

9TH SITTING OF THE 5TH ASSEMBLY SESSION  
ON 27TH MARCH, 1995.

P R E S E N T

FU VAIVENGA, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister and 15 Ministers and 17 Members were present.

Q U E S T I O N

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

MOTION FOR ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

2. (a) FU LALKHAMA to move a motion in the following form -

" That the members of this House do proceed to elect in the manner required by sub-rule (3) of rule 202 read with rule 250 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of the Committee on Public Accounts for the unexpired portion of the term ".

- (b) FU F.MALSAWMA to move a motion in the following form -

" That the members of this House do proceed to elect in the manner required by sub-rule (3) of rule 202 read with rule 250 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of the Committee on Estimates for the unexpired portion of the term ".

- (c) FU LAL BIAKZUALA to move a motion in the following form -

" That the member of this House do proceed to elect in the manner required by sub-rule (3) of rule 202 read with rule 253A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as member of the Committee on Public Undertakings for the unexpired portion of the term ".

DISCUSSION & VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1995-96

3. FU F.LALBIAKA to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. FU J.LALSANGZUALA to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S P E A K E R : A just balance and scales are the Lord's; all the weights in the bag are his work.

Proverbs 16:11

We shall take up Starred question No. 166 - Fu Malsawma to ask.

FU F.MALSAWMA : Fu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Forest Department be pleased to state -  
Whether or not Teak is included in the Mizoram Private Forest (Regulation or Felling) Rules, 1994 as issued in the Mizoram Gazette No. 208 ?

FU ZCSIAMA IACHUAU : Fu Speaker, yes, Teak is included in the Mizoram Private Forest (Regulation or Felling) Rules, 1994 as issued in the Mizoram Gazette No. 208.

FU F.MALSAWMA : Fu Speaker, a supplementary question. A similar question was asked in the November Session, 1994 as Starred question No. 46. The answer then was 'No'. Since when has the answer been 'Yes' ?

S P E A K E R : Fu Zcsiama may reply.

FU ZOSIAMA FACHUAU :  
MINISTER : Fu Speaker, please tell the member who asked the question that orange and tung are not the same as Teak Plantations.

S P E A K E R : Wait a minute, you may address the Speaker, but you cannot order the Speaker. The question was addressed to the Government and you, the Minister in-charge will have to reply.

FU ZOSIAMA FACHUAU :  
MINISTER : Thank you, Fu Speaker. Yes, orange and teak are two different things. Teak is timber. We have framed the Rules of the Act as the Forest Act 1955 section 42 provided. I do not recollect the question asked previously in the November Session as mentioned by the Hon'ble Member.

FU LALSAWTA : Fu Speaker, another supplementary question. I think it is very regretful that the Hon'ble Minister does not remember the question and answer of the November Session, 1994. What kind of Minister is he ?

FU LALKINCHHANA : Fu Speaker, another supplementary question - If all the vegetations in the forests are included in the Forest Act, would it not be against the Rule to cut down forests for cultivation ?

FU ZOSIAMA FACHUAU :  
MINISTER : Fu Speaker, as I have already stated, orange and tung are not classified in the timber species. We do regret the slashing of bamboo and other trees for cultivation purposes. Forests are also classified into different categories. Whatever the species may be, cutting or felling should be done with the permission of the Department of Forests.

FU F.MALSAWMA : Fu Speaker, I would like to ask the reason why the Forest Depart-

ment objects to private teak plantations in the NLUF ?

FU ZORAMTHANGA : Fu Speaker, are all forest cuttings for cultivation done through the permission of the Forest Department ? The Minister has misled the House. We are not at liberty to form Rules beyond the provision of the Act. Therefore, this Rule cannot have control over private forests and plantations.

FU F.MALSAWMA : Fu Speaker, has it been laid on the Table of the House ?

FU ZOSIAMA FACHUAU MINISTER : Fu Speaker, this Act concerns forests. The word 'forest' implies to timber of any species felled or unfelled. It includes private timber plantations whether it is classified or not.

FU LALSAWTA : Fu Speaker, that is only the way the Hon'ble Minister interprets. However, we will go according to the Rules and not by interpretations of Ministers. Therefore, may the Hon'ble Minister be informed that Rules cannot be formed apart from the Acts.

FU F.MALSAWMA : Fu Speaker, the Minister himself said that plantations are not included.

FU ZOSIAMA FACHUAU MINISTER : Fu Speaker, does the Hon'ble Member have a copy of the Order on Private Plantation Prohibition ? Was such an order issued ?

S P E A K E R : Starred question No. 167.

FU LALSAWTA : Fu Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Vigilance Department be pleased to state

(a) Whether loans taken by individuals from certain Departments during 1989-91 have been fully recovered ?

(b) If not, has any officer been punished on account of this ?

LU LAL THANHAULA  
CHIEF MINISTER

Lu Speaker, some Departments have recovered the loans, and in some Departments, there are cases pending. The Police Department has recovered Rs. 21.25 lakhs from Pi Ruaeipuii and the Finance Accounts Officer Lu Lalthensanga has been banned two years increment. TMr Chowdhury, Inspector/Cashier was pardoned on finding that he was not involved in the case.

The Industries Department have not recovered their loan to individual amounting to Rs. 34.40 lakhs. Two Officers involved in this case, Lu M.Lungmuana, Finance and Accounts Officer and Pi Vanrammawii, Cashier have been suspended. A criminal case is subjudice to the court and the court has not made a verdict.

The Managing Director of Apex Bank Lu Lalliana has also been suspended on the case of Rs.38 lakhs loan. Arbitration case has been filed on the Cooperation Department and Pi Ruaeipuii was given notice. The cash has not been recovered.

Pi Ruaeipuii also borrowed Rs. 10.70 lakhs from Sericulture Department and the Officers in-charge Lu J.C.Sengluasia, Lu Kesanga Colney and R.D.Gurung have been suspended. Departmental proceedings were drawn against the three of them. If they are unable to recover the amount they lent as loan, their property equivalent to the amount will be detached.

