khawbung, the constituent village of Pu Hrangthanga. The rate for last year was Rs.27/-per kg while this year it is Rs25/-per kg. I would like to mention in this regard that are we not allocating enough fund for purchase of our farmer's products.?

Let me say few words about compensation matter. Compensation for damages during disturbance has not been reflected in this year's Budget. While compensation has been promised in the election manifesto, why the financial allocation for it has not been reflected in this budget? As they sought justice in the High Court, compensation was already given to the settlers of Aizawl Market. I believe the Government should give priority towards the village poor, before they are angered by the feeling of being neglected.

Regarding economic measure, there has been unnecessary wastage of Mizoram Budget money on departmental vehicles, picnic etc. A committee has already been formed to investigate on this. Yesterday, the Hon'ble Minister stated that this "Committee is looking into the matter".

However, the truth about this is that this Committee finished its work within a short time and it has already submitted its report. In spite of this, the Government is hiding the fact of the matter for a long time. As such there has been no decision as yet till date. Therefore is our Government serious about it really? Besides this, the allocation of Rs. 40/- lakhs is questionable in view of the efficiency of our High Court which could not settle matter relating to Election Petition even after five years.

Another thing I would like to mention is about Power and Electricity. Regarding Serlui 'B' Hydel Project, as we have mentioned the other day, we are going to purchase 1 M.W. by Rs. 50/- crores from this project. I am afraid that this Ministry will be severely criticised by the new generations to come for making the costliest of all the Hydel Projects. I think it will be better to abandon this project and concentrate for bigger project than this.

Regarding the financial deficit of Rs. 30 crores in this budget, I find no proposal or plan in the budget nor in the speech of our Finance Minister for making up this deficit. I would like to request for more attention of the Government towards this. I think it is not right to start again with financial deficit even after the second sanction had been received from the Central Government for wiping out this deficit. Additional sanction of Rs. 30 crores was received from the Union Finance Minister last year. I heard that he also agreed to write-off Rs. 50 crores taken during the time of Union Territory as a Loan. We have to thank the Central Government for all this. At the same time we have to think what have we done on our part? I would like to request our Ministry to cautiously prepare plan and expenditure for our budget. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Biakzuala.

PU LALBLIAKZUALA : Thank you, Pu Speaker for giving me time to speak on the budget discussion. In reading the speech made by the Hon'ble Finance Minister, we have many points to be delighted for.

Emphasizing on Education Department, the only Primary School at Tlangpuite village has no teachers and so, the school has been closed for some time now. Even if a teacher is posted at the school, it will be for only a month. However, at the end of the academic year, all the students were promoted to a higher class I have even contacted the Educational authority in this regard. As a result, the authority has appointed one

teacher for Tlangpuite Primary School. However, this newly appointed teacher was not a local person and therefore refused to stay at Tlangpuite. In this case, I would like to request the authority to take necessary action against this person.

I am delighted to state that our dream of having a Modern Airport at Lengpui is on the verge of becoming a reality. I would like to express my gratitude to the Aviation Minister, Pu Liansuama for all the efforts he has taken in this regard.

Regarding PHE Department though, it continues to provide potable water to the people most of the remote villages have faced water problems. In the case of my constituency, there is a suitable river which could feed about eight villages around Khawhai village. It would be most appreciated if the Government could construct water reservoir so as to provide water to Khawhai and its surrounding villages.

I am happy to note that the Government has taken positive steps in the cultivation of tea. A start in this direction has been made in the villages of Ngopa and Biata. Moreover, I have one request to make to the Government that is to set up a tea corporation. If a tea corporation is set up the process of tea plantation could be vastened.

It is a pleasing matter that there is proposal for the construction of state highway connecting Tripura and Manipur. I have greatly supported this proposal.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We have listened to the convincing speeches made by the Hon'ble Ministers of Agriculture and Sports. I am happy to note that this ministry seems to be the Government of the people. Whether our annual budget is little or not, it is depends on the leaders of this state. Therefore, it is important for the Government to utilise our budget for the right cause.

