

13TH SITTING OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 3RD ASSEMBLY:
ON MONDAY, THE 28TH MARCH, 1994.

PRESENT

PU VAIVENGA, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 12 Ministers and 23 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

Discussion and Votings on Demands
for Grants for 1994-95.

2. PU LALHMINGTHANGA to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
3. PU C.L.RUALA to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. PU H.THANGKIMA to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S P E A K E R : I cry aloud to the Lord and
he answers me from his holy
hill.
I lie down and sleep;
I wake again, for the Lord
sustains me.
Psalms 3:4-5.

Now I shall call upon
Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga to ask starred question No.135.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, starred question
No.135 is - Will the Hon'ble
Minister i/c P.W.D. be pleased
to state -

When will the Black Toppint work of ITI Mualpui road be
started ?

S P E A K E R : As Pu Lal Thanhawla is absent, may I call upon Pu Lalhmingthanga Finance Minister who is authorised to take all charges to answer, question No.135.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker answer for question No. 135 is -
As this road is constructed with the funds from Police (Home) Department, it is not included in the scheme of PWD. Black Topping will be done when there is funds*from the concern Department.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Supplementary question Pu Speaker. Is this road under Home Department ?

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, there is a quarry near this road and the quarry road is undertaken by PWD. Why does PWD intend to make ITI - Mualpui road from Police fund while they can make even private road from their PWD fund ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as often said even in this House, in major works like this, P W D acts as work agency and the funds had been transferred to the concern Department. Even in the case of this road, maintenance has to be done by PWD however, black topping work will be taken up by PWD as soon as there is fund for this. Regarding private road as pointed out by the Hon'ble Member Pu F.Lalremsiama, Government is giving importance to public interests and public roads.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, it is regretful that our House Leader is not present and I would like to know the reason of his absence. My question was - Is this road PWD road or Departmental road as Zoo road was undertaken by PWD.

PU F.MALSAWMA : There was a proposal to demarcate building and road divisions in the 8th Five Year Plan i.e. 1992-1997.

Is there any intention to demarcate these two divisions in the next financial year ?

S P E A K E R : Our House Leader went to Shillong to attend North Eastern Chief Minister's Conference. And he authorised the Hon'ble Finance Minister to take his charges. I think he will be with us soon.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, regarding the absence of our House Leader, he went to attend meeting of Chief Ministers, Tourism Ministers and Finance Ministers of North Eastern States at Shillong to consider about Restricted Area Permit (RAP) and Protected Area Permit (PAP). As we are having Budget Session I can not attend the meeting while our House Leader and Tourism Minister went to attend the meeting. We must know that their absence is due to Government Business.

Regarding the question asked by the Hon'ble Member Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga, construction work of ITI - Mualpui road is being done from the funds of Home Department and when the work is completed, it will be transferred to PWD. About demarcation as asked by Pu F. Malsawma, it can not be done all of a sudden, however, there is a proposal.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, there is also Rescue Home at Mualpui established by Salvation Army besides Police Centre and Quarry. Is the road to quarry more important than approach road to these Institutions ? And will the Government do Black Topping on all quarry roads ? If not, Is not the present Government a little partial ?

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu H. Lalruata, will ask starred question No.136.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, regarding
MINISTER Pu F.Lalremsiama's question
about the partiality of the
Government. I would like
to make clasificaton. This Government is not partial
at all and it does not favour any one in particular.
In a true sense, all quarries are under the Government
and the individuals work through Forest Department.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu H.Lalruata.

PU H.LALRUATA : Pu Speaker, starred question
No. 136 -
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c
Printing & Stationery Deptt.
be pleased to state -

- a) Name of the supplier of paper for Lunglei Printing
& Stationery.
- b) The quantity of paper supplied by the supplier.

S P E A K E R : May I call upon Pu S.T.Rual-
yapa to answer.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Pu Speaker, answer for starred
MINISTER question No.136 is -

- a) For Lunglei Printing and Stationery papers are being
supplied from Printing & Stationery Depot according
to their requirements and -
- b) Does not arise.

PU H.LALRUATA : Pu Speaker, supplementary
question. If papers are
supplied from Printing &
Stationery Depot then who
supplied to this Depot ?

PU S.T.RUALYAPA : Pu Speaker, there are 130
MINISTER approved suppliers in this
Department. For Lunglei
Printing & Stationery, the
Department sent 2522 reams which cost Rs 2,64,595/-.

PU H.LALRUATA : Pu Speaker, another supple-
mentary question. Does the
Government know that most
of the papers given for
Lunglei Printing & Stationery are not useable ?

PU F.MALSAWMA : Supplementary question
Pu Speaker, Does the Govt.
know that the quality of
papers supplied for Prin-
ting & Stationery is too bad ? And is there any inten-
tion to revise rate of printing ? -

PU S.T.RUALYAPA : Pu Speaker, the Government
MINISTER does not know that papers
are that bad. However, it
is known that there are
some old stock papers. In regard to printing rate at
private press, its been revised and the new rate will
be used very soon.

PU H.LALRUATA : Pu Speaker, one more supple-
mentary question. The Hon'ble
Minister said there are old
stock papers which are not
useable. Can the Government assure the House to verify
this ?

PU S.T.RUALYAPA : Pu Speaker, if there are such
MINISTER damaged papers, it has to be
verified. But, I myself visi-
ted Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha
Depots and found no such damaged papers.

S P E A K E R : May I call upon Pu B.Lalthlengliana to ask starred question No.137.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, starred question No. 137 ks -
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Sports & Youth Department be pleased to state -

- a) The total expenditure incurred for Mini Sports Complex at Kolasib.
- b) What steps had been taken so far ?

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, answer for
MINISTER Starred Question No.137 is -

- a) Total Expenditure incurred for Mini Sports Complex at Kolasib is Rs. 33,66,645/-
- b) Retaining Wall had been made and levelling work was started last year but the work is being stopped at present because the machine is out of order.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Supplementary question.
Pu Speaker, The figure given for Pu Lalkhama's unstarred question for the same purpose is not tally with the figure given by the Hon'ble Minister I would like to know the reason for this. I also would like to ask the Minister how the Government is intending to take steps for this complex. The works already done are insignificant comparing with the expenditure so far.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is true that the figures I had given is not tally with the figure given for unstarred question asked by the Hon'ble Member from Aizawl West I Constituency because there was a mistake in the addition and my figure is more accurate. It may be true to say that the works already done are too insignificant comparing with the expenditure and I welcome the zealousness of the Hon'ble Member. In future it is the intension of both the Government and the Directorate as well as the Council to examine carefully the expenditure.

- PU LALSAWTA : I would like to know who has undertaken the construction work of this Mini Sport Complex ?
- PU F.MALSAWMA : Does the Government intend to construct playground at Thingdawl ?
- PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : When will the construction work of Mini Sport Complex at Kolasib be completed ?
- PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, regarding the question asked by Pu Thlenga, we want to complete it as soon as possible. However, as mentioned earlier, the construction work can not be done as fast as we want because our machines are out of order. As soon as these machines are repaired, the construction work will be carried on and we would try to complete it quickly.
- MINISTER
- Regarding the question asked by the Hon'ble Member from Aizawl North II Constituency there are proposals to construct playground at various places which will be done gradually. As that is the case I can not answer it specifically. Regarding the question asked by the Hon'ble Member from Aizawl South II. The construction work is done through a contractor.
- S P E A K E R : May I call upon Dr. R.Lalthangliana to ask starred question No. 138.
- Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, starred question No. 138 is -
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Public Works Department be pleased to state -

- a) The expenditure incurred for Lunglei - Thenzawl road under Lunglei Division till this date.
- b) The length of solling and metalling and Black topping done for this road.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, answer for
MINISTER starred question No.138 is -

- a) The expenditure incurred for Lunglei - Thenzawl road from January 1989 - February 1994 is Rs.5,02,21,656/-
- b) 52.50 Km had been soled and mettaled which is half of the total length of the road and 48.50 Km had been black - topped.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question. From the answer given by the Minister, 502 lakhs of rupees had been spent within 5 years. I would like to ask why the expenditure is so high and the reason why it is always covered by grass though it had been black topped. I also would like to know whether the Government is aware of or not that there is a Bill for supply of stones in between 27.5 Km and 62.5 Km but in reality no stone was supplied. If yes, what action will be taken for this ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, there is a proposal
MINISTER to upgrade this road into a state Highway. In order to make it a highway there are many works to be done besides black topping and solling items. However, the question was the expenditure incurred for metalling and black topping. Therefore, if we think the expenditure was only for metalling and black topping, it will be too much but I would like to point out that the expenditure was also for other items. The Government is not aware that this road is covered by grass. And the Government is also not aware of such Bills. However, if mention is made in the House, it can verify this matter.

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PU F.LALZUALA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question. When will the Black Topping work be completed ? How many blind curves are there in this road between O Point - 25Km and how many Hume Pipe Culvert had been constructed and how many narrow roads had been widened ?

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, one more supplementary question. In between 27.5 Km and 62.5 Km in this road, the expenditure had exceeded more than 37 lakhs rupees for stone aggregate and it is a wonder that the Government is not aware of this. What action will be taken if the Government is aware of this matter ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, regarding the question asked by the Hon'ble MINISTER Member from Tawipui Constituency. I can not say the exact numbers of narrow road widened and construction of Hume Pipe Culvert but there are many.

In regard to the question asked by the Hon'ble Member from Lunglei North to exceed the estimate amount is a system of contract work. Department Technicians will make revise estimate and if that is justifiable technically Government will sanction the amount of revised estimate. However, in the present case, nothing had been processed to the Government.

PU F.LALZUALA : In the past upto 80 Km of Lunglei - Thenzawl was undertaken by Lunglei Division and why it is only upto 52 1/2 Km now ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, in various Deptts. MINISTER including PWD more divisions had been created and the area to be covered by the divisions are arranged accordingly. Before Hmuifang Division was created, the division was divided according to Lunglei. D.C. jurisdiction and Aizawl D.C. jurisdiction.

When Hmuifang Division was created some areas of Aizawl and Lunglei Divisions were added to Hmuifang Division which results in the shortening of the length of Lunglei - Thenzawl road to be undertaken by Lunglei Division from 80 Km to 52 Km.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu F.Lalzuala will ask starred question No.139.

PU F.LALZUALA : Pu Speaker, starred question No. 139 is -
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state -

Is the Government aware that in rural areas, people are paying unconsumed electric bills.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, answer for starred question No. 139 is - NO.
MINISTER

PU F.LALZUALA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question. In rural areas, they do not get power supply for one or two months yet they are charged with the same bill. What is the intention of the Government in this regard ?

PU F.LAWMKIMA : Pu Speaker, power supply in rural areas is very irregular but they have to pay the same bill like us. What steps will be taken by the Government in this matter ?

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Supplementary Question, Pu Speaker, The way our metre readers read metre is not precise. If we complained the Bill made by metre readers to their Office, they will simply reduce the Bill. Is the Govt. aware of this billing system ?
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PU C.L.RUALA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Government is aware of the shortage of power in rural areas. The present rules is made on the basis of I.E Act 1910 and I.E. Rule 1956. According to this rule, the consumer should pay the minimum charge. We will examine what the Hon'ble Member of Lunglei 'N' had mentioned.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, my starred question No. 140 -
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Vigilance Department be pleased to state -

In which month and year in the future will the Government of Mizoram remove corruption from Mizoram Government administration ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Mizoram Government is taking necessary action to avoid corruption in the administration. There can be no time frame and the Government will make all-out effort to abolish corruption.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, if so, how long will corruption remain in the Government administration ?

PU H.LALRUATA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question - Is there any proposal to abolish during 6 months as the MJD President's had promised ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as it is natural inclination from the time of Eden Garden, the government will take every possible means to abolish corruption.

S P E A K E R : In the absence of the owner of question No. 141, authorised person will ask.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, I asked my starred question No. 141. Will the Hon'ble in-charge Health Department be pleased to state-

PU C.L.RUALA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the question and answer is -

a) Is there any proposal to put permanent Health Director ?