S P E A K E R

: Question No. 168, Lu F.Lalrem-siama. If he has not authorised anyone, we will take Question No. 169, Dr R.Lalthangliana.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA

: Lu Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Finance Department be pleased to state -

The amount of over-draft of Mizoram Government upto March 10th, 1995.

FU J.LALSANGZUALA : Fu Speaker, the Government of  
MINISTER Mizoram has no overdraft in the  
RBI upto 10th March, 1995.

S P E A K E R : Question No. 170.

FU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Fu Speaker, Will the Hon'ble  
Minister i/c Rehabilitation be  
pleased to state -  
When will the compensations for  
fire destruction during the Mizoram disturbances be paid ?

FU I.LALBIAKA : Fu Speaker, in answer to the  
MINISTER Hon'ble Member's question, compen-  
sations for fire destruction is in  
the hands of the Revenue Depart-  
ment and not Relief & Rehabilitation. While the Government of  
India was contemplating to release payment for compensations,  
the FUCL Mizoram Branch appealed to the High Court, and it was  
decided by the High Court that the compensations be paid.

However, Government of India took  
the decision of the High Court to the Supreme Court and it is  
learnt that the Supreme Court made its final hearings recently.  
The decision of the Supreme Court was to release the compensa-  
tion and this verdict was intimated to the Dy. Speaker of Mizo-  
ram by the Hon'ble M.L. Mr Hipei just yesterday.

The Government of Mizoram has made  
clear cut arrangements as to who who will be eligible to recei-  
ve the said compensations. The number of families eligible for  
the compensation are 29,242 and each family will be receiving  
Rs. 6,000/- respectively.

The Hon'ble Minister i/c Revenue  
may be pleased to give more informations on the rest.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Fu Speaker, a supplementary  
question. What has become of  
the claims made on house rent  
occupied by the Army during the  
disturbances ?

FU I.LALBIAKA : Fu Speaker, the question of Ren-  
MINISTER tal charge is a different matter.

I think the Minister i/c Revenue will be able to tell us something on this matter.

**BU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA :** Bu Speaker, another supplementary question. What is the criteria for the eligibility of the compensation ? Is it a flat rate fixation or is it fixed according to the reports of spot verifications ?

**BU ZORAMTHANGA :** Bu Speaker, how many families are to receive compensations for fire destruction during the insurgency ?

**BU P. LALBIAKA MINISTER :** Bu Speaker, the number of families are 29242. As I have already said it appears that the rates have been fixed at a flat rate of Rs. 6,000/- per family.

**BU LALSAWTA :** Bu Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state -

The number of Minutes required to utilise one unit of energy in the Electric Metre for a 100 watt bulb ?

**BU C.L. RUALA MINISTER :** Bu Speaker, it takes 600 minutes (10 hrs) to utilise one unit of energy for a 100 watt bulb.

**BU LALSAWTA :** Bu Speaker, a supplementary question. From where does the Power & Electricity Department order its supplies of electrical goods ?

**BU ZORAMTHANGA :** Bu Speaker, another supplementary question. What is the reason for paying Rs. 4/- every month in the energy bill even if we buy the mo-

tre box from our pocket ?

FU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA :

Fu Speaker, when will the Department of Electricity return our metre boxes which they collected for repair ?

FU F. MALSAWMA :

Fu Speaker, another supplementary question. Sometimes our metre boxes stop functioning without our knowledge, and we are made to pay fines. Just because some culprits tamper with their metre boxes, we are all made to pay fines. Is there no way of solving this problem in Co-Operation with the consumers ?

FU C. L. RUALA  
MINISTER :

Fu Speaker, we shall review the question of the member from Aizawl East - II regarding the metre boxes.

Generally, there are very few damaged metres, the suppliers are from different firms and their names will be furnished later in writing to the Hon'ble Member.

FU F. MALSAWMA :

Fu Speaker, is it not a good idea to review the matter ?

FU F. LALREMSIAMA :

Fu Speaker, yes, the suppliers are of different places and firms. Do these metre boxes bear the ISI mark ?

FU C. L. RUALA  
MINISTER :

Fu Speaker, yes, I will check if they bear the ISI mark.

FU LALRINCHHANA :

Fu Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Public Health Engineering be pleased to state -

Are there any plans for supply of drinking water to Sawleng Village ? I : Yes, what proposals have been made for the same ?

FU F.LAWMKIMA : Fu Speaker, the answer is 'yes' MINISTER there is, Ground water drilling has been done in two places, both in Sawleng and Ratu respectively. These are hand pumped on the surface. Last year, the gravitation system was tried at Sawleng during the dry season, we do not know if it is going to be successful, however, the Department is aware of the acute water problem in these two Villages and everything is being done to provide drinking water to them.

FU LALRINCHHANA : Fu Speaker, a supplementary question. I am glad to know that efforts have been made to implement the project of water supply for the two Villages. However, is there an understanding between the Public Health Engineering and the Rural Development Department ?

FU F.MALSAWMA : Fu Speaker, on considering the reasons for the water problem in Aizawl city, it is found that the two diesel engines at Tlawng and Lawipu are not in working conditions. The one at Lawipu which was taken for repair has not been re-installed as yet. What is the Government intending to do about it ?

FU F.LAWMKIMA : Fu Speaker, regarding the question of Fu Lalrinchhana, the PHE MINISTER Department is not aware of the involvement of the Rural Development Department. At present, water is being supplied by emergency trucks for Ratu Village.

Regarding the question of Fu F.Malsawma, one diesel engine has been sent to Silchar for repair. It is not an easy matter, the parts have to be purchased from Pune. We hope to fetch the engine back by this week and re-install it.

FU F.LALREMSIAMA : Fu Speaker, only one supplementary question. Is the Government

wasting precious money in the name of constructing water sheds, which are in reality not existing or unfit to hold water ?