As stated by one of the ministers, some of the members used to point out bad points of other and even accusing each other. This kind of attack has hampered the dignity of this August House. Therefore, we all must be very careful in our speeches.

Regarding the maintenacance of Civil Hospital, the people have lots of grievances. I would also like to request the concern Minister to note this. Hospital has no medical supplies and there is shortage of Medical equipments like needles and syringe. An so,

the patients have to pay for medicines and the medical equipments. During the budget session large sum of money has been allotted for Medical supplies. But, the Hospital is always short of Medical supplies. Does this means that the budget provision for the purchase of medicaines are diverted for other purpose ? In the case of X-ray machine, it has been planted at Sialsuk. But this X-ray machine has been out of order for quite some time. So, I would like to urge the Government to repair this machine so that the people in the areas may utilise it.

During the year 1992, three colleges have been provincialised. However, the working staff at the three colleges of Kolasib College, Zirtiri Womens' College and Saiha College have met various difficulties as they are not being regularised by the Government. Not only the staff but the students have also suffered.

As stated by the member who stood before me, we have our own High Court Bench here in Aizawl. And large sum of money have also spent for the establishment. Here, I would like to suggest the court setting should be conducted at least once in a month. So that the problems of the people may be solved.

It seems that there is something wrong in SCERT regarding the supply of Science KIT and instrument. For the supply of Science Kit and Instruments, tender was floated. However, the lowest bidder was rejected and instead the higher bidder company was selected by the Government. It was also stated that this Company has been selected as the Professional Tax was attached to the tender. In this case, how does it possible that Professional Tax Clearance has been given to the Company based at Calcutta. It appears that something has been wrong in the selection of Company.

SPEAKER :

If there is another member who would like to stand the time may be extended.

PU ZAKHU HYCHHC :
MINISTER

Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, I would like to speak in regard to the District Councils. If we look into the Budget book, we have seen the salaries of the three C.E.Ms of Chakma, Lai and Mara Districts. While the salary of the Chief Executive Member of Chakma and Lai District Council is Rs. 9000/- per month, the salary of the CEM of Mara District Council is only Rs. 3000/-. Likewise, while the salary of

the MDC of Chakma District Council is Rs 5300/- the MDC of Mara was only Rs. 1500/-. What is the reason for the difference in the salaries of the MDC and the CEM.

Secondly, the budget itself is unsatisfactory. If we carefully study the budget speech of the Hon'ble Finance Minister, it appears that the Government does not make programmes which can be regarded as a revenue resource. In the budget speech the Hon'ble Finance Minister had stated that in order to be self-sufficient agriculture would be given top most priority. In spite of this the farmers are provided with little or no agricultural facilities. The budget book shows the instead of regarding agriculture as a topmost priority the Department itself is given top most priority. The total amount allotted for the Department is Rs. 648 lakhs to which Rs. 300 lakhs is proposed for direction and administration and another Rs. 30 lakhs only is allotted for assistance to small and marginal farmers and Rs. 35 lakhs for fertilizers. This means that only Rs. 65 lakhs is for the benefit of the farmers. Therefore, I opine that Mizoram could never be self-sufficient in agriculture if only this much has been allotted for agriculture.

Coming to the District Council, this ministry seems to be favouring the District Council. In the case of NLUP, JCD has also been proposed for Tuipang Block. And in this way, this ministry seems to be given priority to the District Council. However, the main problem the Government has been careless on the implementation of certain programmes.

In the speech of the Hon'ble Governor, we have seen "Health for all by 2000 AD". This has means that the Government plans to pay more attention to public health. However, the budget provision for Health is lower than the previous year. In the budget book, there is provision for the repair of Hospitals at Aizawl and Aizawl. But, the Civil Hospital of Saiha has not been mentioned in the budget book. Being the District Headquarter, only 72 bedded Hospital is rather small for Saiha. The Hospital at Saiha is the only Hospital in the District and therefore it is necessary to enlarge the accommodation. Not only this, the Hospital also faced problem in regard to anaesthetic, due to shortage of facilities. Though an expert anaesthetist has been posted at the Hospital, there is nothing much he could do due to lack of facilities.

