

5TH SITTING OF THE 5TH SESSION
ON 21ST MARCH, 1995

PRESENT

PU R.L.VALLA, Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister,
14 Ministers and 18 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. PU J.LALSANGZUALA to lay on the Table a copy each of -
 - (1) The Mizoram Legislative Assembly (Grant of Loan and Advance to Members) (Amendment) Rules, 1995.
 - (ii) Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 1992 - '93, Appropriation Account, 1992 - '93, and Finance Account 1992 - '93 relating to the Government of Mizoram.
3. PU SAIKAPTHIANGA to lay on the Table a copy of The Mizoram Fruit Nurseries Registration Rules, 1995.
4. PU F.MALSAWMA to lay on the Table papers relating to action taken on Action taken Report of Committee on Estimates in respect of Department of Environment and Forests and The Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

5. (i) PU F.MALSAWMA, Chairman, Estimates Committee to present to the House the Second Report of The Committee on Estimates.

- (ii) PU LALRINCHHANA, Chairman, Committee on Petition to present to The House The First Report of The Committee on Petitions.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills to be introduced

6. PU J.LALSANGZUALA to beg leave of The House to introduce The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pensions of Members of Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 1995.

PRESENTATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS OF REGULARISATION OF EXCESS EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1986 - 1987.

7. PU J.LALSANGZUALA to present supplementary amends for Grants for Regularisation of Excess Expenditure for the year 1986 - '87 of The Union Territory and The State Government of Mizoram.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 1995 - 1996

8. General discussion on The Annual Budget of The Government of Mizoram for 1995 - '96 to continue.

DY. S P E A K E R : 'He who keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble' (Proverbs 21 : 23)

First, I would like to inform the House that our Member Pu Lalhuthanga could not attend the Session due to illness. Now, we shall take up the questions, may I call upon Pu F.Mals wma to ask Starred

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question No. 46.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
Starred question No. 46 is
Will The hon'ble Minister in-
charge DP & AR (LSW)- Department be pleased to state -

1) Where is the file of file No. 4 31011/2/92 -
HFW (Loose) subject - Confirmation of Group B staff which
had been put up to Deputy Secretary, DP & AR (LSW) on
20.4.1994 ?

2) The reason why the pension of Head Pharmacist
at Kolasib Hospital who pensioned on 30.11.1993 had not
been settled ? when will it be settled ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir,
MINISTER let me answer question No. 2
first. The file mentioned by
The hon'ble Member is about
the pension of Pu Lalchama, Head Pharmacist at Kolasib
who pensioned on 30.11.1996. A proposal to reconstruct his
service book was submitted by Health Department as the
service book of Pu Lalchama was burnt in 1966 during in-
surgency. But the proposal was submitted only on 30.4.1995.
It is regretful that we can not locate where this file is
now so the Department was asked to submit the proposal
again. As this is the case, it is decided to find out the
responsible person and take necessary action.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
I raised this question in The
House because I feel it is shame-
ful for the Government not to be
able to settle this matter. Can you promise to settle this
matter as earliest as possible ?

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
The concern Minister had stated
that necessary action will be
taken against the person who

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tampered the file. Did they find out the responsible person? If so, who is he/she? did they take any action and now? or they have not found out the responsible person as yet?

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
first let me answer the hon'ble
Member from Aizawl South II.

No action had been taken because an order was issued just recently, and there is no time to take action. In order to settle his pension, reconstruction of service book is necessary and we reminded Health Department to do this first. As soon as we got his service book, priority will be given to settle his pension.

Dr. J.V. HLUNA

: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
there are about 11 applicants
for family Pensions (Civil)
whose husbands served while

Mizoram was under Assam. Is the Minister in-charge Finance Department aware of the fact that these files are still pending in the Finance Department? The Government of Mizoram sent these applications to the Government of Assam and in reply the Assam Government replied that all assets and liabilities were transferred to Government of Mizoram as per the North Eastern Re-Organisation Act. In other words Assam is no longer responsible for any liabilities. Is the Government of Mizoram intending to pay these family pensions? Is the Minister aware of the fact?

PU F.LALREMSIAMA

: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
It seems the concern Department
can reconstruct the lost file.

Haven't they reconstructed the service sheet/book? can the Government of Mizoram give pensionary benefits to its employees on the date of their pension as instructed by Central Government, can you assure me?

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
question about pensionary bene-
fits can be answered by the Mi-
nister of Account & Treasuries.

However, regarding the pension of Pu Lalchama, as I had al-
ready mentioned, priority will be given as soon as Health
Department finishes reconstructing Pu Lalchama's Service
Book.

In regard to the question asked
by The hon'ble Member from Aizawl West II. This matter
has been under consideration and it will be done within
the framework of the Constitution.

DY. S P E A K E R

: Now I shall call upon Pu Lal-
hmingthanga to ask question
No. 47.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA

: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
Starred question No. 47 is -
Will the Hon'ble Minister in-
charge Agriculture Department

be pleased to state -

a) Does The Government of Mizoram accept Sihphir,
Durtlang and Zemabawk as supplier of vegetables to Aizawl
town.

b) If yes, can The Government provide sufficient
fertilizers to these Villages.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA
MINISTER

: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
answer for Starred Question
No. 47 is -
a) Yes.

b) Regarding fertilizers there is no specific allot-
ment for a particular Village as allotment is made circle
wise. However, as these three Villages are supplier of
vegetables for Aizawl town, Agriculture Department had
given priority and the share of other circles had been al-
loted to them. In general, we can not provide sufficient
fertilizers as demanded for it is very high in price. As
it is the policy of Central Government to reduce Chemical
fertilizer and use more composed manure. These three Vil-
lages had been given training to use composed manure.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
supplementary question. To
distribute fertilizers either
Bio or Chemical or composed
manure circle wise do not satisfy their needs as even those
who do not grow vegetables used to receive fertilizers. I,
therefore, would like to ask the Government whether they
can distribute according to requirement basis.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
MINISTER it is difficult to distribute
requirement wise because we all
want to get whatever can be got
from Government. Circle Officers submitted requirement in
circle-wise, but in every circle, their requirement is much
higher than we can supply. As that is the case, if we give
more either to Zemabawk or Sihphir or Durtlang, other cir-
cles will complain about it. However, what had been asked
by the hon'ble Member will be looked into for next year.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
one more supplementary question.
As pointed out by the hon'ble
Minister, it may be difficult
to allot according to requirement basis. It is clear that
some circles have surplus fertilizers. Therefore, will it
be possible to distribute fertilizers according to the ac-
tual area of cultivation?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
MINISTER the Department does not know
the fact that Sihphir, Zema-
bawk and Durtlang Villages used
to buy fertilizers from other circles.

DY. S P E A K E R : Now Pu F. Malsawma for Starred
Question No. 48.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
Starred question No. 48 is -
Will The Hon'ble Minister in-
charge Higher & Technical Edu-

cation Department be pleased to state -

a) Was there any candidate rejected for the post of Hindi Lecturer under Higher & Technical Education on the ground of over-age during 1992 - 94.

b) If yes, The reason thereof.

c) For recruitment how is age determined by Army Service age or H.S.L.C ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
CHIEF MINISTER answer for Starred question No. 48 as it is -

a) No, because Higher & Technical Education did not conduct such Examination for the post of Hindi Lecturer during 1992 - '94, it was conducted by M.P.S.C.

b&c) Does not arise.