S P E A K E R : Your questions are too diversified. It will be a little difficult for the Minister to called informations.

FU F.LAWMKIMA MINISTER : Thank you, Mr Speaker, I am also one of those who condemn the misuse of Government funds. I will enquire into the matter.

FU F.LALZUALA : Fu Speaker, in my question, I mentioned the Lunglei District and Chhimituipui border. Can the Government review the border of S.Venlai-  
phai and Sangau ?

FU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Fu Speaker, yes we will review the matter.

FU F.LALZUALA : Fu speaker, a supplementary question. Will the Government be able to speed up the matter ?

FU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Fu Speaker, this has been a sensitive issue for a very long time. Therefore, it may not be easy to speed up the matter.

FU F.MALSAWMA : Fu Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Forest Department be pleased to state -

(a) The reason for withdrawal of loans under NABARD to teak planters in Zawlnuem Block.

(b) What steps has the Department of Forests taken to enable teak planters to receive loans ?

(c) What benefits have teak planters obtained apart from NLUF ?

FU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Fu Speaker, the Bank loans are  
MINISTER under Bank authorities, hence  
we cannot have any say in the  
matter (b) The Department has  
chalked out model schemes and given technical advice to ob-  
tain Bank loans. (c) There is no scheme for private planters  
in favour of private plantations.

FU F.MALSAWMA : Fu Speaker, it is learnt that  
NABARD has said that the quality  
of teak in Mizoram is of high  
grade and has agreed to sponsor  
loans upto Rs. 5 crores. In pursuance of this, the Chief  
Minister has spearheaded the project in his speeches. He also  
promised the teak planters of Zawlnuam to help them in their  
matter. However, this project has not materialised so far.  
What is to be done about this project ?

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Fu Speaker, Will the Hon'ble  
Minister i/c Rural Development  
Department be pleased to state -  
The total number of funds recei-  
ved during 1994-95 under (a) EAS (b) JRY (c) IRDF.

FU LIANSUAMA : Fu Speaker, the amount of fund  
MINISTER received during 1994-'95 is as  
follows :- (a) EAS - Rs. 22,52,  
93,008/- (b) JRY - Rs. 352,729/-  
lakhs. (c) IRDF - Rs. 200.893 lakhs.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Fu Speaker, is it possible for  
a non-congress member to be a  
recipient of IRDF benefit ?

FU LIANSUAMA : Fu Speaker, no one is barred  
MINISTER to receive IRDF benefits. Names  
are submitted for the IRDF by  
the Village Council Members.  
These allotments are scrutinised by the Governing Body where  
the DC is Chairman. The criteria is drawn over the poverty  
line. Preference is given to TRYSEM trainees.

FU ZORAMTHANGA : Fu Speaker, through what agency is the work under EAS distributed ?

FU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Fu Speaker, the beneficiaries for IRDI are often tampered at the Office of the BDO. Can instructions be issued for such prohibition ?

FU LALKINCHHANA : Fu Speaker, tampering of the list of beneficiaries are common occurrences. This is very disturbing as changes are made even after the approval of the District. Can this mal-practice be checked ?

FU LALSAWTA : Fu Speaker, we have spoken about this quite often. It would be best if the VDC (Village Development Committee) takes up the matter. When will such a thing be practiced ?

FU F.LALREMSIAMA : Fu Speaker, the Tlangnuam Block is under the Rural Development Block. However, when the Block Development Committee was summoned we divided the share between us. I would like to know exactly what the position is.

FU LIANSUAMA : Fu Speaker, normally the EAS MINISTER and JRY are for the rural people under the poverty line. However, this poverty line also exists in the urban areas, that is why each MLA has been given coverage of about Rs. 20 lakhs for the same.

The Village Council is the agency to distribute the funds under EAS, and so are the Voluntary Organisations like Y.M.A., and M.H.I.F.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is now over.

FU ZORANTHANGA : Fu Speaker, there is one thing I would like to request. We would like to have copies of the agreement signed between the Chief Secretary of Mizoram and the Assam Chief Secretary.

FU LAL THANHAWLA : Fu Speaker, I did not say that  
CHIEF MINISTER copies will be circulated as it is considered to be confidential. We only said that the Members may have a look at the deed.

S P E A K E R : Mr K.T.Rokhaw has taken leave of absence on account of his mother's illness, and Fu Lalmingthanga has also taken leave due to private affair.

Our next business is Motion for Election of Committee. Some of the Members are now Ministers and their seats have to be filled up. This will be done by election. The first motion is to be moved by Fu John Rotluangliana as authorised by Fu Lalkhama.

FU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA: Mr Speaker, Sir, ' That the Members of this House do proceed to elect in the manner required by Sub-Rule (3) of Rule 202 read with Rule 250 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as Members of the Committee on Public Accounts for the unexpired portion of the term ' .

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Fu F.Malsawma may move the next motion.

FU F.MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I beg to move a Motion - ' That the Members of this House do proceed to elect in the manner required by Sub-Rule (3) of Rules 202 read with Rule 252 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as Member of the Committee on Estimates for the un-expired portion of the term ' .

Thank you.

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FU LAL BIAKZUALA : Mr Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I beg to move - ' That the Members of this House do proceed to elect in the manner required by Sub-Rule (3) of Rules 202 read with Rule 253(A) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as Member of the Committee on Public Undertakings for the un-expired portion of the term '.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We shall discuss the motion and take the opinion of the Leader of the House.

FU LAL THANHAWLA : Fu Speaker, it would be good to try and follow our previous manner of selecting from different groups in rotation.  
CHIEF MINISTER

FU LAL RINCHHANA : Fu Speaker, as moved in the motion, let us fill in the empty seats. We agree with the Leader of the House.

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Fu Speaker, we have two Members who are ex-Ministers. The two seats in the Finance Committee would be suitable for both of them.

S P E A K E R : Our leaders may consult themselves. Are we all unanimous in the suggestions ? If so, let it be so.