Ans : Yes.

b) Is there any proposal to supply medicine to Aizawl and Lunglei Civil Hospital ?

Ans : Yes.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question. Although promise may be easy but to follow up is not easy. Whether the medical supply will be done during this financial year ?

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question - Since Dr. Selbuanga Health Director had passed away, there are no other Director. The reason being that the then Joint Director was junior who had been in the Joint Director put for only two years. But, many year had passed, we still do not have full-fledged Director, what is this reason ?

PU C.L. RUALA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble Health Minister had clearly mentioned about this when he wind up the Health Department Demand. So, I am unable to give more answer beside this.

S P E A K E R : Question No. 142 Pu F.Lalzuala.

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S P E A K E R : Question No. 142 Pu F.Lalzuala.

PU F.LALZUALA : Pu Speaker, I ask my starred question No. 142. Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c concern department will be pleased to state -

How many Community Hall has been constructed at rural areas in Lunglei District ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, the answer is 16, MINISTER such as :-

- 1) Tawipui 'N' expected in 1994.
- 2) Zobawk , 1993.
- 3) Chhipphir, 1993.
- 4) Zotlang, 1993.
- 5) Kanghmun, 1994.
- 6) Mualthuam, 1993.
- 7) Chawngte 'L', 1992.
- 8) Vanhne, 1992.
- 9) Phairuangkai, 1992.
- 10) Dilipbak, 1993.
- 11) Nonsuri, 1992.
- 12) Bualpui, 1993.
- 13) Muallianpui, 1993.
- 14) Tawipui, 'S', 1993.
- 15) Cherhlun, 1993.

PU F.LALZUALA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question - whether construction will be continued for uncompleted Halls ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, Yes. MINISTER

PU F.LALZUALA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question - Whether the sanction will be given in instalment ?

- PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, plan for construction of Hall is made in consultation with BDO, SDO, MLA and BDC Members, Usually, they used to make proposal and the sanction is given as the suggestion of B.D.C. offer the B.D.O. has withdrawn the fund, a Committee is set up and sanction is released one after another. This is our procedure.
- PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my starred question No.143. Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Health Department be pleased to state-
How many X-Ray machines are not in working condition ?
- PU C.L.RUALA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there are 6 X-Ray machines in poor conditioned in different Hospitals.
- PU B.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question - in which places ? Is there any one from Aizawl who operates X-Ray machine
out side ?
- PU F.MALSAWMA : As the big plate of X-Ray machine in Hospital is damaged we face many problems. If, the supplier could not supply what action would be taken ? And, the supplier of medicines is to be selected on September/October. Whether the Government has any supplier who could not be black listed ?
- PU H.LALRUATA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question - Is there any one who diverted X-Ray machine which is given for Lunglei Civil Hospital to Aizawl Civil Hospital ?

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, how long the X-Ray machine has been out of order? In which place? Is it possible to repair it?

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Speaker, It may not be possible to answer all these questions at once. We take note of all these and I will give the answer in written later on.

As the latest information, most of the machines were repaired.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, the X-Ray machine in Aizawl Civil Hospital is not functioning since a long time back. As the machine is not repaired till now, the villagers face many problems and they have to pay Rs 500/- for X-Ray out side. So, it is my request to solve this problem as early as possible.

S P E A K E R : As I had already mentioned, in the absence of Minister concern, Pu Ruala (authorised person) Will take note of this. It is in the public interest. Question No. 144 Pu F.Malsawma.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, my starred question No.144. Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the concern department be pleased to state-

- a) Is there any proposal to give fund under NLUP to those who were selected but have not received the fund?
- b) Whether the Government is aware that there are 40 persons who do not received the fund though they were selected at the beneficiaries?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, the answers is -
a) Yes.
b) Yes.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, supplementary
qu-estion - In Mualvum,
work has been started under
NLUP. Is there any Govt's.
proposal to acquire land without giving compensation ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, Govt. has no such
MINISTER intention. The reason why
some persons, though already
selected as beneficiaries,
are not given fund are that when survey is conducted
Govt. examine whether Govt's. Servants are involved
or not under the scheme. Under Thingdawl R.D. Block,
Kawnpui Village Council did not Co-operate the Deptt.
Which creates problems. If there is no co-operation
from the public the scheme cannot be implemented property.
It may also be noted that the whole of Mizoram cannot
be covered by the scheme all at once. Those who are not
included in the list of beneficiaries will be included
at some other times.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble
R.D Minister said that Aizawl
North I may be included under
NLUP. We also expected to
include the outermost part of Aizawl town but he did not
include it in his-wind-up speech. Whether the manual
labourers in Aizawl Town Area will be included under
NLUP ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble Finance
MINISTER Minister had already mentioned
in the Budget Speech that Tlang-
nuam Block is also included
under NLUP. We know that this Block covers a vast area
at once. When the time comes, we will cover one by one.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, As far as my
knowledge in concern, Aizawl
Town is included in Tlangnuam
Block. How can Town be
included in Rural Development scheme ? Is it Rural Area ?

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, although villages like Sihphir, Tanhril, Luangmual, Sakawrtuichhun, Hlimen, Lungleng, Khawchhete and Vawkzawn are the area of Aizawl Town but they are regarded as villages under Rural Development Department. On the other hand, Bawngkawn to Kulikawn, Chawnpui to Armed veng will be included under NRY.

PU LALSAWTA

: Pu Speaker, my starred question No.145.

Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Relief & Rehabilitation Department be pleased to state -

What are the details expenditure and assistance incurred by the government of Mizoram to the victims of Hlimen Quarry tragedy in August 1992 out of Rupees One hundred lakhs sanctioned by the Central Government in the Financial Year 1992-1993 ?

PU P.LALBIAKA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, Rupees hundred lakhs sanctioned is in the hand of PWD. Our expenditure from Calamity Relief

Fund is Rs. 9,64,579.89p such as :-

- 1) Rs. 10,000/- each for 56 landslide.
- 2) Rs. 5,000/- each for 9 persons seriously wounded.
- 3) Rs. 2,000/- each for 3 persons minor injured.
- 4) Rs. 3,13,957.89 for Ration and built of booths.

And, we received Rs. 20 lakhs from Prime Minister Relief Fund and Rs. 9,90,000/- from Indian People National Calamity Trust. From Prime Minister Relief Fund we expected Rs. 20,000 each for bereaved family Rs 2000/- each for injured persons. And, as we often have to face natural calamity, we give Rs.6,000,000/- to D.C. for state Relief Fund. We also expected Rs. 15,000/- for 66 bereaved families from Indian People Natural Calamity Trust. And, we also received Rs. 3,15,312.25p Relief Fund from different organisation and all this is submitted to the D.C. Aizawl.

PU LALSAWTA

: Pu Speaker, page No.97 of the supplementary demand 1992-93 clearly shows that Rs 100 lakhs is diverted to the PWD and as in the explanatory memorandum, this fund is for the relief of the victims of Hlimen Quarry. In PWD Rs 47 lakhs is vested for plan and Rs 53 lakhs for Non-plan-for T.A. Office expenses and maintenance of Motor Vehicles. So, my question is whether this sanction of Rs 100 lakhs is not used for the relief of victims at S.Hlimen Quarry by the Relief & Rehabilitation Department ?

PU P.LALBIAKA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, as this sanction is handed over to PWD, the Relief & Rehabilitation did not use this money. I could not mention how much was spent by PWD for maintenance of road. Along with this, they may have used the fund for landslide victims in other places.

S P E A K E R

: Question No.146, Pu F.Lalzuala.

PU F.LALZUALA

: Pu Speaker, my starred question No.146.
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Transport Department be pleased

to state -

PU H.THANGKIMA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, the question is - Whether the Government try to operate state, Transport Bus Service from Lunglei to S.Van-laiphai ? The answer is 'Yes' but as the condition of road and Bus is not good, we could not operate at once. While the condition is improving we plan to operate Bus Service.

PU F.LALZUALA

: Pu Speaker, supplementary question - In 1983, the present Finance Minister inaugurated this road for Truckable road. Eleven years had passed, is it still possible to make excuse regarding the condition of road ?

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PU H.THANGKIMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Truck road and Bus road is different. The Department is particular for public carrier than goods - carrier. Besides this, we do not receive clearance certificate from PWD. And, we expected new Bus which will arrive shortly. If the condition is improve, we are eager to have Bus Services for the public.

PU F.LALZUALA : Pu Speaker, is it possible to give one of the newly arrived buses for this purpose ?

S P E A K E R : Now, the question time is over. Pu Zuala's question is that whether the Government will give one Bus from newly arrived buses for Lunglei - S.Vanlaiphai ?

PU H.THANGKIMA
MINISTER : We will look into this.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I ask my question.
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c PWD be pleased to state -

- a) Is there any proposal to make Khawminglokaw - Via Hmaifang - Sialsuk truckable road during 1994-95.
- b) Is there any proposal to black top Sateek - Phulpui road ?
- c) Is there any proposal to black top the approach road between Kelsih and Falkawn ?
- d) When will the construction of road between Samtlang and Lungleng 'N' be completed ? If the construction is completed will it be black-topped. during 1994-95 ?
- e) Is there any proposal to black top Samtlang road ?
- f) Whether the approach road to Bairabi Rail Station is completely black top ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is -
a) No.
b) No.
c) No.
d) The construction of Samtlang - Lungleng 'N' will be finished during 1994-95. We have no plan to black top after the construction is finish.

e) No.
f) No.

PU LALSAWTA

: Pu Speaker, I ask my question -
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c
of the concerned Department
be pleased to state -

What is the total number of
Non-Mizos in Mizoram, having, waiting on or being em-
ployed in shops, stalls and in goods carrying Transport
agencies in Aizawl and the towns in Mizoram as on 28.2.
1994 though such shops, stalls and goods-carrying trans-
port agencies may not necessarily be in their ~~names~~ ?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, the answer is -
(A) AIZAWL DISTRICT

- 1) No. of Non-Mizos having shops - 203 Nos.
- 2) No. of Non-Mizos having tea-stall - Nil.
- 3) No. of Non-Mizos waiting on tea - stall - 62.
- 4) No. of Non-Mizos being employed in shops - 55 Nos.
- 5) No. of Non-Mizos having Goods carrying transport agencies - Nil.
- 6) No. of Non-Mizos employed in Goods-carrying transport agencies - 29 Nos.

(B) LUNGLEI

- 1) Total No. of Non-Mizos having, waiting on in shops stall - 434 Nos.
- 2) Being employed in shops, stalls and goods carrying transport agencies - 595 Nos.

(C) SAIHA

No. of Non-Mizos being employed in shops/stalls and other business are as follows :-

- 1) 69 persons are under Mara Autonomous District Council Area.
- 2) 135 Nos are under Lai Autonomous District Council Area.

(D) CHAKMA AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT COUNCIL

No. of Non-Mizos being employed in shops/stalls and other business - 38 Nos.

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S P E A K E R : We will continue the Demand. Pu Lalhmingthanga will move his demand.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission. Sir, I move the MINISTER
Demand No. 7,8,9,10,11,19,20,26 and 53 for Rs.50,03,30,000/- only for meeting expenses during 1994-95 in respect of the following Departments Demand Nos.7 - State Excise Revenue Rs.1,70,00,000/- Demand No.8 - Sales Tax Revenue Rs.90,00,000/- Demand No.9 - Other fiscal Services Revenue Rs.25,00,000/- Demand No.10 - Treasury & Accounts Administration Revenue Rs.2,31,20,000/-, Demand No.11 - Secretariat Revenue Rs.8,98,00,000/- Demand No.19 - Retirement Benefit Revenue Rs.7,08,00,000/- Demand No.20 - State Lotteries Revenue Rs.18,00,000/- Capital Rs.8,40,00,000/- Demand No.53 - Loans to Government Servants Capital Rs.6,00,00,000/- Total Rs.50,03,30,000/-

Thank you, Sir.

S P E A K E R : Pu C.L.Ruala, will move his Demand.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand MINISTER
Nos. 15 and 44 for Rs.1,34,96,10,000/- 1994-95 in respect of the following Departments - Civil Supplies Revenue Rs.12,24,20,000/- Capital Rs.56,18,10,000/- Demand No.44 Electricity Revenue Rs.29,99,30,000/- Capital Rs.36,54,50,000/- Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu H.Thangkima, will move his Demand.

