

FOURTH SITTING OF THE 5TH SESSION OF THE THIRD MIZORAM
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON 20TH MARCH, 1995.

PRESENT

Pu R.L.VALLA, Dy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister,
fourteen Ministers and eighteen Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY
DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1994-1995

2. PU J.Lalsangzuala to submit to the vote of the House various supplementary Demands for Grants for 1994-1995 of the Government of Mizoram.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill to be introduced, considered and passed.

3. Pu J.Lalsangzuala to beg leave of the House
 - (i) to introduce The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 1995

ALSO

to introduced the Bill

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

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE ANNUAL
BUDGET FOR 1995-1996,

4. General Discussion on the Annual Budget for 1995-1996 of the Government of Mizoram to commence.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : "The King's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will. Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the heart. To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice".

Proverbs 21:1-3

Two of our members are not present. Pu L.P.Thangzika & Dr.R.Lalthangliana are allowed to be absent on their request.

Now, we will take question. May I call upon Pu Lalrinchhana to ask Starred Question No.16.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, may starred Question No.16.

Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state -

- (a) How many Graduates are employed from Civil Engineer in Electricity Department ?
- (b) How many B.E.(Civil) are unemployed ?

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Dy.Speaker, answer for starred question No. 16 -
MINISTER

(a) 19.

(b) There is no separate entry for B.E. (Electric) in the Employment Exchange. The Employment Exchange registered 42 B.E/B.Tech unemployed.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Dy.Speaker, supplementary question -

- (a) whether 19 Civil Engineers employed in Electric Deptt. are permanent ?
- (b) Is it possible to employ Electrical Graduates as early as possible ?

PU S.L.RUJALA
MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, we have a separate wing for Civil Engineer in Power & Electricity Department. So, they were posted for filling up of the vacant posts. And, so we do not have vacant for E.E(Electric) and B.Tech, we could not accomodate them. But, we employed 12 of them as Muster-roll.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No.17, may I call upon Pu Lalhmingthanga to ask.

PU LAHMINGTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I ask my starred question No. 17. Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Local Administration Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether the Government is aware of the increase of house-fly, mosquitos, and rats since garbage is disposed near Muthi ?
- (b) Whether the Government is aware of the health factor of the inhabitants of Muthi ?
- (c) If so, what will be the Government's plan in order to protect the health of the people living near the dumping ground ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : May I call upon the Hon'ble L.A.D. Minister Pu S.T.Rualyapa.

PU S.T.RUALYAPA
MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, the answer is -
(a) Yes.
(b) We do not know that their health has been affected but we received a report that it may effect their health.

(c) As we do not have proper dumping ground it is very difficult. For the prevention of public health, the Government takes necessary action by spreading funnel and by drying up garbage be fire. And, P.H.D. Deptt. plans many scheme and solid waste is also one of the projects. It also includes proper means of purification. I hope that this scheme will be finished by the coming financial year.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, supplementary question -

Muthi Village Council submitted Memorandum to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and District Chief Medical Health Officer, Aizawl West also submitted a certificate of medical point of view regarding this dumping place. This certificate also stated that this solid waste spread diseases for rats, mosquitos, strayed dogs and for human beings. The Hon'ble Minister's answer may not be definite. I do not think that P.H.E. has a well-plan for making solid waste disposal and proper treatment. The inhabitants may be few, but we should not neglect them. Whether the Government make a plan to shift this to elsewhere ?

PU S.T.RUALYAPA
MINISTER

: Pu Dy.Speaker, we have dumping place different places like; Mualpai, Sairang and in the north, but no one approves

of the places used for dumping is selected as suitable place for quite a long time during which another suitable place would be sought.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, whether the Government will still dump garbage at Muthi while we mention their problems and

health-risks ?

PU S.T.RUALYAPA
MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, as we do not have another place, we should continue to use that place. But, the Government will provide prevention from diseases.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, as we do not have project for wastage disposal, whether the Government will make a separate project for this purpose ? As our population increases in Aizawl, dumping-side will be made some distance away from Aizawl.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, if the Hon'ble Minister in-charge L.A.D. visit Muthi Village during dry season he will understand the problems of the people. As we do not have proper dumping ground, whether the Government will make a plan to have such place ?

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Dy.Speaker, this project had started since 3 years back and the approach road is also constructed. If the Villagers of Muthi are aware of this, why they did not make a complain at that time ?

PU S.T.RUALYAPA
MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, as they already mentioned we spent lots of money. As opposition Leader has mentioned, we made a separate project at Muthi, but this is also being criticized. As we are now developing, we will look into the matter as the opposition leader's suggestion.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, the Hon'ble Member Pu Remsiana's question - they used to complaint to the Government.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : May I call upon Pu B.Lal - thlengliana to ask starred question No.18.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I ask my starred question No.18 - Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge L.A.D. be pleased to state -

- (a) Is there any Village Council dissolved in Mizoram ?
- (b) How many ?

PU S.T.RUALYAPA MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, the answer is -
(a) Yes.
(b) 7 Village Councils.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Dy.Speaker, supplementary questions -
(a) Why did this V/C dissolved ?
(b) How many V/C are under process for dissolution ?

PU S.T.RUALYAPA MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, in Aizawl Dist. six Village Councils were dissolved under the following reasons-

- (a) As 3 out of 5 members resigned the V/C was dissolved at New Vervek on 19.7.'94.

- (b) As 3 out of 5 members resigned the V/C was dissolved at Marpara.
- (c) As they could not form Executive body, V/C of Phuldungsei was dissolved.
- (d) As the Election Tribunal respected foul-play in the Election Hriangtlang V/C was also dissolved.
- (e) Ratu V/C was also dissolved but this V/C was again re-instituted.

And, in Lunglei District, Puankhai V/C was dissolved due to foul - play during election.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Dy.Speaker, supplementary question -

The Statement of the Hon'ble Minister may be confusing in my unstarred question he said sevens but now he said six. One may have taken place after they prepare answer to my unstarred questions. My question is -

- (a) Whether the Government will be more careful regarding the dissolution of V/C ?
- (b) We are aware that 3 members out of 5 resigned at Lengpui. Whether the V/C will be dissolved ?

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Dy.Speaker, supplementary question -

As the rules of V/C state that the V/C should have clear boundaries, how Chite V/C can be formed while it does not have clear boundary ? Again, whether this V/C will be dissolved ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, as there is not much provision of fund in the budget, the party may not be able to favour their own party

for contracts and others works. Because of our greediness we used to criticise the other. So, what I would like to request the concern Minister is whether the Minister could assure the House to look into the matter if some-body criticise the V/C? And, whether the Minister in-charge aware that the V/C.P pocketed all the money? There is no account to show how they spent Rupees Ten lakhs.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Dy.Speaker, as the Minister had said, those who lost in the V/C election should not be given nominated seat. As such Darlawn V/C was changed. But, even after the report was submitted to the Government regarding Lungsum V/C no action was taken. Whether the Minister in-charge aware of this? Is this V/C given special consideration? And, the V/C Executive body is not formed in Serchhip till now. What is the reason for the delay?

PU B.LAL THLENGLIANA : Pu Dy.Speaker, supplementary question -
It seems that the V/C is dissolved due to misuse of money. Phulpui V/C and Lungleng V/C misused fund sanctioned for construction of bridges and wells. How the Minister will take action against these two Village Councils?

PU S.T.RJALYAPA MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, as I had mentioned Tuidam Village Council was dissolved. If we found mistake regarding the function and produces, it will be dissolved as the rules permits us.

As we do not have enough land in Aizawl Town, Chite was given Village Council to be looked after by the Department.