We have two Demands to take up today. Fu F.Lalbiaka may please submit the Demands under his charge.

FU F.LALBIAKA : Fu Speaker, with the permission of the Governor of Mizoram and with your kind permission, Sir,  
MINISTER

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I beg to submit Demand No. 35 and 40 amounting to Rs. 8.34,00,000 for the year 1995-'96.

S P E A K E R : Fu F.Lalbiaka, Minister has submitted his Demands for consideration. Next, Fu J.Lalsangzuala, Minister may please submit to the vote of the House, various Demands under his charge.

FU J.LALSANGZUALA : Fu Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I submit to the vote of the House the Demands under my charge. Demand No. 1 - Legislative Assembly - Revenue Rs. 2,05,00,000/- , Capital Rs. 60,50,000/-. Demand No. 9 - Other Fiscal Services - Revenue Rs. 25,00,000/-. Demand No. 10 - Treasury & Account Administration, Revenue Rs. 2,52,00,000/-. Demand No. 14 - Police, Revenue - Rs. 32,02,00,000/-. Demand No. 15 - Jails, Revenue - Rs. 2,51,00,000/-. Demand No. 20 - Retirement Benefits, Revenue Rs, 9,00,00,000/-. Demand No. 21 - State Lotteries Revenue Rs. 25,00,000/-. Demand No. 34 - Social Security & Welfare, Revenue Rs. 95,04,000/-. Demand No. 44 - North Eastern Areas, Revenue Rs, 59,00,000/-, Capital Rs. 9,87,00,000/- Demand No. 45 - Other Special Areas Programme, Revenue Rs. 1,50,000/-. Demand No. 52 - Census Survey and Statistics, Revenue Rs. 1,38,10,000/-. Demand No. 55 - Loans to Government Servants, Capital Rs. 5,00,00,000/- making a total of Rs. 67,01,14,000/- only.

Thank you, Sir.

S P E A K E R : Fu J.Lalsangzuala has submitted his Demands to the vote of the House. We shall discuss his demands, the Members may take 15 minutes each.

FU LALSANGZUALA : Fu Speaker, we are going to discuss the Demands of two Ministers. Starting with the Demand of Fu Lalbiaka, Relief and Rehabilitation, it is a regret that the Department has purchased a huge bulk of Silpauline. Last year a demand of Rs. 537.50 lakhs was made in the Supplementary Demand. The excess expenditure was very great.

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I would like to mention the calamity that befell us at South Hlmen in 1992. The calamity was so great that it shock not only our Country but the world. The Central Government provided Rs. 1 crore for the relief works which is reflected in the Supplementary Demand.

In this connection, I have asked about six questions. I am deeply sorry that not a single rupee has been used for the rehabilitation works of the victims of South Hlmen. I hope such behaviour will not be repeated in the future.

Another thing I wish to mention is the Financial Administration. I have raised questions on Financial Administration at every Session about Stock Suspense. This Stock Suspense has been mis-used by almost every Department. Stock Suspenses are funds which are to be utilised for Departmental works and later on deducted from the Bill. However, most of the Departments utilised their Stock Suspense to purchase materials which have no return payments. According to the CAG Report, there are too many 'unaccounted' purchases.

Another thing I wish to mention is the need to have a proper swimming pool in Aizawl City. Such a swimming pool would be an asset to the State. It could be run on a certain amount of fees per head. Our beautiful young ladies who declare swimming as their hobbies have nowhere to swim in Aizawl. Could we not construct it from the funds of I.L. & P.S. ? We could also get loans from other sources and construct a swimming pool for our young men and women.

Next, I would like to mention my concern for maintenance of law and order, especially about offenders who go free without their due punishment. Investigation is too poor even in cases of murder. Proper interrogation in time often leads to confession on the part of the offender. If investigation and interrogations are made after months or years, then the culprit does not have any fear of the law.

Mizoram has been peaceful since 1986 and it may be correct to declare that it is one of the most peaceful States in the Country.

There are several incidents where the Police personnel have accidentally or purposely shot their fellow policemen. As there are no other targets to shoot at, they seem to be shooting at each other. This is a very serious matter. If they do not know when and where to use their fire arms, let them be un-armed. They should not be a threat to innocent citizens.

Mizoram, being a border State has a great problem of infiltration. This is also the case in other border States. In order to check foreign infiltra-

tion we need to maintain a strict registration of births and deaths.

Another thing that I wish to mention is about the traffic in Aizawl City. Traffic jams have had a heavy toll on the consumption of petrol and diesel. In spite of this, the VIP encourage drive at a very high speed without caring for the heavy traffic jams. This could be life threatening as our roads are very narrow. Can we not solve this problem some how or other ?

Regarding Retirement benefits, it is sad to say that the process is very slow. Retired persons have to wait for three or four years to receive their pensions and other benefits. This makes the pensioners very desperate. Something should be done to speed up this matter.

Another thing that I wish to say in Demand No. 40, Animal Husbandry is that the proposal to have a poultry incubator at Lunglei town is still not implemented. There should be at least one Hatchery centre at Lunglei. The Hon'ble Minister i/c may please take note of this.

The provisions for loans to Government Servants is less in amount than that of the previous year. The difference is about Rs. 1 crore. This should be reflected in the Supplementary Demands because housing loans are among the best investments and is one of the best returns. It will also be our way of showing our concern for Government Servants.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : In Speaker, I would like to start with Demand No. 35 - Relief and Rehabilitation. This Department is very great in name, but in reality the Department does not have the provisions to carry out their rehabilitation works. The Department does not have a substantial amount to offer victims of fire destructions even in cases of total destruction. A meagre amount of Rs. 1000/- is conveyed through the D.C. for relief aid. This is truly disgraceful and needs to be reviewed seriously.

I would also like to second the matter regarding the Hatchery Centre at Lunglei. This matter has been repeatedly urged by the High Power Committee many times, yet no implementation has been made so far. The subsidy for Piglets, Rs. 450/- is also too little. If we are to grant subsidies at all, let it be substantial enough to cover the costs.