However, let me explain what is lying behind this question. In 1992, M.P.S.C advertised 4 posts for Hindi Lecturer for Mizoram Hindi Training Institute. Pu C.Kamlova was one of the applicants. But his application was rejected by the M.P.S.C quating that hi was over-age. From his record and his application Form, his date of birth was on 17.11.'48 which was confirmed by his service record while his date of birth according to his H.S.L.C Examination Certificate was 1.3.'59.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
supplementary question. During Winter Session I have asked about age determination for Group 'C' and above and the answer was documentary evidence of age as recorded in Matriculation Certificate. As this is the case I would like to ask what is the decision of the Government? I had discussed this matter with the Hon'ble House Leader and he himself had wrote a note to Hindi Wing in Higner & Technical Education. But it seems that note did not have any meaning. In this particular case, Pu Kamlova was 1st in M.Ed (Hindi) from Agra but he was rejected by Public Service Commission. As that is the case, I would like to ask our House Leader to revise this matter.

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PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
CHIEF MINISTER : I appreciate the argument of the
hon'ble Member. But I would like
to point out that since Public
Service Commission is an Autonomous Body, I do not inter-
fere in its decision.

Regarding the present case, it
was written in their Advertisement No. 6 of 1992 as follows-
Age limit 30 years and not below 21 years relaxable for
Government Servant upto 5 years according to order issued
by the Central Government. In Pu Lalchama's case, age dif-
ference was 10 years i.e 1948 - 1959 which was very doubt-
ful. However, there are some deserving cases and these cases
had been considered within a reasonable limit.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
whatever be the case, this
House had been informed that
Matriculation Certificate will
be used to determine age, so is the Government going to
stand in its order? there is a documentary proof of his
age and from the Matriculation Certificate of Pu Lalchama,
his age is about 32 - 34 which is covered by relaxation.
I, therefore, would like to ask again can this matter be
taken up by the Government?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
CHIEF MINISTER : truly speaking, we are deceiving
Government in respect of age.
However, in this particular
case, the appointing authority is Public Service Commis-
sion not the Government. Anyway, we will revise about age
determination.

DY. S P E A K E R : Now I shall call upon Pu B.
Lalthlengliana to ask Starred
question No. 49.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir,
Starred question No. 49 is -
Will the Hon'ble Minister in-
charge Printing & Stationery
Department be pleased to state -

Can Printing & Stationery De-
partment supply better quality of stationeries like paper,
Ball pen, Refill etc to various Department ?

PU S.T.RUALYAPA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
MINISTER answer for Starred question
No. 49 is yes.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
supplementary question. The
quality of paper, ball pen and
refill supplied by Printing &
Stationery to various Departments is very bad and The Hon'-
ble Minister said better quality can be supplied. I would
like to urge The Hon'ble Minister to materialise what he
had just said. It seems the Department used to receive bad
quality of stationeries supplied by suppliers, so I would
also like to urge the Department i.e Printing & Station-
eries Department to be more careful in future not to receive
such bad qualities.

PU LALSANTA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
supplementary question. At pre-
sent, what is the cost of obso-
lete stock at Printing & Sta-
tionery Department ?

PU S.T.RUALYAPA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
MINISTER at present Printing & Station-
ery Department does not have
obsolete stock. However, we
used to supply to various Departments from our old stock.
As Printing & Stationery Department is still using Govern-
ment Approved Rate of 1992 -'93 which is quite lower than

local market rate, we do not afford to supply better quality of paper, ball pen and fill. I said we can supply better quality in future because proposal had been made to the Government to float a tender for a new rate and as soon as this rate is approved for 1995-'96, we can supply better quality. I also would like to point out that the Department never receive bad quality from suppliers. If suppliers do not supply our prescribed quality we used to reject them, we rather receive which are acceptable to our rate.

PU LALSANTA : Mr Dy. Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Minister said that Printing & Stationery Department does not have obsolete stock. In that case why 4 lakh rupees been allotted for write off loss in 1994-'95 Budget provision ?

PU S.TIRU LYAPA : Mr Dy. Speaker Sir, 4 lakh rupees had been allotted for Printing & Stationery Department as a precautionary measure. If there is no loss or damage material, this fund will not be used.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now I shall call upon Dr J.V. Eluna to ask Starred question No. 50.

Dr J.V. ELUNA : Mr Dy. Speaker Sir, Starred Question No.50 is - Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state -
schedule rate of various earth work in civil works under Power & Electricity Department.

PU C.L.RUALA : Mr Dy. Speaker Sir, answer for Minister
starred question No.50 is -

P.W.D schedule of rate is used to make estimate for various earth work under Power & Electricity Department. The following schedule of rate 1992 is used for formation excavation.

- 1) Class A - Rs.15.80 per cubic metre.
- 2) Class B - Rs.20.25 per cubic metre.
- 3) Class C - Rs.24.05 per cubic metre.
- 4) Class D - Rs.37.00 per cubic metre.
- 5) Class E - Rs.38.50 per cubic metre.
- 6) Class F - Rs.48.50 per cubic metre.
- 7) Class G - Rs.58.80 per cubic metre.

Dr. J.V.HLUNA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
The Hon'ble Minister said PWD rate is used. But in the construction of 132 K.V Transmission Line Electrical manufacturing Company Corporation Calcutta is doing the work in Normal soil Group B at a rate of Rs.44.05 per cubic metre while PWD rate is Rs.18.05. In Group C - Soft rock while PWD rate is Rs.24.05. The rate for this 132 KV Line is Rs.148/- and while the rate of PWD for Hard Rock is Rs.38.05 the rate for this is Rs.274/-. As pointed out in our last Session, funds for construction of 132 KV Transmission Line are taken as a loan from PFC. The loan we had already taken was 1925 lakh Rupees and it seems from our present Budget we are going to take 86,00,000/-. Is the Government aware the fact that Power Department is wrongly giving the rate to Electrical Manufacturing Corporation, Calcutta for the construction of 132 KV Transmission Line ? If yes, is there any intention to take action ?

PU C.L.RUALA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
MINISTER as the work for construction of Transmission Line includes Earth work, Tower erection, tribune etc., it can not be done as the Schedule of Rate. However, if there is anything to be negotiated in this case, the matter will be looked into.

Dr. J.V.HLUNA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
Transpower Limited, Guwahati bids the tender lower than the Electrical Manufacturing Corporation, Calcutta. Therefore, I feel it is regretful not

to give this work to the lower bidder and it can be assumed that there are some corruption - loopholes and I feel it is necessary to check this.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
I too feel that the difference
in the rate is too much. I,
therefore, would like to urge
the Department to look into this matter.