There is no reason to dissolve Champhai Village Council. But, if there is good reason, it will be dissolved.

Regarding Lungsum Village Council, it seems that the Government is not aware of the nominated seat being filled up by those who lost in election.

(Pu Zoramthanga : Pu Dy.Speaker, what about one of my questions ?) if it is not there, I do not know. (Pu Lalrinchhana : Darlawn and Lungsum go together and while they noticed about Darlawn, why did not they notice Lungsum) We are not aware of this.

Regarding Serchhip V/C, as they could not give detail report we could not form V/C body. If they submit nominated seat the council body would be formed.

The Government is not aware of Phulputi and Lunglei. (Dr.J.V.Hluna : Pu Dy.Speaker, in Lengpui, two nominated members resigned. How the Govt. will settle this matter ?)

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, how far would we understand the persons involved in the mis-appropriation of fund amounting to Rupees Ten lakhs ? In Parvatui, the Government do not handover implementation of E.G.S. to V/C. It seems that it is because they are opposition V/C. What is the reason ?

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Dy.Speaker, which one the Government takes serious wrong account on misuse of money ?

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Dy.Speaker, how far you have reach regarding the amendment to V/C Act ? Is it finished ?

Secondly, there is misunderstanding between the people of Phullen themselves and they complaint about each other. Is there any proposal to dissolve the V/C ?

PU S.T.RUALYAPA : Pu Dy.Speaker, we are taking enquiry regarding Lengpui V/C. And, if the Deptt. does not agree to hand-over EAS Scheme, it is their authority.

We regard misuse of money as serious offence. And, regarding the amendment of V/C Act, it is the ongoing process.

- PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : What action would be taken against Phulpui and Lungleng North if there is mis-use of fund by the V/C ?
- PU S.T. RUALYAPA
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, we will examine when the report comes we do not yet received any report regarding Phullen.
- PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, regarding E.G.S. I would like to give some clarification. It is not E.A.S., it is B.A.B.P. Under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary the Committee give authority to the Department to look after this scheme.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : May I call upon Pu Lalsawta to ask question No. 19.
- PU LALSAWTA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I ask my starred question No. 19 - Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Home Department be pleased to state - Is there any proposal to give separate Union Territory for Chakma in Mizoram ?
- PU J. LALSANGZUALA
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, the answer is 'No'.
- PU LALSAWTA : Pu Dy. Speaker, supplementary question - How many times had the Chakma Territory since 1992 ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Dy.Speaker, the Government
MINISTER is not aware of this matter.

DR J.V.HLUNA : Pu Dy.Speaker, whether the
Chakmas who come into Mizoram
are recorded as refugees and
inform the Central ? As Aru-
nachal and Tripura report to the Central, they received
separate funds for them. And, they used to discuss with
Prime Minister of Bangladesh regarding their deportment to
Bangladesh. Has the Govt. taken any steps in such a manner
as stated in the case of Arunachal and Tripura Govts. ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Dy.Speaker, we are exa-
MINISTER mining this matter and we
are trying to find the way
to identify non-residents
Chakmas.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will take Starred
Question No.20.

PU LAIHMINGTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I would like
to ask more questions;
All the Secretaries of Politi-
cal Parties and Organisations
submitted joint memorandum to the Central Government on
17th of this month regarding separate Union Territory in
Mizoram. As the Hon'ble Home Minister has mentioned, is
the Government aware of this ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Dy.Speaker, we have seen
MINISTER from the News Paper. But, we
are sure that the Central
Government will not do any-
thing without consulting us. We also do not receive any
information from Indian Government.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, what is the Government's opinion about this? Is it agreeable or not?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Pu Dy.Speaker, during our Ministry, Chakma will not be given separate Union Territory.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Now, may I call upon Pu John Rotluangliana to ask Question No. 20.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, I ask my Starred Question No. 20. Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Public Works

Department be pleased to state -

Is there any proposal to take over Zawlnuam to Zawlpu road by P.W.D.?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Pu Dy.Speaker, the answer is 'Yes'.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, supplementary question - If so, what is the plan estimate for this purpose?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Pu Dy.Speaker, In 1995-1996 Draft Annual Plan Rs.7 lakhs is vested for this purpose. And, we are waiting the Government's approval.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Dy.Speaker, We know that the Government of Tripura is not interested in the construction of bridge on Langkaih. What steps have been taken by the Government for the success of the construction of the said bridge ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, the construction of the cited work is the duty of Tripura Government. As they are taking things quietly, we ask the reason. But, we do not yet received the reply.

And, in order to prevent erosion they constructed damp on their side, this effects our side. So, we are now thinking how we would go about for the success of the said bridge.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : May I call upon Pu Zoramthanga to ask question No.21.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I ask my starred question No.21 -
Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Public Works Deptt. be pleased to state:
Is there any proposal to create P.W.D. Eastern Circle at Champhai ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, at present there is no plan to create P.W.D. Eastern Circle at Champhai. It is because the proposal for trifurcation of Aizawl District is processing. And, we hope that we will receive sanction from 10th Finance Commission. District Headquarter will also have to be proposed.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, there is no connection of this Deptt. with trifurcation of Aizawl District. Before creating new District, many different Offices were created. Hence, is not it possible to create Eastern Circle at Champhai? Is it necessary to wait for trifurcation of Aizawl Dist. to have Eastern Circle created at Champhai? As it is a borden town, it is necessary to have P.W.D. Circle established?

PU LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, from our experiances, it seems that it is better to have circle created in State Capital.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : May I call upon Pu F. Lalrem-siama to ask question No.22.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I ask my question No.22.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, the questions and answers are -

(i) How do the Mizoram Government feels about the strength of the present Ministry?

(ii) As the recommendation of Sarkaria Commission what will be the strength of state Ministry in Mizoram?

The answers are :-

(i) The Government of Mizoram regards that the present Ministry is strong enough.

(ii) In the Sarkaria Commission's recommendation did not mention Centre-State relation, it also does not mention the strength of a Ministry. This commission is examined by Central and State Governments.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Dy.Speaker, in the explanatory memorandum of the budget, it has been said that - 'Increase in the Provision in R.E. 1994-1995 under organs of state is mainly due to induction of more Ministers and purchase of more Cars'. My question - How many Vehicles can be kept by each Minister ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, we know the importance of the purchase of vehicle for Minister and other purposes. Regarding a number of vehicles each Minister could kept this depends on the Minister. Only one vehicle is allotted from Secretariat.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Dy.Speaker, whether the Government is aware of our financial problem because of the induction of more Minister ? Should they not pity the public ? Do they not know that we have problem because of this ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, we have no difficulties as we have only few extra money to distribute and, as we introduced economic measure we saved lots of money. Hence we have no problem in having more Minister.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Dy.Speaker, it is very serious to give wrong information to this House. This economic measure was introduced at the time of Pu Lalhmingthanga's Finance Ministership. The Govt. should also be aware of many vehicles kept by the Ministers.

As a Finance Minister, he should verify the Government's expenditure if not, how the Government will proceed on further ?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Pu Dy. Speaker, as we have
MINISTER seen the salary rules, you
will notice that we do not
spent much more extra money.
As Ministers are 'responsibled person' they will know
exactly how to behave or how many vehicles they should
keep.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, may I call upon
Pu F. Malsawma to ask
question No. 23.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I ask my
starred question No. 23.
Will the Hon'ble Minister
i/e Excise Deptt. be
pleased to state -

- (a) Whether the Government barred drugs for drug addiction ?
- (b) Is there any proposal to frame rules for the preven-
tion of drugs addiction ?
- (c) Is there any proposal to frame rules for punishment
of alcoholic ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : May I call upon the Hon'ble
Minister Pu Hrangthanga to
give answer.