Next, in order to speed up the pension cases, we need to have a 'Pension Cell' at Lunglei where the screenings can be done for Chhimituipui and Lunglei District.

Lastly, I am deeply concerned about the lack of security in the Central Jail. The present fund provisions do not reflect any sign of improvement for the jails and its security. That is all.

Thank you.

Dr J.V.HLUNA

: Pu Speaker, I have already mentioned the condition of the Central Jail and the Staff in the previous Session. The recruitment of the employees for Jail and the employees of the Police Force are very different. Their scale of pay is very separate even in cases of the same ranks. The scale of pay of Police Constable is Rs. 1250/- pm, while that of the Head Constable of Jails is only Rs. 975/- pm. This big difference is yet to be justified.

Mizoram has received quite a substantial amount of funds from the NEC. This has been utilised by the Public Works Department for road construction. The Fhairuang - Bnghmun road and the Khawzawl - Singzawl road are constructed from such funds. However, inspite of heavy expenditure on these roads, there is very little result to be seen. Let us take more care in executing our funds from the NEC in future.

The Loans of Government Servants is another thing that I wish to mention. House Building Advance granted to Government employees has been tampered so much that the amount is not sufficient to construct a house. Even if it does not cover the whole expense let it be substantial enough to cover a good amount of the expenditure.

In my previous question on the steps taken for preventive measures from earthquakes, the Government replied that preventive measures were taken by purchasing Silpauline materials worth Rs. 67 lakhs. What good will Silpaulines do to prevent earthquake ? Why does the Government think only in terms of supplies and materials ?

It is mentioned that there are only five foreign students in Champhai, whereas the supply of sports goods and food stuff for them exceeds more than Rs. 40,000/- every month. I would like to know the reason why.

FU LALRINCHHANA

: Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Demand No. 35 - Relief and Rehabilitation. It mainly concerns Natural Calamities. The amount given to victims of fire des-

truction on total loss of properties is only Rs. 1000/- which is very insignificant.

Next, I am very concerned with Demand No. 1, Legislative Assembly. The status of the Assembly Secretariat is very low. It does not have a full fledged Secretary, and lacks dignity. If the present acting Secretary is qualified let him be appointed, if not, let a fully qualified person be appointed to the post. Mr Speaker, sir, you may please look into this matter yourself.

Coming to Demand No. 14 - Police I have a few words to put in. We understand that the Police Force are to help and guard the public. They are to execute law and order and justice towards all. However, our Police Force in Mizoram fall short of such behaviour. There are some Police persons who behave notoriously and immorally in public. This is very disgraceful as they are supposed to be guardians of the people.

In order to have efficient Police, we need to have a good Police Training School. As of now, the Police Training Centre is considered as an imposition. As long as this atmosphere exists we cannot hope to have efficient Police trained out from the Training School.

Regarding Pension benefits, the Department knows when an employee is to go on pension, therefore, all the necessary documents and paper works should be prepared well in advance.

Loans to Government Servants are also the best return payment that the Government receives. Therefore, should we not increase the amount of such loans? This is very important. That is all.

Thank you.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, firstly, I would like to mention the need to grant payment of over-time allowances to the employees of the Assembly during the Budget Session. They have to work over-time for many hours which is very strenuous as the Budget Sessions are very lengthy.

Next, in Demand No. 14 - Police Department, I do agree with what the Hon'ble Member said before me. The recruitment of Police Force should also be fairly conducted. Some candidates who are physically fit and healthy are dropped, while some less fit ones are recruited. The present batch of trainees are not very impressive according to Hon'ble Member Pu Remsiana, who attended the Passing out parade. There should also be no party feelings in the appoint-

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ment and transfer of Police Forces.

Regarding Jails, I had asked a number of questions on the matter. The new Jail at Kolasib is situated in such a place that the distance between the Jail and the Court is about 2½ Kilometres. In a hot place such as Kolasib, it is difficult to walk that distance. Therefore, provision of a Van is very necessary.

I also agree to what the Hon'ble Member Dr Lalthangliana had said about Relief & Rehabilitation.

S P E A K E R : Just a minute. We will sit upto 1:00 P.M., so be brief.

FU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Fu Speaker, the provision of Rs. 1000/- for Relief & Rehabilitation per family is too meagre. It is not even worth the price of one Silpauline. This is a serious matter that needs to be revised.

S P E A K E R : We shall now have recess till 2:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

S P E A K E R : Let us continue our discussion. Fu Malsawma may speak first.

FU F.MALSAWMA : Fu Speaker, in the demand for Veterinary Department, the Minister had spoken in great favour of raising rabbits. Personally, I think it is a great idea. NLUF beneficiaries are also opting for rearing domestic animals, such as - Piggery, Cattle and Poultry. These should be given priorities and support. I am deeply concerned about the lack of medicine in the Civil Hospital. Sometimes, there are no threads to sew up an operation. The Minister in-charge and the Finance Minister may please note this.

Coming to the Legislative Assembly, it was decided that honorarium be given to employees of the Legislative Assembly for overtime work. However, this was

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granted only to Group C employees and below. Other States like Uttar Pradesh give overtime honorariums to all ranks of the Assembly. The employees of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly have a record of obedience and have never organised any kind of strikes. They have never worn black badges or demanded any favours. Some of the employees are facing stagnation in the Channel of promotion. It is not good that their welfare should be neglected.

The Police Force in Mizoram are one of the best in the Country. Daccits and thugs have no place in Mizoram due to the thoroughness of the Police Force. The Government has to enforce law and order in order to have better performance of the Police.

One thing I wish to mention is that one local paper 'Zorin' says that the money sanctioned by the Minister i/c Vety for the construction of Link Road between Hnahthial and Saithat was used up for community feasts. If this is correct, then it is a very serious matter.