PU H.THANGKIMA : Mr Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission MINISTER
Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 37 and 49 for Rs.9,69,00,000/- only for meeting expenses during 1994-95 in respect of the following Department Demand. No.37 - Fisheries Revenue Rs.87,00,000/-, Capital Rs.15,00,000/- Demand No. 48 - Road and Water Transport Revenue Rs.7,27,00,000/- Capital Rs.1,40,00,000/- Total Rs.9,69,00,000/-

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, the concern Ministers have moved their demands. Altogether we have 13 Demands and every member will have 20 minutes each for discussion.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on the important demands. I will lay emphasis on the Hon'ble Finance Minister's Demand. In the appendices to the demand of grant of the Government of Mizoram for the year 1994-95, there are many mistakes regarding the scale of pay of government servants.

In Demand No.15 under Civil Supply Department, we must find out who are involving in the multiple issue of Ration Card. As we had mentioned earlier, we had harvested 96727 metric tones of rice. But as there is no good co-ordination between the supply Department and the concerned Department things cannot be done fast.

While there are many people who do not have Gas connection because of poverty, we have less supply of Kerosine which creates many problems for the people. It is necessary to multiply/increase our quata of Kerosine.

In Demand No.44 under Power Department, we had many discussion on the Finance Minister's speech regarding Bairabi Hydel Project. In the absence of Chief Minister, we passed the resolution. I am afraid that we will not see the success of the resolution. So, we have to be careful in this respect. Besides this, there are many different ideas regarding the product of Megha Watt by Bairabi Hydel Project. Which one will be acceptable whether 250 Megha Watt or 164 Megha Watt or 120 Magha Watt ?

Pu Speaker, as we know we always have problem regarding power supply during Student Examination. So, I would like to suggest to sanction fund for purchasing candle during this examination. This is our present condition regarding Power Supply.

I would like to request the Government to re-examine the condition of Power House at Lunglei. If the old machine is not replace we will always have problem as we never receive Power Supply in Lunglei Town. It is necessary to purchase new one for this Power House.

Pu Speaker, we had listened to the speeches of the members regarding the purchase of Pi Lalparliani's land for Mizoram House at Shillong. As the Government Press Release stated that Pi Lalparliani repayed all the money with its interest, to the Mizoram Government. But, the total figure of the five Band draff is only Rs 23 lakhs. So, what I would like to ask is whether the Government did not receive the interest ? If so, who receive the interest ? who got benefited by this interest ?

In Demand No.19 under Retirement Benefit, there are many pending of pension cases. As the Government Servants are more than 30,000 in number, it may be due to shortage of staff in the concern Department that there are many pending cases. This has to be re-examined by the Government. Along with this, I would like to request the Government to create pension cell at Lunglêi.

In Demand No.53 regarding Loans to Government Servants, the system of giving loans to the Government servants is necessary to reform. What I would like to suggest is that let us give only to the needy persons.

In Demand No.11 under Secretariat it is necessary to examine carefully the functions and procedure of the staff. It seems that some one is exercising excessive power over the staffs. And, in the answer of Pu Lalsawta unstarred question we received the detail expenditure of the Secretariat for motor repairing like Rs 1,00,019 for repairing of ZRG-2538 for nine months Rs.78,044/- for ZRG-15, Rs.62,864/- for ZRG-66, and Rs.87,970/- for MZ-01/4130. As we are giving awareness of Financial control, we spent a lots of money, taking advantage for motor repairing. I feel that this must be checked carefully.

Pu Speaker, in Demand No.26 under Water Supply & Sanitation, I would like to point out the nature and function of Public Health Department. It seems that, PHE put more emphasis on water. I am aware that they do not have co-ordination with Sanitation, Health and Revenue Department.

I am aware that the Contractor of Lunglêi Greater Supply is unrighteous person. He is one of the black listed Contractor by the Calcutta Municipality Development Corporation. We permit him to exceed the original estimate of Rs.8,27,000/- but even today we rarely see the achievement. Cannot we black-list him as Calcutta Municipality Development Corporation had done ?

He could not finish the Water Supply from Pialtlang at the appointed time. He also brings a case against the Government regarding Kolasib and Serchhip. Ask he supplied bad conditioned machines, we face many problems especially in Aizawl Town. Who repair the machine ? Whether the repairing work is finish ? The Hon'ble PHE Minister will give us classification, Pu Speaker, I would like to request the Hon'ble concerned Minister to take note and to find out and examine this situation.

Thank you.

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Dr J.V.HLUNA

: Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on important demands.

First, of all, I would like to give some clarification regarding Bairabi Hydel Project. After they completed the NHPC investigation report they decrease the point of water submerge. So, the project investigation report states that the product will be 120 mw.

I also would like to point out about the salary of Government Servants. While the Chief Secretary earned Rs 8,000 fixed salary, the C.E of PHE earned Rs.8,100/- and it is higher than other C.E. of power and PWD. Is C.E of PHE the same categories with that of Secretary and Commissioner while they enjoyed the same pay scale of Rs.5,900/-.

There is also salary difference between the staff of Police Deptt. and Excise Deptt. of the same rank. I think the pay of equal rank should be the same. We have to put more emphasis on Taxation and Excise Departments for more improvement.

The statement of Mr.K.C.Pant, Chairman of the 10th Finance Commission impressed me to think about the achievement of Taxation Deptt. He said that, 'Your Non-Plan expenditure has grown rapidly and Revenue has not get pace even substantial has felt the gap' - 'Employment in your government aided institutions and local bodies has increased at annual rate of about 10% per annum during the last past six years.' - 'The salary bill has permitted more and more resources leaving hardly anything for productive investment there are instances where schemes were started and subsequently abandoned but the expenditure on such schemes continue to grow without any result.' And, he also mentioned regarding Taxation Department, but I am sure you would not like to permit situation is of no where the collection charges of taxes get away more than half the receipt'.

The state lottery is one of the sources of the Government income in other states. While they expected Rs.600 lakhs of income, the propose expenditure is only Rs.18 lakhs. So, this achievement is acceptable.

In supply deptt. I would like to mention about weight and measure. The Deptt. may check carefully the measurement of Meat seller, Retailer etc. But, it seems that they never check the weight and measure of the Non-Mizo sellers of Iron rod. One of my friends proved that the scale used by Non-Mizo Iron rod seller is wrong. So, I request the Hon'ble concerned Minister to check more carefully the weight and measurement used by Shopkeepers.

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Regarding the Electricity Department, I am aware we should make clear how far we will give VIP connection. In my opinion, the ex-Chief Minister should be included in VIP list.

It is pleasing that the Transport Department expected an income of Rs.65 lakhs from Vehicle tax. The departure of MST Bus is usually at 6/7 A.M. in the morning. Is it possible to operate Bus Service at Silchar Road at the departure time of 11:00AM and 1:00PM? Recently, I wrote a letter to the booking Office to reserve one ticket in night super Bus for my friend. But, the booking counter refused my letter. This really hurts my sentiment as I am one of the representatives of the people. So, in this House, I would like to inform the Minister concerned. And, again we introduced new system of driving licences. It seems that it is costly and difficult to get driving licences. It is desirable if we make it more cheaper.

We are having two big workshops under Transport Department. In these workshops they repaired a number of vehicles and the expenditure is so high. Is it possible to re-examine and reform the system?

We know that the first Railway was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla on 16th March 1991 and Goods Booking was also inaugurated in the preceding year.

The Railway Out Agency was attached Mizoram Transport Office. Whether Railway Office can be included in Transport Department? As we are having only one system of train service, is it possible to construct parallel railway? And, is it possible to operate train service between Huming to Bairabi naming Mizoram Express?

Now, we are having rice Godown at Bairabi but we do not have store for Oil. As it is one of the most important commodities for Mizoram, it is necessary to make oil storage tank at Bairabi.

I would like to add more in weight and measure. While Cement Bag should contain 50 Kgs almost all the bags contain less than 50 Kgs. So, the concerned Department should carefully examine the scale of Cement dealers particularly of Non-Mizos. The Department concerned should have thorough checking of the scales used by each dealers.

Thank you.

PU LALRINCHHANA

: Thank you Pu Speaker for giving me this time. First, I would like to say few things in Demand No. 7 i.e State

Excise. We all know how drugs and alcohol spoiled our youths. In this connection, I feel it is necessary to examine Excise Department who is supposed to control drugs and alcohol. While revenues collected by Excise Deptt.

is increasing, it seems drugs and alcohol is also increasing. Therefore, it can be assumed that Excise Department is more interest in collecting revenue than controlling drugs and alcohol. So, K would like to suggest to change the scope of Excise Department to find a way to prevent and rescue our youths from drugs and alcohol.

Likewise, lottery system is not favoured by Church and even by our society. As that is the case, we must find another way to collect revenue.

In regard to Secretariat Administration, as I had pointed out during general discussion, there is no proper administration, which affects even other Departments. If we look at our demand in Secretariat Administration Department, more than 60 lakhs rupees has been allotted for wages while the Government ordered all Departments nor to employ Muster Roll employees as far as possible. If the Secretariat Administration can not follow this, how will they control other Departments? So, the administration system in this Secretariat is to be examined carefully.

Water Supply and Sanitation is important for all of us. I would like to mention about my constituency in this regard. Two water pumps had been lying in the field of Ratu for 10 years and their parts are being taken down. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to look into this matter because the people of this area are eagerly waiting to have water supply. Likewise, even Sawleng Village is expecting to have Water Supply every year but they can not get it till today. It is true that the location of most of our villages are not suitable to give them Water Supply but I am sure they will not mind if they can get water supply for 10 months in a year even if they can not get throughout the year. So, I would like to wage both the Minister and Department to find some ways for our rural areas.

Regarding Civil Supply, it will be good if Sugar and Kerosine Oil can be supplied to all villages as rice is being supplied.

I would like to point out my constituency as an example regarding electricity. It is proposed to re-settle about 8 villages at Tuisualral, among these 8 villages, 4 villages had been electrified but power supply in these 4 villages had been withdrawn since they are to be resettled while steps are being taken to electrify Tinghmun and Mauchar Villages which are also to be resettled. As that is the case, it will be pleasing to give power supply to those villages from which power supply had been withdrawn. I also would like to know whether there is a way to increase power supply. We are not satisfied by just laying K.V. Lines and give connection without power supply. If we can not generate power by ourselves right now, I think we can subscribe more power from our neighbouring states.

To generate more power, it will also be good to take steps in Diesel Engine. Mini-Hydel Projects are being constructed and some of them are commissioned. I would like to know how much we have received from these and how many kilowatt/megawatt do we expect to generate from these Mini-Hydel Projects.

Coming to Road & Water Transport, a number of MST (Mizoram State Transport) Buses are plying in various routes, in which some private Buses are also plying. I feel it is necessary to examine why the Department does not have profits while private buses are having profits. It is heard that even MST Buses are having full passengers, so it is necessary to check this matter.

Thank you.

PU H. LALRUATA : Thank you Pu Speaker for this opportunity under Demand No. 48 in Transport Department. I am glad that District Councils are given more powers and even Transport Department is going to give one Bus to each District Council. In this regard, who will bear expenditure for the maintenance of these Buses, District Council or State Government? At the same time, if District Councils are given bus, where will they ply as there is no proper road within the District Councils. I would like to request the Minister i/c to consider this matter. It is also heard that some Officers in Transport Department and other Departments are using carpentars of Government to construct their houses. I would like to urge the Government to examine this matter too. Another point I would like to mention in this demand is that as this Department deals with quite a number of vehicles, it is sure that it will require many materials. But it seems that the materials supplied by the supplier are not according to the requirement and some are supplied in excess. This matter should also be checked. I also learned that there is an intention to purchase a building near Chaltlang Workshop below Dying Centre. What I would like to suggest is let the Minister of Industry Department and Transport Department discuss the matter and make arrangement to lend the plot of land which is not utilised by Industry Deptt.