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY : Pu Dy. Speaker, the answers
MINISTER are -

(a) Drugs like Heroin, Ganja,
Nitrosun (Nitrizepam) etc.
are banned under NDPS Act, 1985. But, unfortunately the
Act does not include Proxyvon. Cosmetic Act, 1940 banned
selling of drugs without licence.

(b) Although there is no plan to frame new rules in order
to prevent addiction, the Government is processing
to amend Drugs & Cosmetic Act, 1940 to prevent misuse
and abuse of drugs.

(c) And, there is no plan to frame new Acts for punishment of intoxicated persons. We have existing Act of IPC.

PU F.MALSAWMA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, the Government may not be aware of what I would like to ask. Whether Proxyvon is not banned even

today? Is there any proposal to ban it? It has been said that Proxyvon Capsule is mixed with others intoxicating medicines at Silchar to be imported in Mizoram? Is there any enquiry taken by the Mizoram Government on this matter?

Regarding the answer of question 'b' if we do not frame new rules, we can not check the supply of medicine used for intoxication. The rules allowed the State to amend IPC and CRPC according to the necessity of the state. Whether the Government apply for framing of new rules from this session?

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY
MINISTER

: Pu Dy.Speaker, we had consultation with Health Deptt., Law Deptt., Minister and Secretary regarding the control of Proxyvon.

If we ban Proxyvon in our state, the company may appeal to the Court against the Government. So, in order to control Proxyvon we have a plan to make non-bailable warrant for those who are seized with such intoxicating drugs those who sell drugs without licence as provided under Drugs & Cosmetic Act, 1940. According to the proposed amendment, Police and Excise also should be given power to seize those who go against the law. But, the amendment has to be approved by the Central Government. And, for looking after alcoholic and drunkard, the Govt. is taking necessary action.

Thank you.

DR J.V. HLUNA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, is it possible to purchase medicine without the prescription of the medical practitioner?

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Dy.Speaker, supplementary question - If the Government do not frame new rule. Why the Government do not punish according to the existing Act ? According to NPP Act, the punishment should be a fine of Rs.1,00,000/- or ten years imprisonment. I also support the Hon'ble member of Aizawl South II, regarding control of drug abuse as one of the most important agendas for the Government. Is it possible to enforce the system of existing Act ? Why can not there be justice according to NDP Act in Police Court and Jail ? Whether the Government is not aware of drugs dealers ? Why did not we give punishment to drug dealers according to the existing rules ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Dy.Speaker, as we know, Drug abuse spreads widely in our state. Since, 1984 the Government also takes necessary action to control drugs, but this is very difficult. As the Hon'ble concern Minister has already mentioned the Government is processing to amend the rules. I also personally feel that there may be untrust-worthy-persons among the staffs in Excise Deptt. and Narcotic cell.

It may be true that some police personnel who are on duty at Vairengte Check-gate could be bribed with Rupees 2/3 thousand. But, if investigation is not taken first, action cannot yet be taken. But, we consulted voluntary organisation. It is my request to all members to give suggestion to the Govt. Although the Chief Secretary gave instruction to the Magistrate to punish those who seized dealers of alcohol and drugs, but they used to escape from punishment. As the Magistrates could not do much, we have a plan to organise effective group from prominent persons. If so, I hope that this problem will be elevated.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, one more question whether the Govt. is aware of smuggling taking place at Vairengte check-gate ? We have said much about drugs and its trafficking. But, we have seen no achievement or the part of the Govt. to do away with such social menace. It is unfortunate for the people. If the existing Act could not curtail drug abuse,

the Government should press Central Government to make new Acts. It will be appreciated if the Act could include Proxyvon which will be sold by those who have special permit among the owners of drug licence. I hope that all other opposition members and other group also agreed to press the Central Government. If it is not the time of Parliament Sitting, the President may also declare this Acts. So, for the success of this proposal, the Government should have to press the Central Government.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question hours is almost over. We have two more minutes and after this we will stop.

PU LAL TRANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, as I had already mentioned I request all the Hon'ble members to understand the problems of the Government. In order to solve this problem, the Government made proposal to establish Special Force. So, if we seize anyone selling intoxicating drugs against the laws, they will be punished.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we are going to take up list of Business. May I call upon the Hon'ble Minister Pu J.Lalsangzuala to move supplementary Demand for Grant for 1994-1995.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA
MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, with your permission, Sir, I move supplementary Demand for Grant for 1994-1995 in the House for discussion.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is necessary to discuss ? This is the ongoing expenditure. You may have some clarification.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is 5 minutes enough for discussion ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, as we have to discuss many demands, we may not finish within 5 minutes. Let us extend upto 10 minutes as we have whole day. If we finish earlier, we can proceed on for may discuss more than three demards.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, as it is the ongoing expenditure, it may be enough to make clarrification.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : What is our opinion ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, within 5 minutes we will discuss nothing. As in practice, 10 minutes is enough for discussion. If we take more than that, it means we'll have less time for General Discussion and if we finish earlier we have more time for General Discussion.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As suggested, I think we can finish within 5 minutes.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, in Demand No. 45 under Industries Deptt. We have seen the explanatory notes on page 92 mentioning - an additional provision of Rs 2,4,94 lakhs for payment of transport subsidy to various small scale industries. It seems that this expenditure can be refunded. What I would like to express is that the system of subsidy of the Government is groundless. It has been said that Industry Deptt. gave Rs.3,52,95,443/- of

Central Transport Subsidy for 22 Industrial Units. And, one family received Rs.2,73,88,369/- and a plan is made to give another subsidy this year which is included in this supplementary demand. We may not see such Industry to receive such amount in Mizoram. Regarding the Chalan and receipt of transportation this should be counter-signed by different check gate. But, some may involved in practising corruption by using fake chalan and letter head without counter-signature. It is very unfortunate for the people to have such persons doing unlawful activities. This matter should be examined by the Govt.

And, in Tourism Demand we have seen supplementary note on page 99&100, stating the amount of Rs.20,55 lakhs required for construction of way-side Restaurant, Rest House, etc. As we know, in developing countries, prostitution increases where Tourism is boosted up. And, prostitution spreads AIDS which becomes International problem. So, in my opinion, we should not take much interest for promotion of Tourism.

And, regarding Mizoram Public Service Commission - new members has been appointed recently. They may be the worthiest persons but there is no provision for appointment by the Govt. In the appointment of MPSC Members, there should not be nepotism, favouritism and party consideration, the appointment should be made according to the merit. But, this new appointment seems to be that of political appointment. So, the Government should review this system.

Thank you.

PU LALSAWTA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, last year we had about Rs.10,80 lakhs and this year we have Rs. 15,000 lakhs for supplement-

tary Demand. In my opinion this is very serious, hence I was eagerly waiting to have discussion on this supplementary demand.

As Pu Hminga had already mentioned regarding Industry Deptt.(J) demands on page 94 Rs.4,80,000/- as under-ground activities - It means that this supplementary demands is to recover public money mis-used by the cashier. Not only this, again this department has Rs.2,00,000/- for this purpose in this demand. It seems that the Cashier has Rs 2 lakhs for write off. Which makes me very surprise.

Regarding Election expenditure - We spent Rs.467.55 lakhs for the conduction of election on November, 1993. And, now we see Rs.55,15 lakhs

on supplementary demands. It means that the total expenditure for election is Rs.523 lakhs. Cannot we economize our money in the budget ?