Coming back to Police Department, the Ration money received by MRF personnels are very insignificant. On their various postings, they face ration problems as they cannot mingle with civilians to a great extent.

The lower ranks in the Police Department also face problems of transfer money. They also face problems regarding private duties imposed on them by their superiors. These are some of the many problems that has to be looked into.

U H. THANGKIMA : Pu Speaker, the calamity that be-fell us at South Hlimen quarry was mentioned this morning, and I would like to add a few more words.

Among the victims numbering almost seventy, the Government of Bihar has demanded Rs. 2 lakhs per head for the Dumka labourers. This is a very huge indemnity on the part of the quarry owners.

Apart from this, the machineries were purchased on industrial loans. The Department of Industries has made the necessary investigations and the burden of the loanees appear to be very heavy. I would like to know what steps the Government has taken in this respect.

Some of the Hon'ble Members spoke on the Police Department. We have also heard that the Intelligence Department of the Police is not very strong. Most of the reasons for the inefficiency of the Police Force is due to political interference in the recruitment and appointments.

Mizoram is at present the most peaceful State in the Country. The neighbouring underground

forces find it very convenient to spend their time in our State. This is not desirable for the upbringing of our young people.

Lastly, I wish to say a few words on the Deputy Commissioner of Aizawl. His aloofness and reserve has caused certain problems in public relations. His conduct is not pleasing and the hindrance caused to the public is a serious matter. It also appears that he has a case of dowry back in his hometown. He has also displeased the public regarding the use of P.A. system at public functions.

FU ZORAMTHANGA : Fu Speaker, thank you for giving me this time.

I shall start with the Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry. In order to achieve better farming and success, the Department should supply the farmers in bulk and not in few numbers as it is doing now. In this way, cattle and poultry farms will thrive and yield better products. The beneficiaries of New Land Use Policy should not include cattle and poultry or piggery as their trade. Let the Department of Veterinary take up these trades exclusively.

Another important thing that crossed my mind is the maintenance of roads by BRTF. The roadsides are thick with overgrowth of grass which is very dangerous for traffic and fire. Apart from the construction of roads and bridges it is also their duty to maintain the roadsides for safety.

Regarding Jails, we have a new jail in my constituency and there are many things that need to be done. The compound is fenced with G.C.I. sheets which are very easy to destroy for jailbreakers. It has to be changed for better quality fencing. It is also impossible to function without a Prison Van. There is also shortage of guards and this makes it very risky. Their problems are very big ones, and as it is situated in a border area the matter is very sensitive.

Next, coming to the Police Department, it is far better to issue Rations in kind than in cash. This is so because the cash they receive is not enough to purchase necessary food stuff. Police forces are deployed to counter insurgencies in remote areas. They are always active in operations in remote areas and they have to get their rations wherever they move. Their problems are numerous.

Another thing I wish to maintain is the traffic control in Aizawl City. The fast increase of vehicles in the City is a growing menace daily. Something has to be done soon. Parking places are also a big problem now. 'No Parking' signs are put up by anyone and everybody in front of their shops and houses.

Another important thing is the pressure made by the underground elements in border areas like Champhai. They impose taxes and other collections whenever they please and are always moving about freely inside Mizoram. This is not only in the eastern area of Mizoram, but also in the western areas where foreign infiltrations infest heavily. We are being harassed by outsiders in our own land. The Minister i/c may please note this down.

FU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Fu Speaker, I am also deeply concerned with the welfare of our Police Force. In order to be efficient they need to have a stable existence. The present state of supplies they receive is not enough to meet their needs.

The pay scale of a Police Constable is very low, and so without enough ration money, it is very difficult to make ends meet. The status of jail employees are also very pitiful just like the Police personnel.

Another thing I wish to mention is about the purchase of Mizoram House at Shillong. The money was not received by the person who was supposed to receive it. More negotiation had to be made again regarding the sales proceed.

Demand No. 39, Relief and Rehabilitation is a Department that touches a very important role in the lives of the people of Mizoram. Many of the Rehabilitation due to the M.N.F., returnees have not been paid. Ex-gratia and other compensations were also reflected in the Budget, but in reality it is not seen this time in the Budget.

Relief on account of fire destruction is also not reflected in the budget. Does this mean that we are going to stop speaking about it too ?

Traffic control system in the City of Aizawl also needs a new structure. As it is, the traffic flow is heavier day by day. It appears that the traffic controllers are concerned with their own convenience and safety of the motor vehicles. The routes are not convenient and the turning points are also very inconvenient.

Lastly, I am very concerned with the Service Rules of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly. The post of Secretary is held by an Officer who is not eligible. We need a full fledged Secretary and if the present incumbent is eligible let him be appointed, if not, let the eligible person be appointed soon. This problem in the Legislative Assembly Secretariat needs urgent consideration.

FU F.LALZUALA

: Pu Speaker, in Demand No. 55, Loans to Government Servants, we have the trifurcation of the three districts Lunglei, Chhimtuipui and Aizawl. If all these three districts are given their share as quotas, we may be able to have a rotation. The quotas may be on area basis and not population based.

In the Department of Police, the Headquarters of the 2nd Battalion MAF is Lunglei. However, the 2nd Battalion has their purview upto Aizawl and this is very far fetched. If they are restricted only to the two districts of Lunglei and Chhimtuipui, it would be enough for one battalion.

As some of the Hon'ble Members have already pointed out, the pensions and retirement benefits of Government employees are still processed very slowly. Pensions are facing dire problems especially in the districts of Lunglei and Chhimtuipui. Employees of the Department of Education are now facing this problem there.

Victims of fire calamities and other natural calamities are also facing relief problems. One house in my constituency was burnt down last year. The owner was the treasurer of the local Church and all their possessions were burnt down. I tried to get some relief aid from the Deputy Commissioner's Relief Fund and was able to scrape out only Rs. 500/- .

I think this is a very futile matter as many of the Members have pointed out before. The Minister in-charge may please take note of this.