In Demand No. 37 under Fisheries, there is no profit though Fisheries Department had been functioning for a long time. It is clear from the speech of the Hon'ble Finance Minister that the profit earned by Fisheries is only in terms of thousand. It seems financial aids are given to those who do not have fish ponds. I, therefore, would like to request this Department to take more steps.

I would like to point out about the condition of our Secretariat Buildings which falls under Demand No.11 in respect of Secretariat Administration. The Western Block is too cramped and its passages are too narrow while the maintenance of Eastern Block is very poor. Though they are the main Offices in which our Officers and Ministers work, they are very untidy, it will be unhealthy even for the Office Staff. Therefore, it will be appreciated if steps are taken to maintain these buildings to keep them clean and tidy.

Regarding Power & Electricity in Demand No.44, Our Hon'ble Mouse Leader mentioned that Central Government does not interest in Diesel Engine to generate power but just recently some of our newspapers published that Central Government is going to give us more Diesel Engine. So, I do not know which one is to believe and I would like to request the concern Minister to explain this matter. In my opinion, even if we are not fall short in power, we do not restore our former condition. No proper steps had been taken till today to construct Hydel Project like Bairabi Hydel Project, we are just passing a resolution. It is often said that in order to relieve the immediate need of power, we are taking up Mini/Micro Hydel Project, and it may be true to some extent. I used to think even if the previous Ministry could achieve nothing within 5 years term then there is no much hope even in the next term. It can be assumed that whoever formed the Ministry, it neglects about power supply at the outset, and when election draws near power supply is good. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to note that even the workers under Power & Electricity Department are not efficient enough.

Though I am not sure under what Demand falls Lunglei High Power Committee, I would like to point out that fund allocation for this Committee is too meagre. Does this mean Government Servants at Lunglei are not trustworthy. If we are going on like this, the High Power Committee can do no work.

Regarding Lunglei Greater water supply scheme under Demand No.26, Pu Speaker, I feel the Government is too strong in defending the contractor. Instead of defending him. I wish the Government to assure the House to investigate him works, because he had done great harm for Mizoram.

Lastly, in respect of pensioners under Demand No.19, it is worth considering for the Govt. how to solve the problems faced by the pensioners of Lunglei District. In general, pensioners are aged people and it is difficult for them to come to Aizawl. So, I would like to urge the Government to create at least a cell either at Lunglei or Chhimitpui Dist. to solve the problems faced by the pensioners in these District.

Thank you.
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SPEAKER

: Its going to be 1:00PM, we will break our sitting now and continue at 2:00PM and Pu Zu~~ala~~ will be the first speaker.

2:00PM

SPEAKER

: First, I would like to request the Officers in the Official Gallery not to do things to draw the attention of Members.

Now we shall continue our discussion and let me call upon Pu F.Lalzuala.

PU F.LALZUALA

: Pu Speaker, I am glad to have this opportunity. First, I would like to say few things on Demand No.27, in respect

of Fisheries. In my opinion, Fisheries can easily be successful in Mizoram as we have seen in northern areas. But, I feel the Government is neglecting Southern areas in giving aids to those who have fish ponds. So, I would like to urge the Government to take more steps to promote fisheries.

Regarding Road and Water Transport under Demand No.48, I think it will be good if the Government can arrange speed boat at Chhimituipui and Khawthlangtuipui to ship in the essential commodities. In regard to road transport, there is no Bus service for Sialsuk, Lunglei RD. since Thenzawl - Aizawl road had been declared as State Highway, we are eagerly waiting for the time of Bus service and we are expecting the concern Minister to take immediate steps in this regard. As I had already asked during question hour, I would like to urge the Government to arrange Bus Service for Lunglei - S.Vanlaiphai - Sangau and from Sangau via Vanlaiphai to Aizawl. I also would like to urge the Government to arrange Bus Service from Lunglei - Chawngte.

Regarding Power & Electricity under Demand No.44, we are facing many problems as we do not have sufficient power. One of the main reason for our problems, particularly in rural areas is poor condition of Transformers. I would like to request the Government to check these Transformers and do necessary repairing works. Whenever the issue of power supply is raised, Bairabi Hydrel Project came in the mind of the people of Mizoram. As that is the case, I would like to suggest the Government to start this project as soon as possible.

Coming to Food & Civil Supplies which is an important Department, it is regretful that Supply Sub-Division created in 1991 at various places like Lawngtlai, Tlabung, Chawngte, Champhai and Kolasib do not function as they are supposed to be functioned. In order to enable the Officers posted in these Sub-Divisions under Food & Civil Supply Department, to function efficiently, I would like to request the Government to revise their and consider their status, it will be easier even for Retailers of Rural Areas. Let me also suggest that if the Secretary of any Department is Non-Mizo, let the Director be a Mizo and vice versa.

In regard to Water Supply & Sanitation, it seems PHE Department does not have proper survey to supply water in rural areas. For example, Thentlang Village, there is a better source to take than the present one. And even in Dargo Village, as the location of reservoir is not appropriate, some parts of the village can not have water supply. So, I would like to request the concern Minister to note this matter. It will also be good if water supply system at Mualcheng village can be re-examined. I also would like to suggest to place the workers in District area wise. In my constituency. Mamte and Thlengang which are Lunglei District area are under Lawngtlai Division. And, it will be pleasing if they can be placed under Lunglei Division. In regard to Lunglei Greater Water Supply Scheme, I would like to urge the Government to take necessary action against the contractor. There is no much works to be done in this particular case and I think it will be better if this work is taken up by the Department.

Regarding Sales Tax, there are many Non-Mizos without trade licence specially both at Lunglei and Lawngtlai. I feel it is necessary to check this matter.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now I shall call upon
Pu Hrangthang.

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY : Thank you Pu Speaker. First, I would like to say about Excise Department. The importance of Excise Deptt. is known in Mizoram only few years back. However, we are greatly troubled by drugs during the last 5/6 years. Because of this, I feel it is important to point out how drugs are trafficked in Mizoram. It is known that drugs are not manufactured in Mizoram. Even from Central Government point of view drugs are trafficked from Burma border. In my opinion, drugs smuggled in Mizoram from Burma border is uncontrollable because no efforts had been taken to check these drug traffickets. Therefore, it is important to create Excise Out-Post in each

village in border areas. I also would like to point that it is learnt from the inmates that some of the Excise Staff and prison wardens are often drunk and even supply both liquour and drugs to them. I would like to urge the Government to be more strict in this regard.

Regarding Treasury and Accounts, the way Finance Department looks after our budget needs re-consideration as it had been mentioned in general discussion. I feel our budget is mostly used for establishment and other purposes but not for the development of Mizoram. I think it will be good if there is at least a trained qualified Account Officer in each Department because some heads of Department and Officers do not master our budget. Considering various Deptts. our main expenditure of the budget incurred for purchase of Vehicles and their maintenance. I therefore, would like to urge the Govt. to take steps to control these expenditure in my opinion, in order to avoid this, it will be good to give Car Loans to our Officers. What I would like to point out in regard to Finance is whenever the Auditor came to Mizoram, I feel our Deptts. are spoiling them in the way they treat them. Therefore, I would like to request the Hon'ble Finance Minister and Finance Department with the Ministry to take precautionary measure in this regard.

In order to attain development, Road, Electricity and Water Supply are the three important factors. If we can provide road, electricity and Water properly to the public, I am sure our people can work to achieve self sufficiency. In regard to water supply to rural areas, I would like to suggest to use G.I. pipe instead of rubber pipe. I also would like to point out that there are many inconveniences particularly for my constituency as we are under Serchhip Division. Therefore, it is time to open a new division to look after Champhai and Khawbung Constituencies.

Though I have many things to say in Civil Supplies, I will say only few things. I find it is hard to justify that K.Oil is purchased at Rs 8 or 10 per litre at almost all the villages while it is purchased at Rs. 2.65 in Aizawl Town. I would like to urge the Government to take immediate steps into this regard. I also would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to note and check out that there are many carrying Bills of rice which are not settled/paid.

In regard to Electricity, I think it is important to complete the minor projects as soon as possible.

PU H.K. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, in regard to Demand No.26, PHE Department does not take any step to supply water for Tuichawng till today. I, therefore, urge the P.H.E. Department to supply Water as earliest as possible. Even Khawmawi, Fuan kai and Mauzam do not have water supply and they face great problems, there is no more water connection for Nunsuri too. It is the responsibility of the Government to supply water to the people.

Regarding Demand No.48 in respect of Road & Transport, I would like to urge the Government to operate Inland Water Transport Service as soon as possible. If speed boats are in service, it will solve many problems faced by the people of my Constituency. Some of my constituent Villages do not have even Jeepable Road and I urge both PWD and Transport Deptt. to construct road for these villages. I also would like to urge the Govt. to black top Chawngte road and to operate Bus Service at least twice or thrice in a month.

In regard to Fisheries Department, I do not know whether this Department functions at Tlabung. In my opinion, it will be a good occupation if the Government takes efforts to strengthen this Department

Regarding Electricity, I would like to request the Government to supply power to all my constituent villages. And I also would like to request the Government to check the transformer at Talakbar.

I appreciate the efforts taken by the Government in respect of Civil Supply. However, it will be better if there is F.C.I. Godown to stock food grains for the remote areas.

Regarding Demand No.10 in respect of Account and Treasuries, I urge the Government to open Sub-Treasuries at Tlabung to solve the problems faced by the people of my constituency.

Jai Hind.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Hari, is it Treasury Office at Lawngtlai ?

PU H.K. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, recently the Treasury Office was at Lawngtlai. But, this Deptt. was withdrawn as it situated on the border.

PU ZORAMTHANGA

: Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me a chance to speak.

First of all, I will say in brief regarding Water Supply.

We used to discuss water crisis, will it be possible to draw water from Tlawng river by gravitation pull? If so, it will be very helpful in solving water problem. Regarding, Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme, and other Water Supply, the Government spent lots of money but till today, the schemes are not successful especially in Champhai, this project is to be finished within 3 yrs, but after 6 years. We do not have water supply. It is because sometime the Pipeline has been broken. I feel that the P.H.E. Department should check carefully while purchasing the pipe and selecting contractors.

Regarding payment of water supply bill, Electric Bill, Phone Bill and others bill we wasted many times. I used to think whether we can make arrangement for payment of bill through banks. And, I would like to request the concerned Minister to take note to explore the above mentioned suggestion.

Regarding Civil Supply, we received information that our harvest of rice is more than one lakh metric tonne. But, our harvest and import of rice do not tally. It seems that there is mis-management or administrative failure in this respect. So, it is necessary to re-examine.

Consumers of LPG Gas face lots of problems. I would like to request the concerned Minister to take note on the following. If the dealer carefully calculate the number of cylinder distributed to consumers per day, it will save lots of time.

We had listened about short supply of Cement Bag. But what I would like to emphasize is that there are many mixed packages of dry Cement with the original. It has been said that there is a grinding machine for producing dry Cement which is later mixed with the original bag of Cement. This practice of adulteration is should be examined.

We had lots of discussion regarding Hydel Project. The Parliament framed a new act that the clearance should be issued within one month/ four month from Forest Department. This will solve the problem for Bairabi Hydel Project. The power supply has been cut down from neighbouring state and the condition of generators become worse, it is therefore necessary to immediately start Hydel Project for our benefit.

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Regarding Night Bus-privates operate Night Bus Service from Aizawl to Silchar like Blue Hills Travels, Capital Travels and Barak Valley Travels. If they have profit the Transport Department also should have profit. If the Department operate Bus service regularly, they would have more passengers.

If we look at the budget, we have seen that there is provision for Driver, Mechanics, Painter, Sweepers, etc. in Transport's Workshop. And they purchased good machines by spending large amount, but this machines can not be utilised even today. They used to repair these machines at private workshop. It is because of disorganization of the Department.

It seems that the income from Bus service is not satisfactory. But, there are many ways to get income. Tax can be collected from private enterprises who operate private Buses. And Motor Tax also should be collected carefully. In order to avoid Traffic Jam, the enforcement should work more effectively.

Transport Department is a Government Department. If the Department cannot be successful it may be better to hand over it to corporation. For progressive Bus Service, the Department should make an effort.