As far as my know is concerned the Postal Deptt. is operated by the Central Government. But, if we look at supplementary demand page 16, it states that - Rs.15 lakhs for matching the expenditure incurred by the Postal Deptt. for operating daks in the interior places. Whether the Mizoram Govt. helped the Postal Deptt. by giving Rs.15 lakhs. ?

Most of the Departments contributed about Rs.500/-, Rs.300/-, Rs.100/- and Rs.400/- lakhs for stock suspends. And, especially if we look at PWD demand in page 91, we see Rs.300/- lakhs for the purchase of Iron rod and Cement. If the Deptt. needs the material we should purchase. But, as we see this supplementary demand, this Rs.300 lakhs seems to have floated about due to bribery among the staff.

Regarding supply deptt. we had Rs.1400 lakhs during 1992-'93 as supplementary for the purchase of Rice. And, again another Rs.100 lakhs supplementary Demand for 1993-'94 has been made, and Rs.300 lakhs for the purchase of Rice and transport subsidy.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I request all the Ministers to take note of what was said regarding state revenue or tax. The public have to pay non-tax Revenue to the Government like Electric Bill, Water Bill, etc. But, it seem that some bills are not entered in the Deptt. accounts. So, I would like to request the concerned Minister to look into this matter.

It is not known whether the Deptt. has two different receipt books-one for the customers and another for Office. But, I doubted that there would not be two receipt books. It seems that the people do not have confidence in the Government because of the misuse of public money by some Govt. officials. And, in this Demand, the Security Force have Rs.1495 lakhs supplementary demand for the cost of rental charges of private lands within 20yrs. But, it is necessary to clarify the condition for distribution of the fund under this Demand.

At Lunglawn, among 129 land-owners were included some people who do not have LSC while some private land owners who have LSC were dropped. They have a proposal to give Rs.10,73,088 to one nature of Pawhzawl who do not have pass. This was included in the supplementary demand. So, it is my request to all ministers to be cautious regarding supplementary demands.

Thank you.

DR J.V.HLUNA : Pu Dy. Speaker, first of all I would like to speak about Demand No.11 - Which is Secretariat Deptt. In explanatory note D, we see 'An additional Provision of Rs 49,43 lakhs is required for purchase of stationery articles and furniture for new State Guest House'. And, we purchased this Guest House for Rs. 225 lakhs and Rs.140.82 is sanctioned for repairing.

And, in Demand No. 18 page 32 we have Rs 12 lakhs for furnishing. Why did we show these demand under different heads? Whether there is double entry? This have to be carefully examined.

Again, on page 13 in explanatory note B & D, under Secretariat demands we see, (B)- Conduct of Recruitment Examinations we have Rs. 0.05 lakhs, and in (D)- for Conduct of Examination Rs.2.90 lakhs is vested. Why does this appears under two heads? How are we going to Conduct Examination?

In Demand No.12 on explanatory note No.(S) we have additional provision of Rs.1495-75 is required for payment of rental charges. The figure in this demand and the answer in Unstarred Question is different. And, as we had given 15 days advance, Why could not the Minister furnish the list of the names? As the Hon'ble Member has pointed out, there is Emergency Dropping Centre/ Emergency Dropping Zone between Bawngkawn and Durtlang. They have LSC, but they are not recommended. Hence, we want a copy of the list of names.

On page 18 No.(G) it is mentioned that 'Charges on organising camps in connection with disturbances in Sept., 1994'. As we know, Mr.Lalsang-Zuala was killed on Sept. 26 and the Government camped about 5423 non-Mizos because of this incident during eight days. For this purpose, the Government spent Rs.17,50,000. Why do we spent such a big amount?

On page 18 under Higher & Technical Education Deptt. we have Rs.21.88 lakhs for upgrading of non-Government institutions. But, it has been said that some non-Government Colleges do not function as a rule. The account of these College are never audited since they were established. And, if they did not give Scholarship to some students who has less percentage, they never return the Scholarship to the Government.

Under Demand No.25 or at page 43 the Hon'ble Minister has said that as there are specialists and general practitioners among Doctors he could not mention the seniority. If it so, I request him to furnish the list of names of the Doctors. As there is no proper seniority list, we can not have Director in Health Deptt.

And, again on page 48 in explanatory note we see that Rs 125 lakhs is for establishment of Cancer detection Centre at Aizawl Civil Hospital. But, as far as my knowledge is concern, this expenditure is to be borne by the Central Government due to efforts made by Dr.C.Silver, MP. So, why did the Government make a separate budget provision for this purpose ?

And, on page 57, regarding District Council, we see - 'Additional Provisions of Rs.420 lakhs is required for welfare of scheduled caste/scheduled tribe in the form of Grant-in-Aid'. As we are Scheduled Tribe, why it is necessary to give grant-in-aid separately for scheduled caste and scheduled tribe ?

And, on page 68 under Agriculture Department we have 'Additional provisions of Rs.486.38 lakhs is required to be provided in the R.E. 1994-1995 for implementation of various centrally sponsored scheme as sanctioned by the Government of India'. How did we spent this amount ?

Regarding Road and Water Transport, it is necessary to invest fund for Motor Accident claimants tribunal. And, Mizoram State Transport used to give compensation for accident. In the meantime, there is no such demand for the compensation in this budget. What is the reason ?

Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

; Pu Dy.Speaker, at the time of the establishment of MPSC, it was not easy to create permanent post for clerical, so we used to appoint clericals on muster-roll basis by spending Rs.50,000/-. And, as we conduct many examinations, we need more stationeries. Hence, we have separate head for appointment of usual employees and stationary in this supplementary demand.

As the Hon'ble member of Aizawl South II had stated, the Mizoram Government contributed for communication for Villagers through Post Office. We have a share with Central Government.

Regarding election expenditure, the Government cleared the expenditure especially for travelling expenses and charge for motor repaired. We have to pay this year expenditure so we have Rs 5 crores in this supplementary demand.

Regarding the appointment of Members of Mizoram Public Service Commission, we are very careful to study their biodata, past experience, etc. They are to be the ones who do not have impartiality in conducting examination and interview. As they are honest and sincere people, there will be no jeopardy among these members.

We are now starting the management of State Guest House.

Thank you.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, we have seen Rs. 154 crores as supplementary demand. Our supplementary demand is much more than the budget of 1980. This means we should be careful while we make budget estimate. It seems that the whole administration should be reformed.

First of all, I would like to speak on Sports Department's demand. On page No. 40 we see 'additional provision of Rupees 69.15 lakhs is required for grant to Sports Council for other Voluntary Organisation and Assistance'. How many Voluntary Organisation were given sports goods? I would like to request the Hon'ble concern Minister to explain how the Sports Council spent Rs. 10 lakhs as some people had criticised the spending? Again in sub No. (d). We have Rs 16 lakhs under Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Where did this fund is spent? The Minister told us that this sanction is to be used for Ramhlun Indoor Stadium. Construction of Ramhlun Mini Sports Complex, but we never seen any achievement. How did the Government utilize the fund under this scheme?

On page No. 54 under Urban Development we see Rs 104 lakhs for beautification of the town. As we have such large amount we rarely see the achievement. Especially town area we need good system of side drain. Whether the work can be started and the budget can be preserved? I request the Hon'ble Minister to explain this matter.

On pages No. 55-57 under District Council Demand, we have Rs. 420 lakhs supplementary demand. One of the main reasons is the salary. Only for Chakma District Council Rs. 12 lakhs is necessary for salary and Rs. 17 lakhs is for Vehicles. The salary of CEM, EM, Vice-Chairman, Chairman, D.C., etc. are too much high. Whether the Government agreed to all their proposal for the salary? In my opinion, this is too much high. This needed to examined by the salary is too high rather than development.

Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Minor Works. We have Rs. 169 lakhs in Forest Department. It seems that the work of Forest Department is necessary to re-examine - Whether the fund is used for building private houses rather than for the development of Forest ? Can the Minister inform how they spent all the fund in the budget ?

On page No. 109 under FWD. We have Rs. 500 lakhs for the purchase of materials. It has been said that Rs. 400 lakhs is given as advance to Supplier of Iron rod. Whether the Government is aware of this matter ? If it is possible, whether this advance can be given to the Mizos ? But, as this advance is given earlier we have never seen the achievement and supply of iron rod. Whether the Government is aware of all these matter ?

Thank you.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, first of all, I would like to speak on Secretariat Department's Demand. On page 16 of this demand sub No. (d), we read 'additional provision of Rs. 49.43 is required for purchase of Stationery Articles and Furniture for new State Guest House'. Although the State Guest House is important, but we should furnish it as affordable by our State Budget. In Calcutta Mizoram House, we furnished two rooms for Chief Minister and Governor by spending large amount. They rarely stayed together at one time. It is possible to furnish only one room for VIFs since they do not often stay together at the same time.

Secondly, on page No. 37 under School Education, we have Rs. 118 lakhs for Salary of Employees. There is a difference between Town and Villages regarding appointment of Teachers. While the Town has more Teachers, the Villages Schools have less Teacher. So, in order to benefit the Villagers whether it is possible to make separate head for this on supplementary demand ?

On page 50 under PHE Department, the original grant is Rs. 2263 lakhs and now we are having Rs. 474 lakhs supplementary demand. As we all depend on water supply whether it is possible to enlarge pumping machine ? And, as we cannot survive without water, we have to utilize the budget for the welfare of the people. So, this supplementary demand can be adjusted for this purpose.

On page 63, the original budget is Rs.458 lakhs and now the present supplementary demand is Rs.459 lakhs. In this demand Rs.17.90 lakhs is for Voluntary Organisations and Boards. But, now the Social Welfare Deptt. can not distribute every material at free of cost. They used to sale at 25% discount. If the MLA is unable to purchase necessary equipments for their constituency, the Villagers faces many problems. On the other hand, it is easy to give Rs.100/200 lakhs to some contractors. But, this will not benefit the public. Hence, will it be possible to arrange all these meaningfully?

Again, while the original sanction is Rs.3667 lakhs, the supplementary demand is Rs.389 lakhs in Rural Development Department, And, Rs.200 lakhs is vested for EAS in Rural Development. There are so many misuse of this demand. This has to be operate meaningfully.

Pu Dy.Speaker, on page 89 under Electricity Department demand we have original grant Rs. 6,653 lakhs and Rs.1,300 lakhs for supplementary demand. And, Rs.928 lakhs for Mini Hydel Project. How far this demand will make a success ? And, as we have Rs.300 lakhs stock.suspense in my opinion it is very difficult to pass this demand.

Thank you.

PU LALKHAMA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, as we have seen the budget the proposition is too much high.

It is because of the misuse of the authority. It is unhealthy that change the budget after passing by the State Assembly for convenience by the authority.

When we look at our budget and supplementary demand we do not see the upliftment of the poorer people especially the subsidy for squash grower. As the Central Government's liberalisation policy and foreign investment subsidy have not yet arrived at Mizoram, we do not have the policy for the development of poorer people. In this demand, Rs.250 lakhs is vested for the subsidy of industrial transport. One Industry has Rs 60 lakhs bill, within one year under transport subsidy. But, their bill and the products of raw-material is not tally. Whether this wrong bill will be repeated ? I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to take note of this matter as it is a very serious matter.

Again, one unit received Rs.30 lakhs within a year for transport subsidy. To receive such amount, the sale should be at least 30,000 poles. Whether 30,000 poles are sold within Mizoram? So, I would like to request the committee on Transport subsidy to look into this matter.

Lastly, at the time of making of budget estimate, we are very careful but after one or two years the authority change the budget so that we used to have large amount of supplementary demand. This system is needed to be re-examined carefully.

Thank you.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I will speak only one minute. I would like to mention page No.1 of this supplementary demand regarding Loans to Government Servants. In this demand, there is no benefit for the Government is not interest in making benefit for the workers. They also need Housing Loan/House Building Advance. And, if we give Housing Loan there could not be limit. I regret to note that there is no benefit for Govt. Servants in this supplementary Demand.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Here is an important announcement that List of Business will be started at 1:00 P.M. Now, may I call upon the Hon'ble Minister Pu Rualyapa.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Pu Dy.Speaker, while we frame MINISTER this demand we do not know how much sanction we will have. As we are now having sanction, we will give loan to the Government Servants.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: In the light of our discussion the Hon'ble Minister may have to inform and clarify some points in the House. Before we invite the Minister, let us call upon Pu Tlanghmingthanga.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA

: Pu Dy. Speaker, Thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on the supplementary demand. First of all, I would like to point out page No. 22 of Police Department regarding modernisation of Indian Reserve Police Battalion. In this demand, we have supplementary demand of Rs. 696.13 lakhs. Whether this battalion will be maintained by the Central Government or Mizoram Government?

On page No. 27 we see Rs. 300 lakhs is for purchase of Essential Commodities like Rice, Sugar, etc. by Food & Civil Supplies Deptt. As we do not distribute them at free of cost, we have income from this purchase. I would like to request the Hon'ble concern Minister to inform the House the percentage of subsidy by the Government to the public? Whether this expenditure is to be given from the state budget or from the Central Government. Although the demand will be less in every year, but the payment increases every year. It is necessary to clarify this.

Regarding Police Department demand, the salary of Constable was increased in 1986. But, this pay is not effective even today. How the Govt. will do this matter? Whether it will give an increment or other things? Is it this included under this supplementary demand?

From a provision of Rs 117 lakhs, how much the Govt. had already sanctioned for the establishment of Sinlung Hill Development Council under District Administration? As we have not seen this council is practical, from which supplementary demand fund will be given?

In Security Force demand Rs 1495.75 lakhs is vested for rental charge during 1966-1986. The Hon'ble Finance Minister said that this will be sanctioned by the Central Government and the State Government will give since 1986. If so, how this rental charge (1966-1986) can be included under this demand?

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: May I call upon the Hon'ble Minister Pu J. Lalsangzuala.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA
MINISTER

: Pu Dy. Speaker, as the concern Minister has already answered I will not repeat about GAD and R.D. Departments. Regarding Transport subsidy, we established a committee and on their advice the Government used to give the subsidy and we received re-imbusement from Central Government. And, due to non-availability of basic infrastructure, we could not make large scale improvement on Tourism. Regarding Industry Deptt. the Govt. ordered to write off as there is not going to be re-imbusement. Regarding the expenditure of election, as the Central Government sent Paramilitary Forces for the maintenance of law and order, we had unforeseen expenditure. For Power Deptt. we have Rs.928.35 lakhs demand and we distributed Rs.41.09 lakhs for Micro Hydel Project, Rs .40 lakhs for Diesel Engine. And, Rs.28 lakhs for establishment for augmentation at Luangmual, Rs.121 lakhs for transformation, Rs.94.76 lakhs for distribution system. And, we take a loan of Rs 294 lakhs from PFC, and this was reflected in the budget. We also transferred Rs.7 lakhs from Tourism for electrification of Saiha Tourist Lodge.

Regarding Food & Civil Supply, as our allotment was increased by 8 metric tons the price is higher, we have additional requirement. Regarding the rental charge, this should be given by the Central Government.