PU C.L.RUALA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
MINISTER as I had already pointed out,
this matter will be looked into,
including whether the lowest
bidder was selected or not.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
as seen from the Budget speech,
there are other 5 132KV Lines
to be taken up for which tender
will be floated again. In order to abolish the corruption
loopholes we are experiencing now, I would like to ask the
Hon'ble Minister to assure that separate tender will be
floated for each item.

PU C.L.RUALA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
MINISTER I do not think it will be good
to float separate tender for
each item.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
Does PWD maintain Earth Work
System in Mizoram? The diff-
erence between Schedule rate

of PWD and the rate used by Power Department is too much and it should be negotiated as PWD rate.

PU C.L.RUALA
MINISTER : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
It's been 4 or 5 years since
this work had been given to
Electrical Manufacturing Com-
pany Corporation, Calcutta. However, we will look into this
matter.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
Government should see that every
working item is economically
utilised. If they can not do
this, the Government itself is not trust-worthy.

PU C.L.RUALA
MINISTER : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
If the Government takes the
lowest, Government still has
profits.

DY. S P E A K E R : As promised by the Minister, the
case of Earth Work item will be
looked again and they will be
more careful in future. Now we
shall take up Starred question No. 51. Let me call Pu Lal-
rinchhana.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
Starred question No. 51 is -
will the Hon'ble Minister in-
charge Health Department be
pleased to state -

a) Is there any intention to reconstruct Subsidiary Health Centre at Darlawn?

b) Is there any intention to re-open various Sub-Centres at Ratu Constituency which were closed because of re-settlement ?

PU CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
MINISTER Answer for Starred question
No.51 is -

a) No.

b) This matter is under consideration.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
Supplementary question. Darlawn
Subsidiary Health Centre is one
of the senior most and its build-
ing is too old now. As we have heard just now, there is no
intention to reconstruct it till today and I would like to
request the Government to assure me that it will be recon-
structed as soon as possible.

Regarding resettlement of various
Villages in Ratu Constituency, even Education Department
had re-open Schools in the former Villages, so I would
like to urge the Government to re-open Sub-Centres in the
former Villages.

PU B.LALTHLEGLIANA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
In last year's Budget Session
we passed that Hospital Van
can be used in subsidy by MLA
to carry a dead person to his/her hometown. If I am not
mistaken, even Cabinet Meeting agreed this matter. But
Hospital Authorities do not know about this till this
morning, And I would like to know can this matter be set-
tled ?

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
MINISTER At present we do not have funds
to construct Primary Health Cen-
tres and Subsidiary Health Centres.

However, we are expecting loan from International Monetary fund amounting 2,000 lakh Rupees with the help of Dr.C.Silvera, a Minister in the Central. When we get this loan, Darlawn Subsidiary Health Centre will be reconstructed.

Some Villages of Northern areas and of Bangladesh border in the West deserted their Sub-Centres because of resettlement. Government will consider these cases and resettlement. Government will consider these cases and re-open sub-centres according to the needs of the people.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
Regarding loans, these Health Centres can not repay either the interest or principle in any way and the decision to take loan is a policy matter. Therefore, Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask had the Government decide this matter ?

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
Supplementary question. The case of Ratu Constituency Villages is not the same with the case of other Constituent Villages. The Villages were not completely deserted and Health workers in the Sub Centres are attach to the Dispensary of the neighbouring Villages. While even Education Department can re-open Schools in these Villages why can not Health Department re-open Sub Centres. It is our practise to convert Subsidiary Health Centre into Primary Health Centre. Can Darlawn Subsidiary Health Centre also be converted into Primary Health Centre ?

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
MINISTER The case of Sub-Centre will be discussed with the concern Members after Session. Since the question asked by the Hon'ble Member Pu Thlenga is experienced by all of us, our leaders can answer it.

DY. S P E A K E R : Now I shall call upon Pu H. Thangkima to ask Starred question No.52.

PU H. THANGKIMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Starred question No.52 is - Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Land Revenue & Settlement be pleased to state -

It seems we are inhibited by Cachar in the border of Mizoram and Cachar. What steps had been taken by the Government to prevent this ?

DY. S P E A K E R : Pu P.C. Bawitluanga.

PU P.C. BAWITLUANGA MINISTER : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Answer for Starred question No.52 is -

Government does not know the fact that we are inhibited by Cachar in the border. However, if there is such case Government will take necessary action.

PU H. THANGKIMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question. Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased visit the border areas to have spot verification ? I also would like to ask why Pu Saikia Chief Minister of Assam did not come to Aizawl till today to have a talk with our Chief Minister to settle border area ?

PU F. MALSANMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Is the Government of Mizoram

aware of the fact that Cachar claims the area previously occupied by Central Farm which is within the border of Mizoram ?

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
Even in Tipaimuk area, we are inhibited by Cachar. Is there any measurement to prevent this. If not, is there any intention to make such measurement ?

PU P.C.BAWITLUANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
MINISTER I had visited the border areas just recently and there was no complaint from public, even the Government does not receive any complaint in writing about border dispute till today. The reason why Assam Chief Minister did not come to Aizawl is not known till today though proposals had been made many times. Regarding the area had been divided for fisheries, Agriculture and Horticulture departments before it was claimed by Cachar and various steps had been taken by these Departments to utilise their respective areas, so there is no more area for Cachar to claim. Cadastral Survey had been done in the area of Central Farm at Lushai Cherra and the permit is readied for issue but it had not been issued as there may be some confusion in Inner Line. So, the Government is not aware that we are encroached by the Cachar.

PU F.MALSANMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
This case had been mentioned by Kanmun V/C. But if they do not inform the Government, it is their fault.

PU P.C.BAWITLUANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
MINISTER It is not their fault. Regarding the question asked by Pu Lalrin-chhana, some time back, some

parts of our forests were cleared for jhuming by persons from Manipur and we sent a message to stop this. So, encroachment was from Manipur. We are intending to demarcate our boundary from the daily record of Sakawrdai Chief which is expected to be reliable. So, the Government is not aware of the fact that we are encroached. If we come to know this, preventive measure will be taken immediately.

DY. S P E A K E R : Now, question hour is over and we shall proceed to our next business.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, kindly allow me to use Zero Hour. Though I have asked for Unstarred question. I would like to point it out again because the answer was not clear enough. I asked the number of houses and private plot of lands purchased or acquired by the Government of Mizoram from 1st January, 1994 to 28th February, 1995. According to the answer given by the Government, the total expenditure incurred for the purchase of houses and private plot of lands from seven persons is Rs.1,42,19,781/- while the actual expenditure is Rs.2,5,651,806/-, so there is Rs.1,14,32,025/- difference in the total. I would like to know the reason for this. I also would like to suggest that if the Government acquire land or private building, there should not be party favouritism.