Transport Department has many Staffs and some are going to retire, regarding the selection of Staff to fill up posts we should be careful. Now, we have many educated in mechanic and technical line. At present situation if we visit Bus Station, we will see many drunkard among the Staff. If we make effort to improve the present situation, there will be development. That's all I have to say in Transport Department.

I would like to join Pu Hari's discussion regarding Fisheries. As Mizoram is suitable for Fisheries, we should put more emphasise on this Deptt. It may become one of the successful Deptts. And, in order to make it successful the Director should be the person who has knowledge of Fisheries. So, I would like to request the Hon'ble concern Minister to take note of this.

In Demand No.44, I would like to speak about electric bill and function of Electricity Department. Without having meter reading they make 'minimum charge' so we have to pay electric bill more than we consume. I feel that this should be checked.

As I had mentioned during question hour, the villagers used to pay electric bill every month even though they do not have power supply.

As the necessity of electricity increases day by day it is necessary to concentrate on big hydel project which can produce more than 100 mega watt. It may take ten years to complete such project. Hence, during this period, we can use Diesel Generator. As our neighbouring States are unable to supply power to meet our requirements, Mini Hydro and Small Hydel Project cannot be successful. What I want to suggest is to purchase generator. If we fix 4 or 5 generators, Aizawl Town will have enough power supply. During this period, the big Hydel Project will be completed. But, when we purchase machine, we should be careful. If the Government include Oppositions MIA in the purchasing Board, it will be better.

Under Road and Water Transport Demand, we used to discuss MST, the present system needs to be changed. Privatization or Corporation may be better. As under our present system, MST could not be successful.

Regarding Water Transport, without spending any money, we could have International Seaport at Tlabung. If Steamer could arrived at Tlabung Port, the communication by Sea will be easy with neighbouring States. This will be the source of our income. Pu Speaker, we should examine this carefully as this is our life line.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : May I call upon Pu F.Lawmkima.

PU F.LAWMKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I will start my discussion from Demand No.28 regarding Transport Department. In our Constituency, we have an alternate Bus Service and the Bus Service is not regular. Pu Speaker, as you know, our Constituency is undeveloped and sometime there broke out disturbances. So, in order to achieve development more Bus service be operated from Aizawl. Along with this, I would like to point out about Transport Organisation. It seems that, this Organisation is much disorganised. If we look at Silchar Bus Service, the passengers started getting down from Silchar, Durtlang, Bawngkawn etc., on the way and when the Bus reach the Station finally, the Bus is almost empty. This system should be changed and we should study Bus service system of other States. As under present condition, we faced many problem. So, I would like to request the Hon'ble Transport Minister to take note of this matter.

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If they had to pay for electric bill, it means that they pay in double as they also used K.Oil. It seems that any one who has connection have to pay electric bill whether they have power supply or not. So, this system should be re-examined. We can not compare ourselves with neighbouring states. So, the functions of electricity Deptt. and the charging of electric bill, etc. should be checked in accordance with the condition of our state.

In Demand No.15, I would like to say in brief about the distribution of K.Oil. We have distribution centre at Saitual. This distribution system is started since 1984-85 till today. So, this system also need to be reformed. And, if it is possible to distribute at Phullen, it will be very helpful for the people.

And, I would like to say in brief about Petrol. It seems that all the supply of Petrol is adulterated Petrol, mixed with water. The Tanky Drivers gave Rs 1,500 or 2,000 to the Manager Mizofed at Silchar and they took out 2/3 Barrels, and they mixed with water by same quantity. So, they had lots of profit this adulterated petrol effected our vehicles. So, I would like to request the Hon'ble concern Minister to take note of this matter.

Rice godowns at Khawlian and Phuaibuang have been damaged by heavy rain. It will be pleasing if these godowns are verified.

In Demand No.26, PHE Deptt. gives water supply to 13 villages in my constituency. But, the water supply is not sufficient to meet their requirements. And, seven villages do not have water supply. Spending less amount than Aizawl, Lunglei, etc. I think gravitation system can be introduced. I would like to request the concern Minister to examine all these points.

Thank you.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, as the time is short, I will say in brief. I will start from Demand No.26, regarding Water Supply. The people of Kolasib do not agreed to the proposal to take water supply from Tuichhuahen instead of Chemlui under Kolasib water supply scheme. And, the Hon'ble Minister had mentioned that there is a plan to take Tuitun for Kawnpui. It will be better to cover the three constituencies together.

Now, the tender for Kolasib water supply scheme has been called along with Serchhip. As subash company appealed to the Court, we are afraid that Kolasib Water Supply Scheme will be delayed. So, I would like to request the concern Minister to take up this scheme. If Tuitun is not suitable we can pump up Tlawng river under seventh joint village scheme, if it is possible to make fresh plan for water supply from the

place where the three rivers join together. And, the present one will be benefited by Samsuih and Thiak. So, I request the concern Minister to take note of this matter. And if Water Reservoir at Aibawk is not repair, seventh joint village water plan would not be able to implement. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to include Hualngohmun and Muallungthu under Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme phase II along with Samtlang and Lungleng. And, we used to discuss about Lungaei Greater Water Supply Scheme. What I would like to mention is that, we all know this company is dishonest. The Mizoram Government receives warning from the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh regarding this company. The company. The company used to take case against the Govt. but the Govt. favoured this company. What I would like to point out is that why the Government still favour this company ?

Regarding the purchase of land, the Government purchased many land at Shillong. During 1993-94 the Government purchased 77,979 Sq.ft. by spending Rs.20 lakhs for appropriate use. And, also purchased land for Mizo cemetery. And, in 1991-92, they purchased 22100 sq ft. at the cost of Rs 58 lakhs for Mizoram House. But, the Meghalaya Government makes an objection. If so, the money will have to be withdraw. And, last year, the Hon'ble in-charge Chief Minister Brig T.Sailo's land was also purchased at the cost of more than Rs.20 lakhs. If we utilise this land, it will be appreciated. But, we should be careful in spending public money.

In Demand No.15, under Civil Supplies I would like to point out about retailers, usually retailers received quota fortnightly. As information received, Venghlui Retailer sale 98 quintal of Rice in black market. Lungsei Retailer also exchanged a Gun with fortnightly quota of Rice. And, from the Retailer of Hualngohmun, 63 extra Ration Card was found. So, we should be strict about supply of Rice issued by Retailers and if it is necessary we should give punishment.

I do not know the Rate of Rice. In Ex-godown, Super Fine Rice is Rs 616/- per qtls, and in retail shop, rice is Rs.623/-. When we take quota, we give Rs.623/- which is the rate for super fine rice. It means that we take fine rice at the rate of super fine rice. This should be verified, and, we had agreement for five years with union Flour Mills, Silchar and this agreement is extended for another two years. In my opinion, when the term of agreement is over, the Government should not extent it. We encourage the public to set up Industry for self-support, so Sun Rise Rolling Flour Mills was set up. Regarding allotment, they share fifty-fifty with Union Flour Mills. In every essential commodities, the rate of the Union Flour Mills is higher than the rate of Sun Rice Rolling Flour Mills. Here, what I would like to point out is that if our people set up Industry we should give them priority than outside Industries.

In Demand No.44, under Electric Department, I would like to mention about electric bill. As the rules frame by High Tention Tarrif of the Electricity Board, if the power supply is given continously for 24 hours a day within 30 days, maximum charge should be made. But, our meter readers made minimum charge from connected load. This system is not correct. This rules also state that this practise in illegal depreviation. So, the Government should be careful regarding collection of fees in Electricity.

In question hours the Hon'ble Minister has said that Hmuifang Transformer has been repaired but this transformer is not working. And, as there are S.D.O., J.E. in Electricity Department at villages. Whether it is possible to make Bill Counter in such villages? And, Tuidam Project at Farkawn can not generate power. So, I would like to request the concern Minister to take note of this matter.

Under Demand No.7, regarding Fisheries, as this Deptt. becomes separate Directorate, it has become one of the most progressive Departments. They encourage the public to make fish pond. In order to be self-supportive the Directorate should teach how to look after their ponds. Along with this, the Govt. also should give importance to marketing and ice plan, so that, we may be self-supportive in fisheries.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Recess upto 4:30 Pm.

4:30 Pm.

S P E A K E R : We will continue our discussion and each member will have 10 minutes each.

P U F . M A L S A W M A : Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to speak on demand nos. 37 and 48. When we created separate Directorates for Horticulture, Fisheries, Sericulture we put them under Joint Director as the Head of Department. I request the Government to be aware that in such deptts., the promotion of highly qualified staffs were delayed.

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And regarding Fisheries, we wasted lots of money every year. We used to give a grant of only Rs 700 for Fisheries. This small amount will not make one to be self-supportive in Fisheries. Sometime, as we do not have a good market, the owner of fish pond used to face problem in marketing their fishes.

Regarding Transport Department, we have to introduce corporation system considering the economic condition of Mizoram, the Transport Deptt. should have goal to be self-support. And, besides this, it may be necessary to reform state transport authority. It would be pleasing to be aware of the problems of the staffs of Transport Workshop. Drivers, Conductors and Mechanics have less promotion chance. Recently they have a chance for promotion to Assistant Transport Officer but now this post has been created for persons with matriculate qualification. This creates problem for them. I feel that the recruitment rules for ATO needs to be re-examined. Maintenance of Vehicles by the Drivers should be reviewed or nationalised. And, the pay scale of conductor also needed to be reviewed. It is also important to look after Transport Workshop at Chaltlang by qualified Engineer.

I also would like to mention about Town Bus Service within Aizawl Town. I used to discuss this matter with the Transport Authority. In my opinion, Bus Service can be arranged on two routes that is one is for Kulikawn, Chaltlang-Bawngkawn and other one is Kulikawn-Ramhlun-Bawngkawn to and fro. The timing can be adjusted like this.

As we know, Edenthar is inhabited by around 800 persons. If there is Bus Service every hour, the public will be greatly relieved of their problems. Now, we are having 131 Bus Services, and the expansion of Bus route is also necessary. So, I request the concerned Department to arrange this immediately.

I'll take up Demands Nos. 7,8,9,10,11,19,20,26 and 53 in brief.

Regarding Water Supply in Aizawl Town, the concern Department is taking steps to improve water supply. In the supplementary question, it has been said that there is no proposal to finish greater Aizawl water supply during 1994-95 financial year. As we cannot live without water, it is urgent works to complete the scheme. And, I request the authority not to divert the budget estimate for Lunglei, and the Govt. also should be cautious in selecting contractors.

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Due to insufficient supply of water in Aizawl Town, the concerned Deptt. made a suggestion to construct well in different places. But, there was only Rs 1 lakh for this plan last year. So, I would like to request the Hon'ble P.H.E. Minister to make budget provision of at least Rs 5 lakhs for the construction of wells. And, I would like to request to continue water gravitation for the outermost parts of Aizawl Town.

I am aware that there are many unpaid working Bill in the Secretariat Administration Department. And, some LDCs have a service of six years as Muster Roll, So, I request the concerned Department to settle these problems.

As the Excise Department is a growing Department and our source of revenue, it is necessary to re-examine its importance. On 5th Jan., a woman of Vaivakawn was seized by the Police and was put in lock up and one constable and his friends teased her. Is there any action taken by the Government? This incident humiliated the concern Department.

While Rs 3 lakhs was invested for Secret Service last year. Only Rs.2.5 lakhs is provided in the current budget. I would like to request the Hon'ble concern Minister to know the detail expenditures. And, please inform this House how they spent the reward provision of Rs one lakh for current financial year.

The recruitment rules for A.S.I. has been made and there is a proposal in the Demand for 10 years of for promotion service. Ten years may be too long. And, again, there is also a plan to give A.S.I. rank to the Drivers. So, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to have clear vision regarding ranking recruitment rules.

In my opinion, it is necessary to re-examine the functioning of Excise Department as they are controller of alcohol. They may become the agent of wine dealer if nothing is done to check the actions of some Excise personnel. They also need more vehicles to perform their duties.