Regarding our State Guest House, we would like to give comfortable accomodation to Tourists, we want to make our Guest House for this purpose. So, our initial expenditure must be increased. At the same time, as the Governor and Chief Minister are the head of the State, we allot respectable accomodation at salt Lake Mizoram House Calcutta and we made an arrangement of separate room for them.

While the Central Government Conduct Public Service Examination all the expenditures are borne by the State Government.

Under General Administration we have Rs.747.57 lakhs for concentration camp on account of violence on Sept.,1994 for Aizawl, Lunglei and other places.

Regarding grant-in-aid for non-grant college, as the government do not frame rules for this purpose the concern Deptt. will look after this matter.

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DR J.V.HLJNA : Pu Dy.Speaker, regarding the difference in figure for rental charge by the Army with my Unstarred Question. Which one is correct ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Dy.Speaker, the figure MINISTER used to be changed and we established the Committee so the present figure is correct. I am sorry if there is a printing mistake.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I also support the suggestion made by Pu Hminga and Pu Lalkhama. As 1994-'95 is current financial year and if the sanction is not disbursed yet, it will be good to have Joint Parliament Committee look into the matter.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Dy.Speaker, we do not reflect in this demand what is not disburse. What is reflected in the demand is ready for sanction.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, we know what the Minister had said. So, we proposed to look at it before that.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister had already made clarification. From our discussion members had pointed out what to be re-examined and reformed. Whether we can accept his request to pass the supplementary demand ?

PU LALHMIBETHANSA : Pu Dy.Speaker, it may be better to take vote.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we are going to take vote. Those who support the demand will say 'Yes' and those who are against it will say 'No'.

As the majority of the members agreed we pass the supplementary demands for 1994-95. Now, we will have recess and afternoon session will be continued at 2:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As it appears in the List of Business, may I call upon the Hon'ble Minister Pu J.Lalsangzuala to introduce 'The Mizoram Appropriation No.1 Bill, 1995'.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I beg leave of this House to allow me to introduce 'The Mizoram Appropriation No. 1 Bill, 1995'.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do you agree ?

MEMBERS : Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let him introduce the bill and a copy will be distributed. And, he may also request to pass the bill.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I introduced
MINISTER 'The Mizoram Appropriation
No.1 Bill, 1995' and I beg
consideration of the same.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Yes, you are allowed.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I beg leave
MINISTER of this House to pass 'The
Mizoram Appropriation No.1
Bill 1995'.
Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister had beg leave of
the House to introduce and
pass the Bill. As he requested
Bill, 1995' has been passed.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Thank you, Pu Dy.Speaker.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we are going to our next
Business which is General
Discussion of Annual Budget
1995-1996. As is our usual
practice. Whether 10 minutes is enough for discussion ?

PU LALHMINETHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, in my opinion
10 minutes may not be enough
for General Discussion. In
this General Discussion it
is important for all of us to express our ideas and
feelings in support of Government, 15 minutes will be
enough.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, as we have enough time and all the members may not participate in the discussion some may take around 10 mins. As it is for discussion of the whole budget let us make 20 minutes each for General Discussion.

PU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, I also support Pu Hminga's suggestion. So, 15 minutes is enough for General Discussion.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : There is a suggestion for 10 minutes, 15 minutes and 20 minutes, do you agree to have 20 minutes? If so, we will have 15 minutes for General Discussion. And, I would like to request all members to participate in the General Discussion. Let us call upon Pu Lalrinchhana.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to discuss the budget of Rs64,520.90 lakhs. This budget is enough for the development of our state and the people. But, if we see our budget, we have a deficit of Rs 32.90 crores. It means that there is no fund allotted for supporting poorer section of the people.

If we look at Budget head of some Deppts. we found that there are heads for maintenance of Staffs, salary, vehicles, etc. but, there is not much money for the Departmental works. Hence, the budget may not contain fund for the development of the people.

As we know, most of our people depend on Jhuming Cultivation. For the economic reform, this Jhuming Cultivation may not be enough. As our population increases every year, we should adopt new system. If we look at the whole budget, it may not be enough for the upliftment of the people. It seems that all the budget is in the hands of the Govt. servants. Among 40 elected MLAs 20 members had Minister facilities and each Minister needs Secretary, UDC, LDC, Fourth Grade, Vehicles and Drivers. So, the expenditure is too much. As such, we face many problems.

What I would like to emphasize is that whether we may have more workers Ministers, etc. let us consider what effect would our expenditure have on the minds of the people. No one denies many developments we have achieved under our budget especially in Sericulture, Agriculture, roads, etc. But, let us think about the effect our expenditure have on the minds of the people. We may become developed in economy, but if our development spoils the heart of the people, we will completely lose our identity.

As far as my knowledge is concern to receive grant for development we should be member of the Congress Party. Our political ideology and differences created misunderstanding among the community and even in the Church. Hence, our budget could not bring our many developments.

Pu Dy. Speaker, what assurance will be given by our Minister in order to get approval of the members for passing the budget ? Whether they can promise that this budget will be used for the development of the people. We do not have proper regulation for implementation of EAS. If one is registered, he should give work at least 100 days a year. But, if the Contractor is not Congress Party, he never have a chance to do contract work.

If we study the guide line for EAS, PWD, & PHE, should work together with DC, SDO and BDO at District level. But, we do not see the work of PHE and PWD. There are many provision of fund from ES for the construction of road, but as the Deptt. concern did not make any achievement, they blocked the development and Technical Deptt. In this way, we spent our budget. Pu Dy. Speaker, as we follow the same procedure, I think this budget would not help the people for development. So, in order to avoid un-necessary expenditures, we all have responsibility. If we all agree to take the responsibility of ensuing rightful expenditure of the budget, we may pass it unanimously.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there any one to speak ?
Pu C.Vulluaia.

PU C. VULLUATA
MINISTER

: Pu Dy. Speaker, our Hon'ble Finance Minister had experience in making the budget, and the budget is made with a view

that there will be development. The Finance Deptt., members of Planning Board and Ministers had discussion many times on how to utilize this budget for the development. It will help us in many ways. The Central Planning Commission sanctioned the budget more than we expected. It is very pleasing that we are provided with such amount. Regarding the expenditure our expert officers made a detail planning. There may not be better than this proposal.

Pu Dy. Speaker, while India has low economic status they gave us more sanction on account of effort made by our leaders. As we are elected members we all have responsibility in our own constituency. I hope that this budget will give us development within a year. I hope that we will pass this budget unanimously.

Thank you.

PU LALSAWTA

: Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to speak on our budget in brief. First of all, in order to make a success of

our budget, the authority should exercise their responsibility not only on the staffs. In my opinion, we should make deficit budget if it is necessary. While we need. Rs 64,520.90p lakhs, the actual budget provision is Rs. 56,590.90p lakhs only. It will not cover our need. The Hon'ble Finance Minister clearly mentioned the reason for this situation. But, in my opinion, we should include all our need in the budget estimate.

Regarding State Excise, while we used to have Rs 80 lakhs for Tax Revenue, in this budget our proposed revenue is Rs 37 lakhs only. Whether the concern Minister could clarify the reason? Along with this, recently we used to make Rs 150 lakhs for Sale Tax but in this budget we see Rs 120 lakhs only. As we collected sale tax from Gas, Petrol, Diesel, etc. I do not understand why we expected less amount of Sale Tax in this financial year.

As we purchase many materials for various deptts. such as PHE, Industry, PWD & Supply & Electric. deptt, we made additional Rs 300/400/500 lakhs as supplementary demand. In normal budget we have Rs 7930 lakhs stock suspense, and we had Rs 6200 lakhs only for Transport deptt. How did the Transport deptt. re-imburse all this fund? Fund for purchase of Rice is also being re-imbursed. As such there is difference. figures in the budget.