Coming to Demand No. 4, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry, we are happy that the School of Vety Science has been opened in Lunglei. This School of Vety Science is looked after by the Principal, but lacks the required number of teachers. The seat reservations are also not in proportion to the district wise ratio. This also needs to be looked into and revised accordingly.

Thank you.

FU F.LALREMSIAMA

: Pu Speaker, firstly I want to start with the Assembly Secretariat. The building itself is not very good and the Secretariat is treated as a minor Department under the Government of Mizoram by the DF & AR and the Finance Department. I believe we should see to the welfare of the staff and give top priority to them.

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Secondly, I deeply regret the fact that the Hon'ble Home Minister who is also the Finance Minister was not aware of the demand for U.T., made by the Chakmas. As the CID and SIB did not inform him of the matter, I hereby submit to the House, a copy of the Demand made by the Chief Election Commissioner and signed by 48 Members of Chakma Nationals.

Looking at the Budget, the biggest portion goes to the Chief Minister and the Minister i/c Power & Electricity. The third is the Finance Minister. There is nothing to boast of in the budget. Much of our accounts are due to the Public Accounts such as GPF, Provident Fund and Reserve Fund Deposits and Advances. One reason is because we freeze the GPF accounts. This has brought about great difficulties to Government Servants. They are not allowed to touch their GPF accounts in times of need. This is a serious matter and the Hon'ble Minister i/c may please take note.

Another thing I wish to say is the 15% cut on Loans to Government Servants. Only 40 lakhs has been kept for Car advance. If you make more cuts from this, there will be nothing left. I beg of you not to touch this anymore.

I am also surprised to know that the Animal Husbandry has been given very meagre funds. On page 310 of the Budget book, we find Rs. 754 lakhs for the Department of Vety and Animal Husbandry, which is far too little for such an important and growing Department.

Regarding Lottery, I do not think there is anything to be proud of. The little amount that is gained from Lotteries is nothing, I specially condemn the draws made on Sunday.

I have also repeatedly mentioned the unequal treatment made by the Pay Anomaly Committee. Certain categories were benefitted by the Committee while others suffered. The Police Department is one of those who suffered. While the Central Government upgraded the pay scales of Police Forces, the Mizoram Pay Anomalies Committee neutralised them.

It has been a long time since I have felt that Mizoram needs more IFS Officers. We need more IFS Officers considering the population of our State. One of our IFS Officers Pu Lalsengzuala Sailo has been posted to Delhi which, in my opinion is a very good exposure. Only one Mizor IFS Officer is left in the State and while other States have more than 10 IFS Officers we have only one left. It is time to review the Select List and speed up the selection as soon as possible. There are too many outsiders in this category and this is not in the best interest of our State. I would also like to put in a few words regarding the Housing condition of the Police Force. The present allotment for Police Housing is a mere 160 lakhs in the current Budget, however, the provision for minor works is not reflected in the Budget. They have to undergo their

trainings in tents which cannot be patched unless the ground is levelled. All these minor works need a substantial amount of provisions.

Another thing I wish to say is about the super time scales given to MCS Officers. While MCS Officers are enjoying supertime scales, MFS Officers are barred from enjoying the same. This brings about a matter of prestige between the two categories. The Hon'ble Home Minister and the Leader of the House may please consider the matter. While on this matter, I would like to point out the lack of discipline in the Police Force. There are many incidents where misbehaviour of Police has brought undesirable effects on public relations. Some Police personnel have also misused their arms and made playthings out of them. This is very serious. Unless they are on duty in sensitive pockets they should not always be armed, except for Personal Security Officers. This playing with weapons must be stopped, Mr Speaker.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : If there are no more Members to speak, the Minister i/c may wind up the Demand. Shall we have a short break for ten ?

FU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Mr Speaker, let us have a quick break for tea before it gets cold, and then continue with the Demand of the Finance Minister.

FU P.LALBIAKA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I have noted down all the points that the Hon'ble Members said, and I will try to be brief in winding up the Demand.

Firstly, in reply to the question of Fu R.Lalthangliana regarding the Hatchery Centre at Lunglei, we have already completed the construction of the Hatchery building. The Department of Power and Electricity has also provided us with the required amount of electricity. We are at present waiting for a new Hatchery to be purchased in the current budget. As soon as we purchase the new Hatchery, we can start the project.

The present Piglet Subsidy is only Rs. 400/-. We hope to start the Special Live Stock Breeding Programme by next year under which we hope to increase the amount of subsidy. The lady member for the Management Board of

Veterinary College has not been filled up yet. This will be duly filled up when the Vice-Chancellor gives a recommendation for the same.

Regarding the question of Pu F. Malsawma, we have already purchased German Angora Rabbits to start the stock. However, we have not been able to get the required number yet. Our purchase was made from Himachal Pradesh, and a proper farm for rearing these rabbits is being projected at Champhai. We have qualified Doctors to look after this farm and they are doing well. The eggs will be hatched three times a year and we hope to be able to market them by 1996.

Regarding Vety Training School, the three District Councils of More, Lai and Chakma have been allotted 2 seats each. The rest will be all unreserved and filled up through exams of written test and interviews.

As for the utilisation of Rs. 100 lakhs under Relief and Rehabilitation mentioned by Pu Lalsawma, the whole of Mizoram had to share the fund and we could not give it all exclusively to the Hlmen victims. There has also been no unnecessary purchase of materials under Rural Development Department. Equipment for safety measures against earthquakes have also been purchased. These equipments are kept at Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha D.Cs respectively.

Regarding the provisions for HFC rehabilitation can be clarified by the Hon'ble Minister i/c Finance.

And now Pu Speaker, my Demand No. 35 - Revenue - Rs. 1,00,00,000/- and Demand No. 40 - Revenue - Rs. 7,24,00,000/- , Capital - Rs. 10,00,000/- altogether amounting to Rs. 8,34,00,000/- has been discussed in the House and I request this House to pass the same.