DY. S P E A K E R : The concern Minister will look the matter and explain it again. Now I shall call upon Pu J.Lalsangzuala to lay The Mizoram Legislative Assembly (Grant of Loan and Advance to Members) (Amendment) Rules, 1995.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, with your permission I beg to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of firstly - The Mizoram Legislative Assembly (Grant of Loan and Advance to Members) (Amendment) Rules, 1995; Secondly, report of Comptroller

& Auditor General of India for the year 1992-1993; Appropriation Accounts 1992-93 and Finance Accounts 1992-93 relating to the Government of Mizoram.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed to the members. Let me call upon Pu J. Lalsangzuala to lay on the Table of the House a report of the Auditor General of India for the year 1992-93 Appropriation Account 1992-93 and Finance Account 1992-93 relating to the Government of Mizoram. (Pu J. Lalsangzuala laid on the Table of the House a report of the Auditor General of India for the year 1992-93, Appropriation Account 1992-93 and Finance Account 1992-93 relating to the Government of Mizoram. Now I shall call upon Pu Saikapthianga to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Mizoram Fruit Nurseries Registration Rules 1994.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, with your permission, I beg to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Mizoram Fruit Nurseries Registration Rules, 1994 (copy distributed)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let me call upon the Chairman of Estimates Committee to lay on the Table of the House action taken reports for Environment & Forest and Animal Husbandary & Veterinary Departments.

PU F. MALSANMA : Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, with your permission, I Chairman of the Committee on Estimates lay on the Table of the House the Statement of Government reply in response to para 5.5; 6.5; 7.3; 5.8; 6.8; 7.1; 9.1 and 10.2 of recommendations contained in the 12th Report and Statement of Government replies in response to para 5.09; 5.10 and 6.15 of recommendations contained in the 9th Report of the Committee on Estimates. Thank you Sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Now we shall take up our business No. 5 - Presentation of Reports. Let me call Pu F. Malsawma, Chairman of Estimates Committee to present 2nd Report.

PU F.MALSANMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, with your permission sir, I, Chairman of Committee on Estimates having been authorised by the Committee to present the Report on its behalf, present this 2nd Report on the nature and function of Mizoram.

Thank you Sir.

DY. S P E A K E R : Now I shall call upon Pu Lalrinchhana, Chairman of Committee on Petitions to present to the House The 1st Report of Committee on Petitions.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, with your permission sir, I Chairman, Committee on Petitions having been authorised by the Committee to present The Report on its behalf, present this First Report of the Committee to The House pertaining to a representation regarding 50% reservation of vacancies for Training apprentices submitted by The President and Secretary of Trained Apprentices Association, Mizoram.

Thank you.

DY. S P E A K E R : Do we all have the copy? Now I shall call upon Pu J.Lalsangzuala, Parliamentary Affairs Minister to introduce to The House Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of Legislative Assembly Amendment Bill, 1995.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I beg leave of The House to introduce the Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of Legislative Assembly, Amendment Bill, 1995 and also

to introduce the Bill.

Thank you.

DY. S P E A K E R : Do we allow him to introduce the Bill. If yes, it had been introduced and the date for its discussion will be fixed by B.A.C (Business Advisory Committee). Now we shall take up our next business. That is 'Presentation of Supplementary Demand for grant for Regularisation of Excess Expenditure for the year 1986 - 87'. Let me call upon the Minister in-charge to present it to the House.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
MINISTER I beg to present to the House Supplementary Demand for Grants for Regularisation of Excess expenditure for the year 1986 -87 of the Union Territory of the State Government of Mizoram.

Thank you.

DY. S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed to the Members. Now we shall take up our item No.8 i.e General Discussion on the Budget 1995 - '96. Each Member will be allotted 15 minutes. Now I shall call upon Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Thank you Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir. Before we start our General discussion, I would like to know the reason for the absence of our Speaker. It is heard that he is going to receive an award and Mr. Dy. Speaker, is it good to announce in this House what award will be awarded to him ?

DY. S P E A K E R : The question asked by The Hon'ble Member was very important. Though it is heard that The Hon'ble Speaker is going to be given an award, I do not know in specific what award it is. He authorised me to conduct the House from 20th - 23rd March, 1995 and that's all what I know.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Thank you Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir. But I feel it is regretful that even the Hon'ble Dy. Speaker does not know the reason of his absence.

Regarding our Budget, we, Members of this House came to The House to discuss our Budget leaving behind all other business but funds in the Budget we had passed were sometimes cut by 50% and sometimes by 15% without our knowledge. As that is the case, it is difficult specially for Opposition Members to be enthusiastic. In my opinion, to alter the Budget without the knowledge or without consulting the Members is to dis-credit the House. This is disgraceful for us. I had urged both the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister to let us know about this financial cutting so that we can tell our people the policy of the Government and steps taken by the Government. Today, I would like to urge you Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir to keep the dignity and the rights of the people through this House.

In regard to Forest & Wildlife Department under Demand No.41, I feel this Department is facing many problems as it clashes with our culture and tradition. We have to clear Forest for Jhum and cut trees for building materials for which we violate rules. As that is the case, I would like to request Forest Department to be liberal. I also feel that the way Forest Department takes steps to preserve Forest is negative. By implementing afforestation Scheme, we destroy our Forest and plant trees in their places which will take 20/30 years to be fully grown. Mention may be made particularly about Dampa Sanctuary in Phuldungsei area where restriction is made for Mizos to cut even a grass while Chakmas cleared Forest for Jhumming. Even when Forest Department tried to check them. They are threatened by these Chakmas with the help of Shanti Bahinis. Even the BSF personnels are occupying Salam area and give training to Chakma foreigners. Do they have any right to destroy and occupy our sanctuary? It is the responsibility of the Government to look into this matter and take precautionary measure for the problems we are going to face.

There are various Boards under Industry Department. First there is ZIDCO (Zoram Industrial Development Corporation) and at the outset, it was inspired by ruling party as there was plenty of funds, but now it does not appear even in our budget book or in the highlight of the performance. Even KVI (Khadi & Village Industry) had been started just recently, I called these Boards as ruling Party boards because even we the MLAs do not have voices in these Boards. It is therefore, necessary to examine our system.

Steps are being taken to start Tea Industry which is said to be family oriented. As we all know, though Tea Industry, is family oriented, it requires many labourers even from outside Mizoram. As that is the case, when our Tea Industries reach maturity, it is clear that these labourers will assimilate us experienced in Assam. Therefore, it will be good for the Government to fix clearly the category and meaning of family oriented, otherwise we will face a great problem.

Mention had been made about cable TV undertaken by ZENICS under Industry Department I would like to request the Minister in-charge why Cable failed to accomplish Cable TV and for how much it was sold and the reason it was sold.

Another point I would like to ask is does the Government find out the loophole involved in the purchase of land at Luangmual area. I also would like to request the concern Minister to explain various complications involved in the purchase of Mizoram House at Shillong.

Regarding Police Department, though there was an order to increase the pay scale of Police Constable from Rs.825/- to Rs.850/- their pay is still Rs.825/- so when will this order be materialised ?

Regarding Vety Department, in my opinion it is not necessary to have Vety Colloge. There are other important things to be done rather than to construct Vety Colloge which will cost large amount of funds.

In regard to Civil Aviation, as construction work of Lengpui Airport is in full swing, I feel it is a high time to have Civil Aviation Department separately.

.. Thank you.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, As today is General Discussion on Budget, I will try to concentrate on the background

and general conception of our Budget.