Regarding Industry Deptt's demand we see Rs 2 lakhs for 'Write off' as the cashier lost Rs 4.80 lakhs. I do not understand this, whether the Deptt. expected the same thing to happen?

As the Hon'ble Minister Pu C. Vulluaia had already mentioned, the Govt. should have proper guidelines for utilization of fund in the budget.

In our present condition, it seems that the people could not exercise their freedom. It is because of the mis-appropriation of fund in the budget.

It is very difficult to receive NLUP, EAS, Transport subsidy, etc. for the member of the opposition party. As such, most of the people joined ruling party in order to receive such subsidy and others. So, as Legislators, we should think how we will give support to the deserved persons. If not so, it may ruin us. So, I would like to request all my colleagues to re-think our present systems and conditions. Let us utilize this budget for the development of our state and people without considering party affiliation. Pu Speaker, I would like to request the Government to take note of what we discuss today without thinking from the point of opposition party.

Thank you.

PU T.HRANGHLUTA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on our budget. Comparing this budget with recent year, the budget is appropriate and well enough.

During the time of District Council, we used to have budget session. Some members of District Council think that the Executive Committee can exercise their power to make budget estimate according to their demand. The budget sanctioned from Planning Commission to develop each Deptt. We appreciated the achievement of our leaders in getting fund from Central Govt. As we are the representatives of the people, it is our duty to look after the budget for the development our own constituency. In 1979-82, the annual budget for Lai Dist. Council is Rs 7/8 lakhs, but if we see this budget allotment at page 209 we have Rs 477 lakhs and with non-plan of Rs 848 lakhs. It shows than, we have lots of progress in our budget. I am happy in having this budget for the development of our state.

Thank you.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : If there is no one else to
(PANEL OF CHAIRMAN) speak, let us call upon
the concern Minister.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Chairman, as we see the
whole budget, it is enough
for our State. But, what
we would like to say is that
we are not satisfied with the way we spent the fund.
In recent year we had more than Rs 32 crore overdraft
which was covered from different deptts. The other
members had already pointed out our responsibility in
our own constituency. As they had pointed out, we
have a problem regarding EAS,. Some Village Councils used
this scheme for contracts works not giving share to the
publics. What the opposition member says may not be im-
portant, but as far the ruling members are also inclu-
ded under opposition V/C, they all faced this problems.
In some Village Councils, all the sanctions were used
for the entertainment of the Ministers when they visited
their Constituency. So, if we could like to practise
corruption, it may be better to make separate head in the
demand for this purpose in order to avoid misuse of public
money. For example, in recent year, the Forest Deptt.
sanctioned fund for afforestation of about 140 hectares
of land near Tlawng river. But, they covered only about
4 hectares, thus wasting fund for 130 hectares. If we are
going to continue such practice this year, we should
check carefully about our spending.

Regarding I.R.D.P., it seems
that the concern Minister does not aware of the problem.
Again, at the time of selection, the opposition party
members were dropped under I.R.D.P., and, for the selec-
tion of trainees under Trysem, I have many case in my
constituency. So, I would like to request the concern
Minister to look into all these problems.

Regarding PWD, I would like
to point out about their works in my constituency. Their
maintenance of black topping will not last long. This
also should be examined.

Regarding Excise Deptt.- If
it is possible to create new Excise Force at Kolasib and
Champhai, it will help us in protecting the in coming of
drugs into Mizoram. In my opinion, this is an emergency
works.

We used to give suggestions in
the budget but when we look at the procedure, we are almost
disheartened to give suggestion. In the current financial
year, we should use the budget for the public.

As we all are responsible for proper utilization of the budget, we should know our responsibility. Pu Dy. Speaker, we should ensure that fund in the budget is properly utilized.

Thank you.

PU P.C. BAWITLUANGA
MINISTER

: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to discuss the budget.

In 1995-96 Session we had only Rs 31 crores as unforeseen expenditure for T.A. for Govt. Servants. It will be appreciated if the functions of the Govt. in the previous year is shown.

I will speak on the budget demand-wise in detail. As a whole, the budget is satisfactory. As some members pointed out regarding EAS ↓ This EAS is to be used for upliftment persons below poverty-line. As we do not have proper income we all our below poverty-line. Hence, the Central Govt. introduced this system. The sanction also will be increased during this financial year.

And, Pu Dy. Speaker, the achievement in the villages are notable and there is development of the people. Now, most of the villages had good road communication. For example, since the day of the inauguration of road at Thentlang, the farmers have benefitted by it. There is the ongoing work under EAS Scheme.

Regarding selection of beneficiaries under EAS Scheme, there is no partiality. BDOs do the registration and the villagers are those who are benefitted by it. Some Govt. Servants are said to be on the beneficiary list. But as we have heard, there is criticism among the members. I also would like to point out that we also gave construction of road at Lungpho for Ngentiang at the cost of Rs 2 lakhs. But, the village council members divided almost all the sanction for their own benefits. Because of this, we advised the BDO to stop the work. Likewise, the opposition V/C of Thiltlang misused the public money. Hence, we do not continue to sanction for them. As we all know, the budget is for the upliftment of the poor people.

In my Constituency, there are 17 Villages which were connected with electricity, and, new roads were inaugurated recently. This shows that the budget is used for the upliftment of the villages and that the budget reached the corner of the state.

In this budget, the Rural Development Department includes some areas like Tanhril, Sakawrtuichhun, etc. under the development project. It will be pleasing of this project is successful. Regarding road communication, recently I visited Zawnuam and neighbouring villages. I noticed that our road communication has greatly improved. When I saw the development of the people, I know that budget has been used for the benefit of the people. Mizoram also will develop along the development of the world. So, in order to achieve the development of the new generation, we have responsibilities as representatives of the people. Pu Dy. Speaker, I hope that the budget will lead us to further development of the state and the people.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we have 12 minutes to 3:30 P.M. is there any one else to speak ?

PU F. LAL REMSIAMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister has spoken fluently about the budget. I used to mention what is not included in the budget like University, etc. First of all, I would like to speak about the budget of Mizoram Assembly. I would like to request the Govt. to present the Explanatory note, Memorandum, Highlights of Performance, the speech of Finance Minister on the budget in Mizo Language for 1996-1997 budget session. As the budget is important, I may take more than 15 minutes for my speech.

Pu Dy. Speaker, if I compare the two Finance Ministers the present Finance Minister is aware of Economic measure. If we compare their budget speeches the previous Finance Minister's speech covered only one side of printed paper and he used the spiral cover. But, the present finance Minister's speech covered both side and does not use spiral cover, this makes me glad. And, I also would like to request all the Ministers to follow the economic measure and to teach the people to be aware of economic measures.

In the presentation of the budget the Hon'ble Finance Minister has quoted the suggestion of renowned Economist Raja Chelliah. The introduction of Economic Liberalisation is good. But, India is inhabited by the rich and the poor where there is economic inequality. We, the Mizos lived in a hilly place where we experienced civilization only for 100 years. We required Inner Line Regulation and Chin Hills Regulation Act as we are undeveloped state. If we take the advantage of Economic Liberalisation, we should be careful about investment from other states. As I had already pointed out before, to prevent assimilation is one of the most important agendas for Mizoram's Govt. and the Govt. should take necessary steps for this purpose. I am afraid that non-Mizo will do big financial investment in the name of Economic Liberalisation. The Government may be aware of some investors like Gulgalia, Jain family, etc. They supply materials for the government offices and departments in the name of some parties. I wonder we set up Mizoram Travels Agency in the name of Economic Liberation. ?