Under the Demand of Finance Department, I would like to say about Pay Commission. As there are many Associations, I feel that the small Associations are more neglected than the others. So, I would like to request the concern Minister to examine carefully the representations of Associations. For example, while the Superintendent earns Rs.2200 basic pay, the Committee Officer earns only Rs.2000 basic pay in the Assembly Secretariat. And, Duftry, C-A, etc. under matriculate should have equal pay scale. And, the trained graduate teacher also enjoyed untrained scale of pay. They are smaller in

number and if they are neglected it may be wrong. Pu Speaker, while the Civil Supply has great achievement. I would like to complaint about Chaltlang Retailer II. They do not perform their duty properly. Pu Speaker, the Inspector and staffs in Food & Civil Supplies Department has no chance for promotion. After they render service for 30 yrs and 20 yrs they still have no chance for promotion. So, I would like to request the concern Department to take note of this matter.

Thank you.

PU LALSAWTA

: Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to discuss important Demands.

Under Demand No.7, the Excise Department used to face problems regarding administration. And, some time, they have problem with Police Department as there are Narcotic Squash. As they have no proper Laboratory to examine Heroin, etc, they used to send to other states hence conviction could not take place.

I also feel that the Mizoram Government fails in financial management under Treasury and Account Department. At present, it seems that there is no Responsibility and Accountability. So, it is necessary to be more, careful regarding accountability and in financial management.

It is important to understand the problem of Pensioners. It is because of having only one Treasury. If it is possible to separate the Treasury in Aizawl District into two, it will be helpful for the pensioners. And, the date for payment of pension also can be fixed for different date. So, I would like to request the Hon'ble Finance Minister to take note of this.

And I would like to suggest to maintain permanent register for materials, goods, etc. as some staff used to misplace some Government's properties.

As we have no surplus product of goods it may not be appropriate time for introducing Additional Resources Mobilisation (A.R.M.) in Taxation Department. As we have no infrastructure, Electric, roads etc. it is difficult to make production.

In Demand No.11, I would like to request this new ministry to reform the functioning of Secretariat Administration Department. It seems that some staffs take benefits while they economize the Office Stationary and Xerox copying machine. And, as you have seen the construction of lavatory near Pool Officer's Office, it shows the lawlessness of Mizoram Administration.

This year we have Rs 600 lakhs for Loans to Government Servants, as it is one of the best repaying of Loans, this amount is appreciable.

Under Demand No.26, we used to discuss water crisis under Public Health Engineering Department. I am afraid that some body will make wrong bill regarding water supply.

It is necessary to reform the procedure for registration of Contractors and Security deposit in supply Department. And, in my opinion the security deposit also should be made according to the quantity of Rice. As the corresponding value of Rice is never mentioned in chalan, it created a lot of problems for the auditor at the time of auditing sales proceed.

Regarding Retailer, I feel that the service of some Retailer is unsatisfactory, If the Government utilise YMA for prevention of black market practised by Retailers it will be very helpful for the public.

Under Demand No.44, I would like to speak about power supply. If the Deptt. gives VIP Line to Fire Brigade, Police Station, Hospital, Chief Minister and other Ministers we do not envy. But, while some places have irregular power supply, some places have regular supply. It is stated that they are fed by Diesel Generator. It seems that the poor people pay for the rich people. The unequal distribution of power supply is necessary to re-examine.

Regarding the VIP Line, as a Legislator I do not claim VIP Line. In my opinion, the public leaders like Chief Minister and other Ministers and Public Places like Hospital, VIP, etc. are to be given VIP status.

Pu Speaker, in Electricity Deptt. some Staff misuse power against consumers. Sometime they demand extra fees from the consumers Pu Speaker, I feel that the Staff of Electricity Deptt. should not do like this.

For purchasing electrical goods 'Lalrin Cables Firm' was selected for the agent. But, in the corresponding purchase statement, Govt. did not buy the materials from them. If so, on what basis the Govt. gives Rs 83 lakhs of subsidy like to request the concerned Minister to classify this.

Under Demand No.48, there is Transport Deptt. It may not be easy to look after this Deptt. In reply to question, it was stated that the Govt. has a debt of Rs 235 lakhs, Workshop bill of the 235 lakhs, Transport Deptt. alone has a debt of Rs 1793000/- even though they have Central Workshop of their own. I think Transport should be privatised.

Pu. Speaker, the concerned Minister should take note of all that which we say in the House.

PU H. ZATHUAMA : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on the demands. We had a lot of discussion regarding Electricity in this House. After we mentioned irregularity of power supply at Venghlui, Bethlehem, Dinthar and Tuikual, etc. We seemed to have more irregularity of power supply. This makes me feel bad.

Pu Speaker, when I visited my Constituency, we have discussion with Electric Consumer Association regarding irregularity of power supply within the whole constituency. They paid the same bill while they have irregular power supply. I would like to request the concerned Minister to take note of this matter.

In Demand No.48, under Road-Water Transport, it is appreciated that there is a Bus Service from Aizawl-Ngopa. But, this Bus Service is irregular. So, it is my request to take note of this and make it possible to have regular MST Bus Service.

At present, the construction of road between Kawkulh and Mimbung had been completed. But, it may not yet be possible to operate Bus Service and we hope Bus Service will be operated as soon as possible.

Other Members also mentioned about Transport Department. I feel that at present, the Transport Department lost instead of making profit. It may be necessary to re-examine the functioning of this Department. As the other members also had suggested regarding the establishment of Road Corporation, it may be helpful for solving public problems.

In Demand No.15, I would like to make suggestion to the concerned Minister to give K.Oil distribution centre to Ngopa as we do not have power supply in my constituency.

Pu Speaker, under Demand No.11, what I would like to mention is that the administration of the Government is depending on the functioning of the Secretariat. And, for this smooth functioning of the Govt. the MCS play a key role. So, the Government also takes importance of their welfare and promotion.

Regarding Posting and Transfer of MCS the Government should re-examine the procedure. It seems that the Government is having partiality. If one has a feeling of partiality on the part of the government, it will effect the administration. So posting should be made in rotation. I would like to request the concerned Minister to take note of this matter and to avoid creating jealousy among MCS Officers themselves.

Under Demand No.37, for those who are sincere and active in their ponds, fishery could be the source of income. I used to think that the present procedure of Fishery Department may not be benefited by the people. So, in order to make achievement, the concerned Department also should be careful in selecting beneficiary. And, in order to become self-support, the people need encouragement in their works.

In Demand No.26, we used to discuss water crisis in Mizoram. While there is water crisis at Lunglei, our constituency also faces many problems especially in villages near Mimbang and Sialkal. As the BRTF finished the construction of truck road at Mimbang, I request the concerned Minister to change polythene pipe by G.I. pipe for better water supply.

And, it will be pleasing if the Government takes importance of water supply in North East Bualpui. Along with this, it may be noted that there is difficulty in water supply in Hnahlan, How will the Govt. arrange better water supply to meet the requirement of the people? I also would like to request the concerned Minister to take notes of the situation at Vaikhawtlang and its near-by villages.

Thank you.

PU LALKHAMA

: Pu Speaker, I will speak on the demands in brief. First of all, I am aware that our Secretariat is one of the best Secretariats in North East India regarding Office attendance and discipline. The punctuality of Office Staffs shows our sincerity in our duty which is to be proud of.

Under Road and Water Transport Demand, we have to be more careful in checking vehicles. Some vehicles are running without no plate, side glass, etc. To avoid accident it is necessary to be strict.

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Had we been more alert, we would have had good communication at the borders at the time of demarcation of boundary, and we would have had good communication with Bangladesh on road and water.

I also support the other members regarding road transport. In my opinion, we have to put more emphasis on private Bus Service and State Transport will operate Bus Service only as social service in backward villages.

Under Water Supply and Sanitation, Dinthar and Dawrpui Vengthar need public water point, we had verification with E.E. and Sub-Engineer but as there is no budget, they could not do the construction. It will be pleasing if the plan could be included in the next budget. And, Maubawk also needs Zonal Tank. In my opinion good drainage system for Aizawl Town is an urgent need and we should put more emphasis on this matter.

Regarding Lunglei Water Supply Scheme. We, can check the material or machine supplied by the contractor as the manufacturer printed the date of manufacturing.

I also appreciate what the Hon'ble Member Pu Lawmkima had said regarding Civil Supplies Department. As there is too much of Petrol adulteration, it will be very helpful if we check the quality of Petrol. And, as we need more Kerosine in Mizoram, I request the Hon'ble concerned Minister to find a mean to increase our K.Oil quata.

I do not know whether repayment of Rice is good or not. It may be better if the retailers deliver rice with pre-payment.

In order to check trade by non-tribals from outside Mizoram. We should establish co-operative society to run business like household commodity. So that, public can purchase at low rate from the co-operative stores. That's all what I would like to say regarding Civil Supplies.

I also support what the Hon'ble Opposition Leader, had said regarding Gas. In order to avoid wasted of time by the people, the agent should make list of consumers date-wise.

I used to mention about Serlui 'B' Hydel Project under Power Department. We all know the importance of Hydel Power, but in order to complete the Hydel power, it will take at least 5 years. So, what I would like to suggest is whether fund for Serlui 'B' Project can be Diesel Generator ?

And I would like to comment on the procedure of purchasing materials by the Power Department. The concerned Department purchased poles from Kanan Industries, Mizoram Engineering and Allied Industries, and Malrin Industry. While purchasing poles we have to be careful with the quality and some test like deflection test thickness test and permanent set test should be conducted.

On previous day, the Hon'ble Member Dr J.V.Hluna had mentioned that the environment clearance for Bairabi Project was done by the Chief Secretary during President's Rule. But, the clearance has never been given by the Chief Secretary. This is the incharge of concerned Department. Regarding environment clearance, there used to be mis-understanding between the state and Environment Ministry.

But, at the interest of the govt., Tuirial Project will be completed within one or four months. So, what I would like to say is that there is no mistake in getting environmental clearance. The Hon'ble Member Pu Remsiana had said that the budget for the development of villages was diverted for Town. But, I would like to say that no fund was diverted for Aizawl Town. Finally, it is my request that the Hon'ble Minister Power Department do his best for the progress of Hydel Project.

Thank you.

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Pu Speaker, the Ministry of Environment and Forest request the Mizoram Government to do Action Plan Environment clearance on 10.10.1988. But, as the Government did not issue, they cancel the clearance on 6.1.1989 during President's Rule.

PU LALKHAMA : Pu Speaker, As they could not order to give clearance, we can not issue the clearance.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you for allotting me time to speak. Today, I would like to make brief statement on Demand No.44, i.e. Electricity, which is given top priority both in the Budget and Governor's speeches. Our House Leader too has highlighted the importance of this particular Demand. Another important point I would like to emphasize is the need to identify and survey our rivers in

order to learn the type of Hydel Projects to be set up in the various rivers. In this way, the Ministry will be able to take up effective steps in the field of Electricity.

Coming to matters concerning Road and Water Transport, the financial allotment for Water Transport is found to be quite meagre. Therefore, I would like to request the Ministry to pay more attention towards the waterways of the Chhimtuipui District, as this is extremely convenient and important for the people. It is unwise to by more emphasis only on Road Transport while water transport remains neglected. Moreover, it is meaningless to hand over this affair to the District Council, after the same cannot be maintained by the State Government. Regarding Road Transport, the services of Private Bus between Aizawl and Saiha had been stopped by the government, and the State's Transport Bus ply only thrice a week, thereby creating immense problems for the passengers. Being the capital of the District, can arrangement for direct daily Bus Services be made by the government ?

Emphasizing on Demand No.15, concerning Civil Supply, in the Chhimtuipui District, certain areas are capable of producing the same quality of Rice supplied to our state, and with a little help from the Ministry, thousands of quintal could be produced. But unfortunately, this will be meaningless as lack of proper marketing kills the incentives of the cultivators. Hence, can the Ministry consider ways of procuring the local products, so as to motivate the people and enable them to be come self-sufficient in food-supplies ? For instance, if the rice-supply from Punjab reaches Chhimtuipui region at a cost of Rs 29 per Kg., it will be more profitable to purchase the local products at a cost of Rs 10-15/- approximately.