The Minister has said yesterday that we are being fortunate to have a leader who could provide us with this budget provision. In my opinion, we the people of Mizoram need is the leaders who know how to spent the budget for the right cause. Therefore, it is necessary to learn how to spent our budget for the right cause.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It seems that the system in which we discuss our budget has been worse. In the previous years development Department like Public Works Department and Public Health Engineering used to mention their work schedule for the current year. As this is so, it encourages fund diversion. If the work schedule has been produced in the plan and budget there is less case of diversion of fund. In this case, it is very hard to tell which one is to blame, the Ministry or the Official. Hence, it is necessary to produce the work schedule whenever we make budget provision.

Another point I would like to raise is that in the Memorandum on the term of Reference of the Tenth Finance Commission, we find that Rs. 42.32 crores has been deficit during Mizoram became Union Territory. However, in the Budget Speech we have seen that the remained outstanding due of U.T. Loan was Rs. 50.60 crores. In this case, I request the Minister to clarify the reason for the difference in figure.

Another point I would like to raise is in regard to the maintenance of Aizawl town. The main road in Aizawl town need reconstruction. As Aizawl is a state capital the first thing to be done is renovation of town and the extension of the roads within Aizawl town. Drainage system is another important thing that is required in the maintenance of Aizawl town without proper drainage system the roads cannot last long. Hence, the Government should give priority to drainage system.

To be sufficient is our economic condition, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Horticulture should give priority for the progress of foodgrains. The agricultural products could also be marketed. The Department of Trade and Commerce should take step for this. This Department is an important Department. However, the department is short of working staff. As we knew, the Department has dealt large sum of money, but without adequate working staff, we cannot expect the department to make great achievements.

Finally, in regard to Education Department, the Primary Schools at the District Council area have used the local language. However, in the Middle School level Mizo language is being used. At the same time, it is heard that the Government intends to introduced their local language instead of Mizo language in the Primary level. If the ministry is going to take political advantage. It may not be the best thing for the future of the people in the District Council area. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

PU K.T.ROKHAW :

Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me time.

First, I would like to speak in regard to Tourism Department. This Department has taken rapid steps in the field of Development Various Tourist Lodges have also been constructed in several places. Though it is a small Department it has made many achievements during the last few years.

Coming to the Department of Social Welfare, this Department has also made great achievements towards the welfare of the society. Mention may also be made that the efforts taken by I.C.D.S. is also satisfactory. However, I would like to mention that the budget provision for this Department is rather small considering the programmes the Department has to implemented. The Department does not ever have a building of its own. Therefore, I suggest that the Government should pay more attention to this Department.

SPEAKER :

I may call upon Pu L.P.Thangzika.

PU L.P.THANGZIKA :

Pu Speaker, I would like to mention a few points which I consider as important. This ministry has been ruling for only 2 or 3 months now. As such, I have nothing much to say on the actions taken by the Government. Moreover, It is pleasing to hear that the state budget has been increasing tremendously. The increase in our budget signifies that the leaders are really trying to make developments. The budget may be large or small the success has been depend on the administration of the Government. In connection with this I would like to mention some points in which the administration is not satisfactory. As stated by the members earlier, the Primary Schools in the remote villages have suffered a lot due to shortage of teachers. While there are seven or eight teachers in one Primary School within town area, only one post of teacher is made on the village Primary School. Whenever, the teacher is going on leave the students have no teacher and the result would be to close the school. As this is the case, I would like to urge the Government to consider the case of Primary School in the remote areas.

Emphasizing on the Department of Revenue, I would like to say that the Government has failed in the administration. There are some cases in which Land

Settlement Certificate is issued to private persons within town area. This has hampered the town development in cases like Aizawl town where the place is very congested.

One of the members had mentioned the need for the extension of roads within Aizawl town. The roads in Lunglei town also needs extension. I have mention this as Lunglei is a developing town. Hence, I request the authority not to neglect Lunglei town.