We used to discuss about our identity. We have no doubt that we are citizens of India. As we are many sub-tribes like Mara, Lai, Chakma, Pawi, Ralte, Hmar, Paihte, Gurkhali, Bru, etc. it is important to prevent communal feeling. It is encouraging that the Chief Minister promised us not to give Union Territory to Chakma during his ministry. We also used to discuss about District Council and Town & Village Administration. But, even today we cannot reform the administration. Although we had passed a resolution to reform the V/C, but we do not see any reformation regarding the power and emolument of V/C. In order to reform municipal administration, it may be better to form municipal corporation or municipal board. As we are legislature, we should frame the rules and regulation which should be enacted with the permission of the Governor and the President of India.

Regarding Agriculture and Allied Activities we have Rs 21.90 crore in the budget. The budget is high in the previous year.

Under Rural Development demand, the budget is higher than the previous year. As this Deptt. is important, the budget provision is appreciated. If we used the budget for the purpose, the villagers will be benefited. But, if we introduce party feelings, the budget will not be successful.

In previous year, the budget for Irrigation and Flood Control is Rs 2.88 crore, while the present budget is Rs 7.52 crore. I feel that this budget is too much. I always remembered the speech of Chief Minister while he inaugurated the big scheme of irrigation as an encouragement to the farmers. If the Hon'ble Chief Minister really wants to do he should order the concern Minister and Secretary to follow his advice. And, if they do not follow, they should be punished. It means that, the authority should use their powers.

Regarding Energy the budget is less than the previous year. It seems that they want to put more emphasise on the Mini and Micro Hydel Projects.

Pu Dy. Speaker, if I compared the current budget and previous budget of PWD- In the previous year, the budget of Rs 23.19 crore is for 84.64 Km of formation cutting, 41.77 Km of soiling and 15.76 Km of Black topping. But, the current budget is Rs 22 crore only for 111.04 Km of formation cutting, 41.77 Km of soiling. It is double to the previous year. And 52.76 Km of Black topping. It seems that the Govt. is going to apply Economic measure which is appreciated. I believe that this may lead to abolishment of the practice of corruption. They may also have a plan to control PWD Office and contractors and their spending of fund. If not, they would not have laid the budget. Although we are opposition members, we do not want to criticise the budget. As the people are not aware of the Government's role, they never criticise. Pu Dy. Speaker, 10 minutes is not enough for the discussion of all the budgets.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You exceed by 5 minutes.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalkhama.

PU LALKHAMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the budget is a mean by which government's policy to develop the state is carried out.

As it is important, it is necessary to pass by the State Legislature. The budget is the source of our life. Hence, the new Central Ministry frames the new policy with confidence. I do not comment its policy, but I would like to praise their courages. And, I would like to comment in brief the State Budget framed by the Hon'ble Finance Minister in order to make a success of the budget and who would be responsible for this purpose.

First of all, the Ministry is a Trustee. They are the on-looker of the budget for the people as they are Managing Director. So, in some respect we will analyse the budget and in other respect we can appreciate the budget. We may also have to consider. Whether we should spent Rs 600 crore for the maintenance of the government staff who do not perform their duty. Our establishment expenditure is too high. If we like to reform the administration, it is necessary to reduce the establishment cost.

Now, we have many Deficit Schools and new Colleges. We would like to earn easy money. I feel that whether all this are not carefully examined while budget is being prepared.

Although we are a small state, but as a Christian State, we are going to do better than other States. In order to mobilise the resources, it is necessary to emphasize collection of taxes, etc. In previous year, we also passed important bill to collect tax from house rent. Budget provision alone may not satisfy the needs of the people.

If we want to reform our state with the budget we should spent the amount for its purpose. I feel that there is no proper plan to assess scientifically the figure utilise for labour, natural resources, etc. in this budget.

As they expect benefit from the government people involved in politics, and party. This is what they expected the government to be. Do we have the people in our mind when we prepare the budget ?

We used to say the importance of our identity. Here, I would like to say what is our identity ? The people living together, using same language, married together, and singing together are called clan or tribe. If we mixed up with many tribe, there may be many problems. In our present day all the developed countries want to preserve their identity. Although we are Indian, we have different culture and tradition. Hence, it may not be easy to introduce integration. We all should be aware of the need to protect our identity. Whether the government included plan to protect our identity in the budget ? Whether the government includes the budget estimate for creation of Police out-post at border area ? When I was Chief Secretary in 1985, I proposed to maintain register in order to prevent foreigners. But, now it seems that we completely forgotten about this and we do not see the budget for this purpose under General Administration demand. If our land attracts foreigners and if we want to promote Tourism it is necessary to promote law and order. And, we should be careful at the time of ensuing Inner Line Regulation permit. I do not know whether it is

Education Budget or Sports Budget or any other budget, I feel that we do not emphasize the need for reformation of our society. If our weakness increases more and more we may lose our identity. Whether our budget includes awareness of drugs and aids to our people? If we do not emphasize for social reform, it will affect our state. The speech and plans of the Hon'ble Chief Minister make me glad.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Now, we will end up our discussion as 4:00 P.M. is our fixed time.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA
MINISTER

: Pu Dy. Speaker, as they are not interested, they leave the House. Let the Hon'ble Finance Minister wind-up after the member has finished his speech.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Time is almost over.

PU LALKHAMA

: Pu Dy. Speaker, I will continue my speech for one and half minutes. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister is going to have surprise checking of government servants both in town and villages. I appreciated his plan for the reformation of our society. He also tries to improve the Excise Deptt. Although we are opposition members we would like to co-operate him at any time. But, I feel that there is not much emphasis on doing their best in the budget.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Now, the time is over.

PU LALRINCHHANA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, there are some members who want to participate in the discussion.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA
MINISTER

: Pu Dy.Speaker, those who are present in this House know that we have extra times for discussion.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, as 4:00 P.M. is our fixed time we should close our discussion for today. And, as BAC has decided may continue our discussion tomorrow.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Some members have left this House. Pu J.V.Hluna informed of his absence. Most of the members has enough time for discussion so we may call upon the Hon'ble Finance Minister to wind up the demand.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, our members informed us the reason why they left the House due to accident, death, etc. They would like to participate in the discussion. As our time is over, let us resume the discussion tomorrow.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, are you not interested what the leader of the House has mentioned.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA

: Pu Dy.Speaker, if they want to leave the House they should inform you.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA

: Pu Dy. Speaker, please follow the programme to continue discussion tomorrow.

PU LALRINCHHANA

: Pu Dy. Speaker, if they are absent in the afternoon, we have nothing to say. But, as they attend the House, please withdraw to invite the Hon'ble Finance Minister for we could continue our discussion tomorrow.

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

: Pu Dy. Speaker, in 1987-88 Session, we came late for a few minutes, they passed the demand before we enter. If they give importance to the budget session, they should attend the discussion. It is not necessary to extend discussion for tomorrow. They do not take interest in this session. Pu Dy. Speaker, they did not inform you and all the members also participated in the discussion. The dignity of the House has to be maintained. To wait for those who are absent will only degrade the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: I feel that we should close our general discussion.

PU LALRINCHHANA

: Pu Dy. Speaker, members present filled up the time. So, let us continue tomorrow.

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Pu Dy. Speaker, most of the members present had participated in the discussion. Pu J.V. Hluna informed you of his absent and other members did not inform you. And, they did not beg leave of this House. If some members are dissatisfied, we should agree with one another. Pu Dy. Speaker, it depends on your decision.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: As our House Leader has mentioned we will agree with one another we will have another discussion tomorrow. The meeting will be adjourned till tomorrow at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:08 P.M.