Regarding Civil Supplies, various commodities like Oil, Cement, wheat, etc. are available in Aizawl at a controlled rate, while the Chhimtuipui District is deprived of such supplies. Can such commodities under Civil Supply be provided to the said district or is it possible to appoint a dealer in the District Headquarter ? Besides, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, on his visit to Saiha stated that the distribution of rice would be increased from 2 Kgs to 3 Kgs. Unfortunately, his statement has not yet materialised till date. It is our desire that the statement of our Hon'ble Chief Minister should be fulfilled by the department of Civil Supply.

Coming to Demand No. 26, I would like to mention certain problems of Water Supply Scheme at Saiha. The closing down of Public Distribution points created immense problems for those deprived of private connections. So, the same should be re-opened immediately in order to solve the said problems. Besides, many Muster Roll Labour under.....

PHE Department were terminated on political reasons, and none of them are re-employed till date. So, to safe the image of the Ministry such poor labours should be re-instated as soon as possible. Further, I would like to emphasize the need to extend the pipe-connections in various localities of Saiha. It is also learnt that bigger pipes (are proposed to be laid down. But no contractor is assigned for this particular task. It appears that the department is undertaking the task by appointing various agents. Therefore, the system should to be verified thoroughly by the government.

Finally, coming to Demand No. 37, on Fishery, earlier the amount of financial assistance to be provided to persons engaged in Fishery in the District Council was pointed out. But the amount is found to be quite meagre after a detailed study. So, can the financial provision be revised by the Ministry? Moreover, as Fishery is a new department, a full-fledged Director is not yet appointed till today. Hence, can the same be appointed at the earliest in order to promote the said department?

Thank you.

PU H.ZATHUAMA
(Chairman)

: Pu K. Rokhaw

PU K. ROKHA.

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Pu Chairman, thank you for allotting me time to speak.

At the outset, I would like to emphasize Demand No. 48, regarding Transport. As stated by the Hon'ble Member from Saiha, the limited Bus Services between Aizawl and Saiha gives tremendous problems to the passengers. So, I request the Hon'ble concerned Minister to be aware of our problems and make arrangements for daily Bus Services to Saiha. Apart from that, during the time of U.T., the then Chief Secretary of Mizoram issued an important circular on 24th January 1972, stating that in the appointment of Group 'C' and 'D' Staff within the Chhimituipui District, preferences would be given to the candidates of the said region. It will be a matter of great satisfaction if the same could be fulfilled by the Ministry.

Emphasizing on Demand No.15, on Civil Supply, this department is praiseworthy, because so far, there is no shortage of Rice-supply even in the Chhimituipui areas. However, I would like to remind our Hon'ble Minister that ensuing to poor condition of road, transportation of rice is extremely difficult during the rainy season. A large part of our problems could be solved if rice could be stocked at Chapui Village during

the dry season. Moreover, construction of road between Zawngling and Chapui remains in complete till date. So, I request the Hon'ble Minister of P.W.D. to see that the task is resumed.

Regarding supply Department, I would like to suggest that selection of carrying contractor should be done at the beginning of dry season, so that transportation of essential commodities to the villages could be completed during the dry season. Coming to Demand No. 44 regarding Electricity, unlike the previous times, no J.E. is appointed in the Electric department at Tuipang. It will be pleasing matter if J.E. is appointed immediately by the government. Besides, due to incompleteness of Transformer's parts, the Tuipang area receives electric-current only once or twice a week while the monthly fee is collected regularly. Hence, I request the Hon'ble Minister to verify and do the needful.

Next, regarding Demand No. 26 on Water Supply, scarcity of water is the main problem of Tuipang. As such, I would like to remind our Hon'ble Minister that in order to solve the said problem, arrangement should be made to distribute water by Travels.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Remsiana.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Mr Speaker sir, at the outset, I would like to emphasize on Demand No. 19 regarding retirement benefit. In Mizoram, with the exception of the Chief Secretary, the P.C.C.F. is the highest paid officer. Presently, we have 3 such high-ranking officers awaiting their superannuation, and the Mizoram government has to bear all their retirement benefits. This is not commendable for a low income state like Mizoram.

Moreover, we are aware that State Lottery was popularised in order to increase our revenue. But it is a waste of money to award Rs. 500/- to few officials involved in each Lotteries drawn. Is there a more lucrative source either than this ?

In matters of loans to Government Servants, there should be a wide differences between the Housing Loan under L.A.D. and the H.B.A. for government servants. Higher financial allotment is recommended for H.B.A, because presently, due to limited funds, no government servants could draw the maximum amount entitled by them. At the same time, as suggested earlier by our Hon. Members, the allotment for conveyance allowance too should be increased.

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As per as Electricity is concerned, shortage of power supply is always the main problem of our State. So, the Hon'ble concerned Minister should see that the various Hydel Projects do not remain unattended. Earlier, the Hon. Chief Minister had mentioned about the poor maintenance of Serlui 'B' and how certain proposals ended up in a dust-bin. I do hope that such poor performance is not continued by the Hon. Minister. With the additional sanction of 1609 lakhs for the year 1994-95, more attention should be paid towards Serlui 'B'. Moreover, just before the Election, it was announced by the All India Radio, Aizawl station that Rs. 50 crore was sanctioned by the Central Electricity Authority for Transmission and distribution. I am not aware whether such sanction was made for the K.V. Line leading towards W.Phaileng from Zemabawk. I am afraid that the announcement was made merely to gain mere votes in the Election. Hence, the Ministry should see that such promises are fulfilled.

Regarding Civil Supply, the cost of rice transportation to the interior villages was subsidised, so that the village communities could purchase rice at the rate of Aizawl. The expenditure incurred for such subsidy is fairly high, provided that for the year 1994-95, large financial allotment is made for such purpose. In this connection, I would like to suggest that instead of incurring huge expenditures for Public distribution system, procurement of local products is strongly recommended as this will enable us to meet our demands and save our economy.

Coming to matter concerning PHE, the years 1980-90 was declared as clean drinking water decade. In spite of that, clean drinking water is still lacking even in the Capital Aizawl. So, we earnestly request the Ministry to provide the same.

Next, I would like to emphasize on matter concerning Wheat. Recently, it was learnt that the import of wheat would be stopped as we reaped a good harvest. Nevertheless, 3500 metric tonne of Wheat was imported between October and December, and another metric tonne was imported again in the month of January. Here, I would like to remind the Hon. Minister that in matter of Wheat supply, the Union flour Mills, Silchar should follow the rate fixed by the Mizoram Sunrise flour Mill, and the transportation cost is to be met by the supplier, and not by the people of Mizoram. Moreover, the F.C.I. as well as the Central Government are willing to subsidise the transportation fare, and such advantage should be readily availed by the Mizoram government. As a matter of fact, the Sunrise flour Mill was established with the help of loan taken from ZIDCO, and something fruitful must be done for its progress. Therefore, the concerned Minister should exert sustained efforts in order to promote our Industry, otherwise its failure will have an adverse effect on our people.

Regarding Road Transport, I think it will be better if only private Buses ply on the good roads and to nearby Villages and at the same time let the Government take efforts to improve bad roads. In this way, expenditure incurred for maintenance of Buses can also be reduced. I would like to urge the Government to solve the problems faced by rural areas in Transport system as earliest as possible, because proper maintenance of roads will play an important role in minimising the expenses of State Transports. I also would like to point out that the speed of our V.I.P. Vehicles is too high and it is very risky both for the public and Ministers.

Thank you.

PU T. HRANGHLUTA : Pu Speaker, under Demand No.20 in respect of State Lotteries, I would like to point out that since Mizoram is a Christian State, I feel this kind of gambling is not appropriate for us as it spoils our morality, I am sure there will be some other ways to collect revenue.

Secondly, if we look at our Budget book, it can be said that Lunglei and Chhimtuipui Districts are out of the Budget. In Demand No.26, there is no fund allotted to supply water for Lawngtlai, the Headquarter of District Council. I, therefore, would like to request the concern Minister to note this.

Regarding Demand No.44 in respect of Electricity, mention had been made in the Governor's Address and in our General Discussion that quite a number of rural areas had been electrified. In my Constituency, two Diesel Engines had been operated at Lawngtlai to supply Generate Power for Lawngtlai itself and its neighbouring Villages. Though electric wires had been laid upto Dungtlang, they do not get power supply till today. It is learnt that the electric wires laborously laid by the workers are being stolen. I, therefore, would like to request the Government to check this matter. I also would like to urge the Government to supply power where the wires had been laid.

Lastly, regarding Demand No.48, in respect of State Transport Department, we can see many State Transport Buses off road at Mizoram State Workshop, Chaltlang. I would like to know the intention of the Government in this regard. While private Buses are plying in the remote areas, Govt. Buses are plying only on the main roads. In order to solve the problems faced by rural areas. I think it will be better to give more Bus permit to individual to ply in various routes.

Thank you.

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Lastly, an additional pay-scale of Rs 6000-8000/- meant for the Development Commissioner appear on Appendixus, page 27. There is no such Pay-Scale in the All India Services. So, before the copies are distributed to the Members, the Finance Department should check and rectify the mistakes.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we shall invite our Hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalhmingthanga.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, Sir, in our discussion of the Demand, various Members participated and made valuable contributions and suggestions.

As far as the Budget Allocation is concerned, the centre has complete control over plan and Non-Plan, which creates certain problems even for the Ministry. Some of our Members have pointed out their dissatisfaction over the fund provisions. As a matter of fact, the Ministry too is fully aware of the inadequacy of funds for the various departments, but there is no alternative as the provisions are made in accordance with our Budget.

Moreover, as pointed out by some Members, there are many mistakes in the Pay-Scale, mentions in various Pages of Appendixes. But, there is nothing to worry as this is only a printing mistake and it does not affect the Budget.

Coming to Demand No.7, on State Excise, as stated by certain Members, strengthening of the said department is urgently needed in order to check the rapid increase of narcotics in our state. Accordingly, steps are being taken up to set up the Excise Department at Serchhip and Kolasib, where Inspector, Sub-Inspector, ASI and Head Constable will be appointed. Besides, for thorough checking of drug-trafficking, the government will pay more attention towards the border areas.

Another point I would like to stress is that the duty and responsibility of the Excise Department is to sieze the contraband materials, while care and rehabilitation of the drug-addicts is in the hands of the social welfare department. But there is a good co-ordination between the two departments, who greatly need the support and assistance of the Members.

Further, it was alleged that the financial allotment for Secret Service was too meagre. But we are all aware that such allotment for the said service is an un-auditable items, where the Ministry has to maintain extra care in to utilisation. Regarding Reward Money, this year only 10 thousand is allotted for this purpose. But the same could be increased by the government as found necessary.

Finally, regarding the case of one woman, pointed out earlier by the Hon'ble Member from Aizawl 'N' II, no official report is received by the government, but the same will be verified by the Ministry.

Thank you.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Could you give information regarding the actions taken ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : What even actions are taken
MINISTER will be intimated to the members. Only one member spoke about Demand No.8, Sales Tax. As we do not yet have our own products manufactured in Mizoram, imposition of Sales Tax has to be done extra carefully, as this may open chances of invasion by Non-Mizo traders. This is given high priority by the govt. Amendments have been made in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce and other interested parties. The draft proposal has been ready. The Sales Tax will be enforced in such a way that the Mizo traders will in no way face difficulties and at the same time checking the position of Non-Mizo traders.

On Demand No.10, Treasury & Accounts Administration, Mizoram has progressed much since the time of disturbance in Mizoram. Sub-Treasuries have been opened in several places opening better transactions for the public. However, the Reserve Bank of India does not favour the idea of opening Sub-Treasuries on International Border Towns. This is on the Indo-Bangladesh border town of Tlabung where currency chest cannot be kept.

Regarding Pensions on Demand No.11, Retirement Benefits is a very important matter. The number of pensions are increasing and for pensioners anticipation of drawing their money is great. With the existing number of staff in the Aizawl Treasury, it is not possible to speed up the transactions. Problems will be solved when the bifurcation or trifurcation is made.