First, I would like to point out that in Mizoram it can be said that there are 33 persons in 1 sq km. As our land is very fertile, any kind of vegetables, fruits and staple food can be grown in all parts. According to Agriculture Department we have 50,000 - 60,000 hectares of land for WRC (Wet Rice Cultivation) not to mention terrace Cultivation. As that is case we have enough to yield sufficient food grains from WRC alone. That is the background of our land. If we look at our Budget, Budget allocation for the current financial year i.e 1995 - '96 from plan and non-plan is about 6 thousand millions. We are going to utilise this much amount in such a fertile and productive land. Considering our population and fertility of our soil with amount of our Budget, it is not proportionate. Budget is only a means for un-veiling the riches that God has bestowed upon the earth. But our conception of Budget is bias. We try to get riches from Budget. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the Government to present to the people the concept of Budget, our outlook in this regard has to be changed.

Thank you.

PU F.MALSAWMA

: Thank you Mr.Dy.Speaker Sir,
Though it is said that our Budget is increasing our Budget Estimate for the year 1995 - 96

is only 565 crore Rupees while the Budget Estimate for the current financial year is 625 crore Rupees. Anyway let us expect to get some more from R.D. However, it is clear that if our Budget is properly utilised it will do lots of work. In any welfare State priority is being given to development of the people rather than to acquire property we must bear this in mind. Our Budget should reach the poor. While saying this, we may say that there are some Schemes like EAS etc to benefit the poor. But there are only few beneficiaries of our Budget. Therefore, it is necessary to plan our Budget carefully to benefit even the poorest of poor. In order to be able to do this, we must have a clear vision, as a proverb says 'where there is no vision the people cast off restraint! Our Budget should be production oriented.

It is necessary to balance both economics programmes and developmental programmes. In economics programme we have to find ways to increase our production and to have permanent source for revenue. Developmental programmes include various developmental infrastructure like Power, Communication, Railroads etc. some of

which had been started. In my opinion, it is important to concentrate more on major projects such as in power sector.

In order to increase our production we have to think about the availability of market for our production both at national and international level. If there is a good market, I am sure our people are keen to grow various crops and this will bring social reform.

Thank you.

DY. S P E A K E R : We shall rest at 1:00 P.M. Now I shall call upon Pu Rokhaw.

PU K.ROKHAW : Thank you Mr.Dy.Speaker Sir. First, I would like to mention that we are fortunate to have our Budget Session under peaceful atmosphere. We can have peace because of the sacrifice made by our Hon'ble Chief Minister and his colleagues.

It is pleasing to have 10 crore Rupees for Lengpui Airfield due to the efforts made by our Chief Minister while it is difficult to get funds from Central. I am proud to have an able Chief Minister.

What I do not understand is the reason why we have the notion that whoever form the Ministry would be corrupted. Because of this notion, even Government servants and public can not respect us. It is better to give an advice in a constructive manner to anyone who formed the Ministry. Some of us criticised Land Use Policy. If we are to criticise, we must suggest or advise a better policy but those who criticised this policy do not have better advice to give or suggest.

Regarding our Budget, the most important thing is how we handle it and utilise it. We must know that while it is the responsibility of the Government it also depends on the people. That's all what I can say.

Thank you.

DY. S P E A K E R : It's 1:00PM now. We shall have rest and resume our meeting at 2:00 P.M.

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DY. S P E A K E R : We shall continue our discussion. I shall now call upon Pu Lalhmingthanga.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Thank you Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir. It is said that if 40% of the Budget is allotted for works, that Budget is called Work Oriented Budget and considered as favourable. If we look at our Budget for 1995 - '96 presented by the Hon'ble Finance Minister, we can see that it is not an Work Oriented Budget.

If we look at our Budget, most of our Budget are allotted for stock suspense and depot for almost all the Departments. Truly speaking, to allot for stock suspense is only for the sake of procurement and it can not reach the people.

While we were in Union Territory it was not possible to function without loan system. But after we attain Statehood it is our responsibility to have our own revenue. To take too much loan is not the interest of Mizoram. The outstanding loan of per-capita indebtedness for 1993 - '94 Financial Year amounts to Rs. 4850 lakhs. If we go on like this, our per-capita indebtedness will soon level our per-capita income. Therefore, in my opinion it is better not to increase any kind of loan. In our present situation, it is time to ask special consideration to Planning Committee to change their norms. So, in future, I would like to urge the Government to prepare our Budget for Work-Oriented but not for supply-Oriented.

Next, I would like to say that in the Budget speech delivered by the Hon'ble Finance Minister and the Governor's Speech and in the highlights of the work and performance, there is no proposal for big projects and Industry to ensure employment for our youngsters. As that is the case, there is no hope for them. Therefore, I would like to suggest to make at least one big project for which raw materials are available in our State to give more employment to our youngster.

Last year Financial Control was tried and in the meeting of Council of Ministers held on May 28th Budget cut was made for saving. According to this, 100% was cut for minor works who have planned programmes, and 50% for those Department who do not have planned

programme; 10% from publication, advertisement, hospitality, Machinery Equipment, Motor Vehicle, maintenance and other charges. Even after all these, there is still 32.90 crore Rupees deficit in the Budget opening. It is understandable if the opening deficit is reduced at least by 5% but it is still increasing. All these clearly show that our whole Budget needs re-oriented, we need work oriented, people oriented and progress oriented Budget.

Thank you.

DY. S P E A K E R : Pu Saikapthianga.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Thank you Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir.
MINISTER Our Budget discussion is very interesting and I hope it will benefit the people of Mizoram.

While that is the case, I would like to point out that some of the Hon'ble Members used to say in House things which can not be materialised and this led our people astray by giving wrong information to them and also teach the people to suspect the Ministry.

The Hon'ble Member Pu. Lalhmingthanga who was once a Finance Minister said that only 22% of our Budget is allotted for works and 78% for stock suspense and others. In my opinion, all salaries of Government servants and office establishment are meant to develop Mizoram itself.

Mention had also been made about the opening deficit of our Budget. Since Union Territory three Parties had run the Ministry and in whose Ministry had the deficit rate had grown highest? In order to recover this deficit our leaders had taken great efforts and still we can not recover the deficit fully as there are unforeseen circumstances. Though there are many problems, it is worth mentioning that the total amount of our deficit had been reduced by some amount. I would like to inform the people of Mizoram that our last year's Budget was properly utilised for the welfare of the people. Like wise, even our present Budget is meant to reach the poor of the poorest.

Some of us criticised NLUP particularly by opposition members and this gave the people a bad idea about NLUP which results in ineffectiveness. But now even our opposition members and others realised how useful it is and when there is a new conception, there is a

great improvement particularly in Agriculture. I do not deny that there may be some mistakes in regard to the selection of the beneficiaries and how the beneficiaries utilised the fund. However, I would like to point out that though there are some mistakes, the policy of self-sufficiency is greatly achieved and it benefits the people.