PU LAL THANHAWLA :
CHIEF MINISTER

Thank you, Pu Speaker. Before the Finance Minister has wind up the discussion, I would like to say few important points. I have listened to the grievances and complains of the members. I will try to take necessary actions on the points raised by them.

School Education needs special consideration. According to my opinion our present system of education requires reforms. However, we have to know that education has been link with unemployment problem. The problem of unemployment is not only the problem of Mizoram but the whole world. However, It is our duty to find solution for our own problem. We have often discussed the subject of State University. In principle the Central Government has approved State University for Mizoram. But the Prime Minister has the nation that it should be very distinctive. The Central Government has also regarded that Mizoram deserves State University. However, it is necessary from our side to consider our financial status before we become self-sufficient.

The Members have raised the problem of shortage of teachers in rural areas. I have even discussed this subject with the heads of the Department. As a result of this discussion some members who are absent from their posting place are being identified. In this way, about five teachers have already been suspended from their post. There is also proposal for granting of compulsory retirement to some senior teachers. In this regard the Government has made certain reforms on the educational field. In the case of shortage of teachers in rural areas, the Government has met certain difficulties in the appointment of teacher due to financial constraints.

In the case of the purchase of Science kit, the terms and conditions were published in the national papers. The selection of the company that will supply the materials would be done according to the terms and conditions. If a company is found to be satisfactory, it would be selected.

We, have often discussed the subject of 'Health for all by 2000 AD'. It is not merely a state policy, but the policy of the United Nations. This policy does not try to achieve better hospitals and larger accommodation in the hospital but eradication of at least six major common diseases through vaccination.

Some members have the idea that the Government does not take effort for signing peace accord with the Hmar Peoples' Convention since there is no provision. In this case, the Government does not consider necessary to make provision as we are expecting to sign peace accord with the H.P.C.

Coming to Power, many members have mentioned the deficiency in power supply and even suggest for diesel generation. As mentioned earlier, diesel generation has not be recommended by the Central Government due to the rise in the cost of generation. To start big project, we have to wait ten to fifteen years as only the investigation has to take five year. In the meantime, it is necessary to start small hydel projects in order to meet our demands in power.

When the Prime Minister visited Mizoram he clearly realised our need for power project which can make us self sufficient. However, the Central Government is not able to give us clearance for starting big power projects. As soon as we get clearance from the Central Government Hydro Projects could be installed.

Regarding the states deficit, during the time of Union Territory the deficit was Rs. 30 crores. However, that deficit was increased to Rs. 42 crores as there are many unforeseen expenditures like the Dearness Allowances of the Government Employees. At the same time there are also elections in which large sum of fund has to be incurred. As this is the case, the states deficit has been increased to Rs. 42 crores.

It is important for the Government to lay emphasize on additional resource mobilisation, If we are not taking more effort on resource mobilisation the state deficit would increase tremendously. Therefore, whether we sit in the opposition bench or in the ruling it is necessary to work together for the development of our state.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA :
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble House Leader has already explained to several points which are important to the members. As there is no time to explain all the points I will try to clarify the important points. I would

also like to express my sincere thanks to the members for their constructive criticisms and advice.

When Mizoram became Union Territory, the economic condition of Mizoram was very bad. And the state of insurgency followed which overseen the condition as the main problem was law and order. As this is the case, the Government was not in a position to take efforts on the developmental side. When Pu CH.Chhunga became the Chief Minister he had given precious taking effort for the development of Mizoram. However, as Mizoram lacks basic infrastructure, development could not be achieved a rapidly. Therefore, no ministry is to blame in the case of development. Some members have mentioned the case of cash deficit during the time of Union Territory. In this case, I would like to say that we are not in a position to avoid deficit financing due to our background and financial status. As stated by the Hon'ble House Leader, the Union Minister, Dr Man Mohan Singh has assured us for an advance release of central assistance so, that we would be able to pay the state's financial deficit.