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Regarding Secretariat Administrative Department (SAD) members have mentioned that there are too many muster roll employees. Creation of posts has many aspects to be considered. The financial implication is very high. Muster Roll employees are a good means of financial economy. However, there is no obligation to regularise Muster Roll employees as every department has a Recruitment Rule of its own.

Demand No.20, State Lottery is also a good source of revenue. The target for the current financial year is Rs 10 crores. This may not be covered during this year.

There has been a lot of talk regarding the Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme. Whenever this topic crops up, the members speak well of the contractor but personally I have never met him myself. When I visited the work site, the workers and the supervisor were present but the contractor was not to be seen.

Regarding the Aizawl Greater Water Supply Phase II, there have been proposals to cover areas like Hualngohmun and its surrounding areas. It has been considered but not yet implemented due to lack of funds. There is an intention to take up this scheme from HUDCO Loans which is being processed now. Financial constraint has prevented the starting of works, however, it is intended to cover the whole area as soon as possible.

In the Rural Water Supply there is provision of Rs 300 lakhs.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : My question regarding the break down of the engine has not been answered. Are they going to repair it ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, it is being repaired. As we do not have the work-shop for repair, it has been taken to Pune. We expect it to be finished by April and install it by May.
MINISTER

The Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase II will be commencing as soon as there is fund. The Water Supply Schemes of Lunglei, Kolasib, Serchhip and Saiha all come under the Urban Sector which is to be started as soon as we have the provisions.

Regarding the use of Polythene Pipes mentioned by the member from Ngopa, the reason is only because of its light weight, As the road is only a Jeepable Road Iron Pipes are too heavy for transportation, therefore Polythene Pipes were used. However, Polythene Pipes are very vulnerable to damage caused by fire and other natural calamities, terminates can also damage them in the long run. Replacement by G.I. Pipes will be done gradually.

Coming to Demand No.53, 'Loans to Government Servants' is very rewarding among other loans. A provision of Rs 6 crores has been made but it is still not enough. The re-payment is satisfactory as it is not direct from the loans.

And now, Pu Speaker, with your permission I beg to pass the following Demands under my charge, Demand No.7,8,9,10,11,19,20,25 and 53.

Demand No.7	State Excise Revenue,	1,70,00,000.00/-
Demand No.8	Sales Tax Revenue,	90,00,000.00/-
Demand No.9	Other Fiscal Services, Revenue.	25,00,000.00
Demand No.10	Treasury & Accounts Administration	2,31,20,000.00/-
Demand No.11	Secretariat, Revenue	8,98,00,000.00/-
Demand No.19	Retirement Benefit Revenue	7,08,00,000.00/-
Demand No.20	State Lotteries Revenue	18,00,000.00/-
Demand No.26	Water Supply & Sanitation, Revenue	14,23,10,000.00/-
	Capital	3,40,00,000.00/-
Demand No.53	Loans to Government Servants, Capital	6,00,00,000.00/-

T O T A L : 50,03,30,000.00/-

S P E A K E R : ' We shall take voice vote on the Demand 7,8,9,10,11,19, 20, 26 and 53 for Rs.50,03,30,000/- only for meeting expenditure during 1994-95 in respect of the following departments :- State Excise, Sale Tax, Other fiscal Services, Treasury & Accounts, Administration, Secretariat, Retirement Benefit, State Lotteries, Water Supply & Sanitation, Loans to Govt. Servants. (All members agree to pass) No one has objected, therefore the Demand of Pu Lalmingthanga is declared passed unanimously by this House.

We shall now call Pu C.L. Ruala, Minister to wind up his Demand.

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PU C.L.RUALA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, I shall be brie and put it to the vote of the House. Yes, the number of Ration Cards do not tally with the Census population. Many have been struck off but I do not know how they have multiplied again. Every year we try our best to check this influx but it is still not checked to the exact number in order to tally with the population.

Of course there are a number of floating population not entered in the census who are in need of rations.

The harvest record of the Department of Agriculture and the Supply Department has also never been the same. Our supplies procured from the FCI is not enough to feed the population of Mizoram without our own harvests. Our monthly procurement of supplies from FCI is 76000 quintals. We demanded an additional allotment for the Monsoon Season and were given another 6000 quintals of rice. Every month we had to carry 96000 quintals of supplies which is a very heavy load. Our Go-downs at Vairengte are well stocked and during the recent crisis we did not face supply problems except in petroleum and oil products.

Due to the acute demand of K.Oil in the rural areas we had approached for more supplies. As we are below the national per capital consumption we were given an addition of K.Oil 18 and after imploring for more we managed to procure 664 K.L. of K.Oil every month. The Company bears the carrying charges only up to the designated points, but beyond that we have to bear the carrying charge. That is why the price of K.Oil is more in the rural areas where the roads are not metalled.

Regarding Power & Electricity the Hon'ble Member Dr.R.Lalthangliana said that the report of power to be generated from Bairabi Project has differed. While some say it will generate 250 megawatts, others say it will be 160 and 120 megawatts. This will not be really known unless and until the investigations are fully complete. That in the same case with the Kolodine Phase II project we hope it will not be less than 300 megawatts.

The Governor's speech reads :-
'The Government is also persuing vigorously the 120 megawatt hydel project popularly known as Bairabi Hydel Project to be taken up as early as possible as Central Sector Project.'

Other States also have Central Sector Projects and we urged the centre to speed up the investigations and obtain the clearance as soon as possible. The Prime Minister has also given priority and importance to the projects and in the mean time we cannot ignore the mini project.

We can receive funds from the NBC for such projects, experts from foreign countries have also visited our projects and they told us that our machines (D.G.Sets) are of the old models. Many of our other machines are not up dated, and therefore may not be able to generate the estimated powers.

Our engineers are now concentrating on the projects vigorously and we are happy at their works so far.

However, as we do not have snow-fed rivers, our small projects are very dry during the dry seasons. Our main problem is the inability to generate enough power during the dry season.

Some of the members have suggested the purchase of Diesel Engine. But, the fact is that, the central government has discourage diesel engine as the rapid increase in production cost. However, when the Union Minister of State for Power had visited Mizoram, he was informed of our problems that without diesel engine, we have shortage of power supply. He was further informed that even if the Central Government cannot allot the total price for diesel engine, 50% be adjusted as a loan system. As a result, the Central Minister has urged the PFC to give us loan for the purchase of Diesel Engine. And, we are recently informed that a loan of Rs 3.50 crores is to be granted to us by the PFC. Another problem here to get the matching fund for the purchase of diesel engine. As soon as we find the matching fund Diesel Generator which can generate 5 MW of Power would be purchase.

The case of Serlui 'B' Hydel Project could not be disclose in the House for the moment as the case has been undertaken by High Court.

Regarding LPG Gas, it was decided with the head of the Company with at the price for Cylinder is fixed as Rs.100/-. Regarding the delivery, it will be done on seniority basis. The member from Saiha has raised the question of gas agent for Saiha. For the present, It is not possible to have LPG Gas agent for Saiha due to certain technical problems. When this problem is solved gas agent can be commissioned for Saiha.

It is also expected that Gas agents for Hnahthial and Tlabung will be commissioned soon.

In the case of Wheat mentioned by the member from Aizawl East II, Union Flour Mill was selected to do the milling during the President's Rule during that time the only milling factory existed in Mizoram was Sunrise Mill which was also selected by the government on contract basis. Regarding the transportation of Wheat from outside the State, the transportation charge could be reimburse. But, in the case of transportation of finished product, that cannot be reimburse. This had caused certain problems for the consumers. This is the disadvantage of selecting mill from outside the State. On the other hand if we select only Sunrise Mill from Mizoram, there happened to be several times when the mill met difficulties due to shortage of power supply. This has hindered the working progress. Therefore, we have no other choice but to select Union Flour Mill from other State.

Regarding the failure of power in Aizawl Town, we have received less power supply from the neighbouring states and for this reason, we cannot receive sufficient power supply.

S P E A K E R : You may beg leave of the House for the passing of your demands under your charge.

P U C . L . R U A L A : Pu Speaker, one more point
MINISTER I would like to mention is the case of Fine Rice and Super Fine Rice which have often earned mentioning. We usually have received Super Fine Rice and Common Rice from the Food Corporation of India. We have only accepted the products as listed by the FCI. Whatever they supplies as Super Fine Rice, we have just accepted as Super Fine Rice. Sometime we have made a complain to the FCI and there are a number of times that we have succeeded. Regarding the price, Rs.616 is the Go-down price while Rs.625/- is the Retailer price.

I shall now ask the permission of the House for the passing of my demands in respect of the following departments : Civil Supplies Revenue - Rs.12,24,20,000.00/-, Capital - Rs.56,18,10,000.00/- Totalling - Rs. 1,34,96,10,000.00/-.

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S P E A K E R : Do you agree to pass
(Members say 'Agree'). Will
the demands for meeting the
expenses during 1994-1995
in respect of the departments of Civil Supplies and
Electricity is just passed by this House.

H.Thangkima . I shall now call upon Pu

PU H.THANGKIMA : Pu Speaker, I have noted
MINISTER down some of the important
points and suggestions rai-
sed by the members in
respect of the departments of Fisheries and Transport.

On the department of Trans-
port, the performance of Mizoram Tran sport Department
is satisfactory. At present, the department has 94
medium Buses, 6 mini buses, and 17 Deluxe Buses plying
along the routes of Mizoram. And as stated before the
performance and means are quite satisfactory. To con-
firm this statement we have even recieved the National
Trophy from the Central Government.

I would also like to inform
the members of this House that the Central Workshop
cannot make rapid progress as the work progress had
been hampered by the landslide at S.Hlimen.

One member has asked whe-
ther there is proposal for the purchase pf private land
for Transport Department. Previously, there was propo-
sal for purchasing private land, but, the proposal was
cancelled.

In regard to the Service
of Bus within District Council Area, though the depart-
ment is making steps towards the extension of Bus Ser-
vices, some of the roads within the District Council
area are not suitable for Bus Service and some roads
also required reconstructions. Therefore, we cannot
increase the member of Bus plying within the routes of
District Council Area.

One member had stated that
out of the bill pending of Rs.23 lakhs, Rs 17 lakhs
is to be paid by Transport Department. This may be
true. However, this matter cannot be considered for
the moment. It will be checked as soon as possible.

Pu Speaker, one of the members has stated that the permit of Bus plying in the route between Aizawl and Saiha has been cancelled. In this case, I would like to say that the issue of Bus permit is under the authority of State Transport Authority and therefore, the Director or the Minister have no authority to cancel any Bus permit under the Transport Department.

PU LALKHAMA : Pu Speaker, according to the Motor Vehicle Act, ex-gratia payment of Rs. 10,000/- may be given against those who died in a Motor accident. In the case of the recent Bus Accident, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has mentioned this ex-gratia payment to the deceased. But, it has not been paid till date. Therefore, it will be appreciated if the Minister make note of this matter.

PU H. THANGKIMA : Pu Speaker, regarding the State
MINISTER Transport Authority, a new Committee has been constituted but has not yet been function. The Government has also proposal for the establishment of Regional Transport Authority at Saiha and Lunglei.

The Member from Suangpuilawn seems to be exaggerated by stating that the Deptt. of Transport is disorganised. This Department is well-organised and thus made many achievements for the past years.

Fisheries has been a success particularly in the Western Belt. But, the budget provision for this Department is rather small and therefore difficult to make many achievements. We have also made proposal for the installation of Cold Storage at Aizawl and Bilkhawthlir. And for this, the Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 56 lakhs.

Suggestion has been rise from the Members for the posting of experts person for the Director of Fisheries Department. But, expert persons are not available for the Department.

In conclusion, I would like to apologise to the Members for not being answering all their questions. I think there is nothing more to be said from my side. However, I want to request our Members to accept my Demands totalling Rs. 9,69,00,000.00 which I submitted today.

Thank you.

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S P E A K E R : Now, we will have voting on the demands submitted by the Minister. Do you agree to pass this demand ?

(Member - 'Agree') Well, the demand is passed without anyone's objection.

Well, our sitting will be adjourned till 10:30 A.M. tomorrow.

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