It had also been pointed out that there is no employment prospect for our youngsters and there was a proposal/suggestion to concentrate more in big projects and Industries. In this regard, I would like to say that we can not compete our neighbouring States in Industries because they are too advance, we are back-behind because there was no political stability for 20 years due to insurgency. As that is the case, our first step is to prepare our fertile land for Agriculture and Horticulture products. I would like to invite even our opposition members to co-operate us to aware the people of your Constituency instead of spreading idle rumours. So that we can make our land which is very fertile and productive as a blessed land.

Thank you.

DY. S P E A K E R : Let me call upon Pu Thangkima.

PU H. THANGKIMA : Thank you Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir. what I would like to point out first is that even as I had mentioned in our other Session that the questions I had asked for the Session were put in the last, because of this, some of my questions can not be taken up. To some extent it is humiliating even for myself. So I would like to request you Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, to clarify this.

Regarding construction of Langkaih Bridge, the Hon'ble Chief Minister enquired Tripura Government the reason why the construction work was delayed. In my opinion this matter should be enquired from the NEC. It has been 10 years since Tripura Government had started the construction work of this bridge and it seems they can not complete it. So it is time for our Government to ask NEC to hand over this work to the Government of Mizoram as this bridge is more important for us than Tripura.

Another point I would like to point out is that it is true that our land is a blessed land but I feel we spoil this blessed land because we have too much party feelings. In order to develop our land and its people, we must give up our Party feelings so that even our Budget can equally be shared and our land will become more pleasant.

Truly speaking, we have extracted the fertility of our land so it is necessary to have good approach to roads river Valley which are more fertile so I would like to know if there is any intention to construct such approach-road in various parts of our country.

Lastly, I would like to point out that in order to develop our Country and attain self sufficiency, it is important to develop our morals. So I would like to request particularly the Ruling Party to utilise our Budget for the benefit of the whole people in Mizoram.

Thank you.

PU F.LALZUALA

: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
Whether we are opposition or Ruling Members, our main concern is about the development of our Country but it is clear that we can not achieve whatever we want all at once. Being a Ruling Member, I would like to Thank our opposition Members for various suggestions they have made.

Regarding my Constituency, we have achieved development through R.D. We have constructed approach roads to the Valleys. I also would like to point out that there was no Bus service in my Constituency. So I tried to hire a private Bus but that too was objected. However, shortly after the present Ministry was formed, a State Transport Bus is being deployed to South Vanlaiphai. It is my practice to tell my Constituent people to co-operate with their V/C whoever form the Village Council as it is the people who formed the Government. Even the present Budget, we are going to pass is for the people, it is for all of us. I feel it is Unparliamentary to change our ideas only because we change our seats.

As I used to say while I was in the opposition, today I would like to honour our Hon'ble Chief Minister who had gone through various difficulties and problems. In my opinion there is no other person like him even among our leaders.

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Another point I would like to mention is, as pointed out by the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Agriculture Department. I would like to go in a simple practical way instead of saying big things either in this House or in public which are not practicable. Though we may belong to various parties, I would like to know all of us that we are in the Government.

I would like to thank the Govern-ment on behalf of Tawipui Constituency for immense prog-ress we achieved during a short period of time. Besides, there are various developments through Rural Development, two centres had been constructed by Horticulture one each at N.Vanlaiphai and Thingfal and Ngongruai are also in progress. Likewise, Mr Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to thank the Department on behalf of my Constituency for the steps they have taken for the development of my Constituency for the steps they have taken for the deve-lopment of my Constituency.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now I shall call upon Dr J.V. Hluna.

Dr J.V. HLUNA : Mr Dy. Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Agriculture Department Minister had pointed out the development of Mizoram and yet how lag behind we are comparing with our neighbouring states. We were under undivided Assam and we attained statehood/Union Ter-ritory at the same time, but we need to take steps as we lag behind in various developmental programmes. Our Bud et and plan are not that bad. It is pleasing that there is allocation for accomodation of police personnel and also that there is an intention to give Housing loan to Government servants through HUDCO. It is my opinion that it will be good if car loan can be given to the offi-cers so that expenditure will become less in maintenance of Government vehicles.

Regarding Lengpui Airfield, I am glad to know that it is going to be materialised for which a memorandum was submitted since 1954, in 1994-'95 financial year, 10 crores rupees had been allotted and now it seems we are going to give Rs. 186 l khs for compensa-tion. And what will we do with the remaining balance which amounts to Rs.813 lakh? I also would like to know if there is any corporations or experts to construct Airport other than our P.W.D.

Likewise, O wonder why we are more interested in Mini and Micro Hydel Project instead of big projects. Regarding Bairabi Hydel Project, a Resolution was unanimously passed in the last Budget Session but the steps taken were very strange. The Hon'ble Chief Minister in his letter to Power Minister wrote that it is not authentic. Even our Governor said in his speech that the investigation for this Project had been done within 8 months only and that this will be Indian record if it is not World record. I feel there is political motivation in this Project. The investigation was not done within 8 months, it was rather done for 4 years by the experts, therefore it is quite authentic. It is not clear who will undertake the construction work of this Project. Sometimes it is said it has been given to Brahmaaputra Board and at the same time it is also said that NEETCC and NHPC were called to do the construction work. It seems we are not interested in this Project as there will be no benefits for our pockets because this will be a Central Project. Truly speaking, if we are keen enough, there will be no problem to get Environmental Clearance. It is regretting that there is no proposal for big Project in our Budget.

Regarding our expenditure, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I feel we must be very careful as our Budget allocation is quite sufficient for development. As mentioned by the Hon'ble Member Pu Hminga it can be assumed that we are more interested in acquiring land. In connection with the Unstarred Question asked by Pu Hminga, I would like to know why Pu Hipeia's land below Zemabawk Helipad in the L.S.C. No of 282983/86 of .35 bigha was purchased for 10 lakh Rupees. It is well and good if land acquired are used for rightful purposes. However, in 1992 Departmental Land Selection and Purchase Board was formed to float open advertisement if there is any Department who needs to purchase land. The Board will select from the tenderers according to the requirements of the area and purpose which will go to the Minister in-charge of the Department which will be finalised by Cabinet. Then the money will be sanctioned or processed only after Cabinet's decision.

Accordingly, I would like to urge the Hon'ble Members from Treasury Bench and our Ministers to follow the Rules they have already set. Mention had been made about the purchase of Pu David Zama's land and Pu Lal-thanzuala's land which involved huge expenditure. It was also pointed out about the purchase of Moonlight Hotel. Besides the cost of the building, a sum of 140 lakh Rupees and 12 lakhs rupees and 49 lakhs rupees had been shown for repairing and furnishing. In my opinion, this much amount is too much and I would like to urge the Government to be more careful in spending the fund in the Budget.

In last year Budget Session, we passed 62 lakh Rupees for R.R for which 10 lakh Rupees was meant to supply material. As if Mizoram will be damaged by earthquake a sum of 67 lakh Rupees was spent for supply of silpauline and tarpauline. It is not fair to waste our Budget like this. In order to rehabilitate Burma refugee at Champhai Rs. 30,000/-, 40,000/- had been sanctioned. When I visited the camp just recently there were only 5 refugees and they did not have any facilities, the only facilities they got were also of bad quality while in the voucher it was recorded that the facilities were of super quality and not only that some of the items recorded as supplied for the camp were not there.