Some members have mentioned the subject of Public debt. According to the present condition of our state most of the project taken up by the public cannot be made into productive project due to lack of basic infrastructure. Therefore, public debt cannot be avoid to some extend.

In the case of Hydro Project - these mine, micro-mini small and smaller are going as experimental basis as our hydrological behaviour and geological behaviour are not untested.

Regarding rural water supply, investigation has been conducted since 1978. The result of this investigation is very important for the steps to be taken in future.

In the field of agriculture and Horticulture, the experts and scientists have found out the reason for our failure in this field. In this way, the Government is taking steps for the progress of Agriculture and Horticulture so that we can make amends.

I am delighted to hear from the members that the amount of our budget is not important, but the ones who utilise the budget, whether small or large are important. I hope this will be an useful encouragement for all of us.

The members have pointed out that though the Hon'ble Finance Minister had mentioned in his speech that agriculture and allied services are given top most priority, the budget provision for agriculture is whether small. Though the budget provision for agriculture and

allied activities is only Rs. 24 crores, Rural development has mainly dealt with agriculture and allied sectors. Not only this, Irrigation and Flood Control have also deal with agriculture and allied activities. Therefore, though it seems that only Rs. 24 crores is allotted for agriculture and allied activities. It has share in the Departments of Rural Development and Irrigation Flood Control also.

Mention has also been made that the budget provision for Power development is rather smaller. As we have seen in the Budget Book Rs. 35.81 crores has been allotted for power development. In this regard, I would like to inform you that the amount allotted for power development becomes one-fifth of the total allotment. Hence, the fund allotment in the priority sector is fair enough.

The members have also stated that the target and activities of various departments are not known as their work schedule has not been shown in the budget book. In this case, the targets and activities of various departments have been shown in the budget Highlights. The copy of the Highlights have also been distributed to each members. If the members have studied the highlights more carefully we could have a fruitful discussion of our budget.

The Hon'ble Member of Lunglei constituency had mentioned the case of Lunglei Greater Water Supply Scheme. The project has been done from the revised estimate in which the work period usually takes two or three years. If this is so, the estimate becomes rapidly increased which cannot be avoided. As stated by the member, water has been pumped from Tlawng river which requires Diesel Engine and electric operated pumping machine. If water has been pumped from only Tlawng river, water has to be stocked in the main reservoir by using vertical pump. This will requires 2.5 Mega Watts of power. At the same time, Pialthleng river could feed Lunglei town except during summer. In this way, water has been pumped from Pialthleng by use of gravitation. This means that Pialthleng river could be able to supply water to Lunglei town except during the dry season. At the same time, 2.5 Mega Watt power could be saved for about 7 to 8 month each year. For this reason, these two rivers are being taken up for the project as they are equally important for the scheme. The jack well for Tlawng river is under construction. At present water discharge from Pialthleng comes to 1,00,000 gallons per day. However, from the month of March the Department will provide water supply by using Departmental Trucks and private Trucks. In this way water problem within Lunglei town has been solved.

As stated by the Hon'ble House Leader we had undertaken with the Planning Commission to raise additional resources of Rs. 10 crores in 1994-95 and effort would be made to tax and non-tax revenue.

As stated in the Highlights, paragraph 31, appeal has been made to all sections of the people of Mizoram and especially those who directly concerned with spending to ensure frugal and judicious use of every rupee spent. I would also like to include the members in this appeal.

Finally, I would like to invite all the members to work together to improve our financial position and also to control ourselves so as to have clear and efficient administration. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Today has been an important day as we have a general discussion on our budget. In speaking at the House, we should be very careful in the words we use as it is for House record.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the members used to make a mistake by saying that this ministry has been formed in the centenary year. However, this ministry was formed in 1993 and the Gospel Centenary was celebrated in 1994. Therefore, this should be corrected.

SPEAKER : Tomorrow we shall have voting on the demands. At 4:30PM we shall have a refreshment. The meeting is adjourned till 23.3.1994 at 10:30 AM.