In my Unstarred question I asked the expenditure incurred for shifting the Assam Rifles to Zoknawsang area. Shifting of Assam Rifles had been passed by Cabinet on 28.10.86 and even Pu Rajiv, the then Prime Minister said on July, '86 that they will be shifted within 3 years which was processed immediately and a sum of 92 lakh Rupees had been sent for this. In reply to my question, it is said that it is not known when they will be shifted as they are not willing to shift. My question is why are not they willing after making an agreement? In connection to this, I also asked that if they are shifted for what purpose will their areas be used and I was told that it will be used for public purpose. In the meantime some parts of the land had been allotted to Pu Suama, Pu Laltnanzauva, Zarkawt VCP and Pu Rolianthanga, I even know their L.S.C Nos. As that is the case, now is a high time to take steps so that the areas of Assam Rifles can be used for Public Purposes. We must aware that the way we spend money is very inappropriate.

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir.
MINISTER The speeches delivered by our leader of the opposition and other Members were very informative and I do appreciate their interest particularly about my concern Departments. I do believe that those valuable suggestions will be helpful for our performance and for further steps to be taken. However, various Departments have several Committees to look into the matter. If we look at our Budget allocation for Government servants and for establishment is quite high as the ratio of Government servants is high considering our population; Therefore, fund allocation for this cannot be less than this.

Judging from our discussion, the best thing for Mizoram is to have more employment. In the mean time, our Government is barring creation of new

posts for various Departments. However, due to shortage of staff we have to employ Muster Roll basis which is beneficial for some families. And this can not be stopped at once. On the other hand, if we carefully look at our various programmes we can say they are Development Oriented Programmes as they are meant to develop the people. Some Members said it is not fair to allot more funds in R.D. But it is clear that if we do not develop Rural areas, Urban Development alone cannot suffice our Country. Knowing this, even P.C and M.N.F Ministries took great efforts to develop our rural areas under various policies which has been continued by Congress Ministry under New Land Use Policy. There are various trades to be opted under New Land Use Policy and if a person sincerely do his trade which he opted, he can even employ another person which will solve unemployment problem in our Country. Even the Government is taking steps for the development of rural areas through various Departments like Industry and Power & Electricity Department. Construction work of Block Development Office at Khawbung is being done under Rural Development and we hope to open Stock Office at Khawbung under the same Department.

In order to, promote wet rice cultivation and to increase production of various cash crops, Government had raised fund allocation for Agriculture and Horticulture Department. Various places had been surveyed where wet rice cultivation can be done. We hope to attain self sufficiency in food grains gradually for this Electric power and roads are also important factors.

Development in Industry is closely related with Electric Power which is our main problem. Since P.C Ministry there was a proposal for Ginger dehydration programme and that too can not be fulfilled due to shortage of power supply. Besides Tea Industry and other developmental programmes our vision is to plant ply-wood factory as the western parts of Mizoram is suitable for teak plantation. Not only this, as pointed out by one of the Hon'ble Members there are abundant bamboos in Western parts of Mizoram. It is a great loss for our own raw materials. However, as mentioned earlier our main problem is shortage of power supply. Investigation work for Bairabi Hydel Project which we expect to generate more power has not been done properly since 1980. However, the present Ministry is taking steps to do this as we had passed a resolution in last year's Budget Session along with Daleswari Hydel Project under the supervision of Central Government.

In the meantime, we must know that things which we want to do cannot be done at once as there are some problems to be gone through. Some of our Members pointed out that there will be labour problem to do Tea Industry fearing that more non-Mizos will come as labourers. But Pu Ngurthanga who has Tea garden near

Kawnpui said there are many labourers even from Kawnpui alone. So it is clear that if we take up Industries, more people will get employment and we must bear in mind that the Government is taking various steps to fulfill our various programmes for development.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now the Opposition Members who present had all said and from Ruling 7 Members had participated in the discussion. Now I shall call upon Pu J.Lalsangzuala to wind up the discussion and to make necessary clarification from our discussion.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir,
MINISTER The speeches given by 18 Hon'ble Members were very informative and we got many advices from them.

One of the Hon'ble Opposition Member had pointed out that from the total Budget allocation of 64,520 lakhs Rupees only 22% is meant for Capital formation but it is 24%. I would like to say that besides works there are many other things to build up assets Material purchase and Stock suspense are meant for works. As it is the policy of the Government to give permanent means to earn a livelihood to all according to their abilities, NLUP is also meant for building up assets. As that is the case, seven other various programmes which do not appear as works are meant for building up assets, it will be more than 24% in capital formation.

Expenditure in Non-Plan is 71.7% which is quite high. The reason for this is being a State though it is a small State we need all infra-structure as bigger States. It is estimated that from the total Budget provision we are going to mobilize only 5.3% and the rest will be given by Central Government. One of the Hon'ble Members said that it is going to be a surplus Budget here as our expenditure will be less than our Revenue, we call it our surplus budget but it does not mean that it will wipe out our opening deficit. Regarding our deficit closing balance of 32.90 crore Rupees we hope that 10th Finance Commission will wipe it out. Because of our economic drive policy the condition of our economy has greatly improved. While Planning Commission estimated that we will deficit by 64 crore Rupees we can reduce it by 41.62 crore Rupees.

The reason for not reflecting D.A had been mentioned in my Budget speech and we hope that the concern Department may also absorb it. Regarding House Building Advance and Car Advance as reflected in page No.460 of Budget Book provisions for HBA and Car Advance is 460 lakh Rupees and 40 lakh Rupees respectively. As HBA is not sufficient for Government servants, Central Government is going to give us 500 lakh Rupees in loan.

Some Members had pointed out your concern about our debts, as building-up infrastructure is most important we are compel to have debt in our present condition. One of the Hon'ble Members had pointed out the condition of other States of North Eastern Region. Comparing with these States we are lagging behind them because they already have all infrastructures for which we need large sum of money. Talking about infrastructure, some have returns and some do not. I also would like to say that almost all the figures reflected in the Budget are 'in anticipation'.

From the speeches of our Hon'ble Members there are some clarifications to be made; so let me try to clarify them. One of the Hon'ble Member had said that there is no enough provision for the poorer section. It is the policy of the Government to allot more funds for Rural Development and as that is the case, more than 60% of our Budget is meant for Rural areas. If Rural area development is ignored population of Urban area will increase and as a result urban areas will face many problems. Therefore, our idea is to develop Rural areas so that people will not reluctant to stay in Rural areas. One of the Hon'ble Member said that the poorer section do not have to earn their livelihood but in my opinion there are many ways to earn livelihood in Mizoram.

It was pointed out that we must be careful in using our Budget and I do agree with this. If we misuse our money it will spoil us and if we use correctly it will benefit us even privately.

Regarding fertiliser, it is the intention of the Government to give it to Co-operative sector and Finance by NABARD through Apex Bank, so this matter is under examination.

One of the Hon'ble Member had pointed out that development fund for Phulpui and Lungleng was used to organised a feast in favour of Finance Minister but I do not know about this though I was invited in the celebration of new V/C. However, I am sure that for the cost of that feast the development of this area will not hamper. Though this area is the Constituency of an opposition we intend to take steps for its development.

It was also pointed out why Excise Station was opened at Sercnhip. This was done while Excise Department was in my in-charge. At present we have stations at Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha and we are planning to open at Lawngtlai, Sercnhip, Champhai, Kolasib and Vairengte. We gave priority to Sercnhip because smugglers used to come through Sercnhip via Lungdar from Manipur. It was not done because it is the Constituency of Chief Minister.

One of the Hon'ble Member had pointed out about University. At present as the concern Minister in the Central Government has resigned, it can not be pursued but immediate steps will be taken.

Regarding our Budget document, we shall try to do in Mizo as far as possible from next year. However, we must know that as our Budget document is sent to the Central and other States. We have to do in English but for local purpose we shall try to do in Mizo.

In regard to liberalisation we are facing problems to plant big Industries as we do not have infrastructure. Those 150 Non-Resident Indians from various parts of the world who offered themselves in India were not interest to take steps in Mizoram as we do not have infrastructure.

Provision had been made for Districts. In page 59 of our Budget book we can see that there is 5 lakh Rupees each as token provision to establish two Districts. A Bill had been drafted for Municipal Administration which is under examination and it is not yet finalised.

Budget Provision for Agriculture and allied activities is less than last year because fisheries and Horticulture which were under Agriculture Department are separated now. They are trifurcate now. At the same time, provision is high in other sectors, for instance most trades of MLUP are under Agriculture and Allied Services which were not reflect in Agriculture but reflected in Rural Development Department.

It was also pointed out that provision for roads under PWD is too meagre. At present we sanction with reservation. Central Government gave us 10 crore Rupees as Capital Project in addition to our State Plan Budget. For the next Financial year we are supposed to manage with 227 crore Rupees and we submit a presentation to Planning Commission saying that 10 crore Rupees for Capital Project is the additional to 227 crore Rupees which was approved by the Officials but the highest authority has not given his approval. If we can have this 10 crore Rupees we can give 4/5 crore Rupees to PWD for roads.

One of the Hon'ble Members said that 'Government is the source of our life' and it is quite true. We must remember that Government's work is God's work. Regarding working hours, in Mizoram 8 hours is meant for working in minimum during Winter and as suggested by the Hon'ble Member working hour for Winter will be looked again.

Regarding Scientific and Electronic System, steps are being taken even from Industry and it is our intention to take necessary steps to encourage our youth who are interested in electronics, and a Seminar was conducted in this connection.

This morning, one of the Hon'ble Member had mentioned about Wild Life. As we all know, we, the Mizos, are adventurous and in the habit of setting traps so we need to teach to protect Wild Life, even Y.M.A. and Churches are taking steps in this regard and from this year onwards it is the intention of the Government to include Wild life protection in the syllabus of Schools. One of the Hon'ble Member had mentioned about felling of trees at Dampa range. In order to protect birds in this range some trees which do not produce fruits for birds were felled down so that more trees with fruit can be planted.

I would like to remind the Hon'ble Member that his letter had been answered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 16th March, a copy of which had been forwarded to me. Besides, it was alleged that 50% had been cut from the Budget already passed by the House without the knowledge of the Members. This is true as it had to be done owing to unavoidable circumstances. But a supplementary demand had already been moved by me.

As pointed out by the Hon'ble Minister of Industry, Tea-Plantation had become the main occupation in certain Villages. Here, our main objective is to make Mizoram a self sufficient State. Approximately Rs. 268 lakhs is gained annually from tea plantation. If our State could be self-sufficient in this field, the minimum amount that could be gained by the plantation-owners will be Rs.300 lakhs. As such, the said plantation had been made a family-oriented, and presently, experts in this field are being engaged for further progress of the plantation.

Regarding the Pay-Scale of Police personnel, I would like to assure the House that we are rendering sustained efforts for the Welfare of the Police Department. The Hon'ble Member had raised a question on whether Vety College is necessary in our State. In this connection, I would like to stress that the aim of Education is to attain better quality of life and not merely to give employments in the Government. Moreover, a Vety College will be a good source for enriching our economy and for

the unemployment problems. Presently, it is of utmost importance to see the seeds of Work-Culture among our youths.

As mentioned by the Hon'ble Opposition Leader, our ideas and conception of the Budget is extremely wrong. In that, a sense of belonging or ownership is lacking in the Government as well as the public. Therefore, we, the elected representatives have to lead our people towards the right direction.

Our Hon'ble Member had pointed out that the current Budget is lesser than the previous Budget. I would like to remind our Members that the Budget is prepared in anticipation, which will increase as we proceed. Regarding purchase of land by the Government, assessment is made by the Revenue and P.W.D, where negotiation is undertaken within the assessment-rate. Coming to matter concerning transportation cost, the cost of transportation of FCI rice till PTC is met by the State Government. As far as selection of crops is concerned, we have to consider whether there will be a marketing facilities. Anyway, certain families, who seriously undertake the programmes launched by the Government have started to enjoy the fruits of their labour. One particular family made a turn over of more than Rs.5 lakhs a year from their orange orchard alone. Fishery has also been very successful and it is proved to be a very worthy livelihood.

Regarding Power and Electricity, those who have read the article I wrote 20 years back, 'Mizoram a land of promise' will remember. There I wrote that although Micro Hydel is expensive, very often Hilly regions are difficult to cover by Transmission lines. It is therefore easier to install Micro Hydel Projects in isolated regions.

I appreciate the praise made by Pu Lalkhama in respect of our leadership, I had pledged to the expert-Committee in 1992 to work for the upliftment of Mizoram and place it at par with other developed States if we could have the infrastructure of Power and Communications. That vision was for a span of fifty years and now we are on the 47th year from 1992. We hope to attain the highest standard of living by the next 47 years.

DY. S P E A K E R : Our time is up to 4:00 P.M but we will continue.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Dy. Speaker,
MINISTER the Government has many Projects
earmarked at present. These cannot
be discussed at the Private
Members' Resolution time.

From all the speeches of the Hon'ble Members, we can sum up that what our State needs is 'Moral Development'. Our fear of assimilation also largely depends on ourselves. It is therefore up to us to carry forth the touch of development and make Mizoram an exemplary State in the Country.

Thank you.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
we are clear about the time table
for the Budget discussion and
we can prepare ourselves for the
same. However, we are still not aware of our business for
tomorrow. If we could know it at least two days in advance
we could prepare ourselves well. It would also be good to
hang a Calendar inside the Hall.

DY. S P E A K E R : Bearing that in mind, we have
had the Budget Discussion since
yesterday and Members have been
very interested. Eighteen Mem-
bers have participated so far. We are thankful to the Fi-
nance Minister for clarifying the points raised by the
Members. We have now finished our business for today, we
shall resume our Session tomorrow at 10 : 00 A.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:04 PM.