S P E A K E R : The Minister i/c Rural Development Department has put his Demands No. 35 and 40 to the vote of the House. The Demands No. 35 and 40 amount to Rs. 8.34 lakhs for meeting the expenses during 1995-96 will be be voted for. Members may please voice their votes by saying 'Yes' or 'No' ( All Members say 'Yes' )

Now that all have agreed to pass the Demand, the Demands No. 35 and 40 amounting to Rs. 8.34 lakhs is declared passed by this House. We shall now have a short Tea Break and resume business after 20 minutes.

S P E A K E R : Fu J. Lalsangzuala, Minister may please wind up his Demands and beg leave of the House to pass the same.

FU J. LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Fu Speaker, when I spoke last week, I mentioned my hopes on the Tenth Finance Commission. This Tenth Finance Commission Report was received on 24th March, 1994 and it has made us very happy. The Budget estimate from the Central Government for Mizoram is Ts. 1802.01 crores. This means Rs. 1398.37 crores from Taxes, 403.64 from Grant-in-aid in which 331.19 is for the revenue deficit in Non-Plan, 713 crores for Up-gradation of Administration, 57 crores for Lengpui Airport, 3.32 for Local Bodies and 5 crores for Relief Expenditure.

This means that our Budget allocation is the highest per capita in the Country. The per capita of the ten poorest States in the Country are as follows :-

Mizoram	Rs. 26,116/-
Nagaland	Rs. 23,083/-
Arunachal Pra- desh	Rs. 20,467/-
Sikkim	Rs. 17,172/-
Manipur	Rs. 11,631/-
Meghalaya	Rs. 10,641/-
Tripura	Rs. 10,422/-
Jammu & Kashmir	Rs. 9,485/-
Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 9,208/-
Assam	Rs. 3,715/-

We owe our gratitude to the Leader of the House for this and the Opposition Party should also accept his Leadership. From what the Hon'ble Members have said, there are many points that need clarification.

Regarding store purchase, we have also informed the Departments and all Secretaries that the figures reflected in the Budget are to meet the requirement for one year. In order to meet the requirements without interruption a number of stock is kept in hand to last the whole year.

It is true that loans for Government Servants is lesser this year than the previous year. The figure in this year's ending is 585 lakhs, we have put Rs. 500 lakhs for the current year and we hope to get another Rs. 500 lakhs from HUDCC which means it will come to Rs. 1000 lakhs. So far, the problems regarding the

disbursement, we will look into the matter.

The heavy work load of the Aizawl Treasury has also been seriously considered. We have approached the Government of India for permission to open another Treasury, but they does not approve the idea of having two Treasuries in one City. This has not convinced us but we asked permission for atleast a Sub-Treasury and it has been granted to us. The Reserve Bank of India has not yet given us the clearance.

Regarding Pensioners, the Central Service and Defence Pensioners are advised to credit their pension pay in their Bank accounts. This has solved a lot of problems in the Treasury.

However, the suggestion to open a pension cell at Lunglei and Saihè has some technical problems. Many of the delayed pensions are due to the lack of proper documentation from the Departments. As for the pensioners under the Assam Government there is an opinion that under the North Eastern Area Re-Organisation Act, 1971, Section 52, all liabilities and assets should be inherited. Negotiations are still going on and the Government of Assam has already sanctioned one recently.

In the State Lottery, our target was Rs. 6 crores. With great effort we managed to collect 13.8 crores today. This is a great achievement considering the hardships we went through. We are negotiating with those status who have prohibited our sale of lotteries in their State. We hope to expand Mizoram Lotteries throughout the Country.

It has also been decided to pay compensations at a flat rate of Rs. 6,000/- per family to the victims of the insurgency who have lost their homes by fire or demolition.

Regarding the Rehabilitation of the MF Returnees, according to the Government record, each family was paid Rs. 2,000/- Ex-gratia. In the peace camp, Rs. 2,000/- was given as maintenance grant to each Member. Apart from this, Rs. 20,000/- was given to each family for rehabilitation purpose to 554 families. House site was allotted to 569 persons and if there are anyone left out, please let us know.

One of the Hon'ble Members voiced about the impounding of G.F.F. Eversince I held the post of Finance Minister, the Government Employees Federation was always consulted before impounding any G.F.F. Their consent was always taken prior to the action.

Regarding the Economic and Statistics Department, we have not been neglecting them. In fact, we are considering filling up the vacant posts. This can only be done one at a time in due course.

I am happy to hear the praises sung by the Members on the good performance of the Police Force. In such a set up, there is bound to be some faults and set-backs, such things cannot be ruled out and we are doing our best to iron out all these bit by bit. In spite of all our endeavours, we sometimes come across certain unpleasant incidents, I have personally visited the Police Stations during the last 15 months and I have tried to note down their problems. However, it is not possible to solve all their problems but we are doing our best.

Regarding the misuse of fire arms, the Government is probing into the matter. We are also considering Group Insurance Policies for the Police as it is done in the Army. We are trying to make our Training Centre the best in the Country. There are no political considerations regarding the postings of Police personnels. They are posted wherever the need arises.

We are now having a perspective plan of deploying Police throughout the State of Mizoram. Initially, we will start with Token Force Companies and follow up with complete reinforcements later. We are all aware of the traffic problem in Aizawl City. A new road plan has been estimated by experts which is being examined by the FWD and Police Traffic Department. We hope to be able to solve a great deal of the traffic problem when the plan is implemented.

Regarding Jail security, I have personally visited Central Jail thrice. The Jails at Kolasib, Lunglei and Saiha are all in need of better security system. Steps are being taken towards this matter. We are also aware of the problems faced by the Jails Staff. We held durbars in several places and discussed their problems. Although we may not be able to solve all their problems at once, we hope to better their conditions as far as possible.

We have already discussed the problem of Prisoners Van for Champhai Sub-Jail. We hope to have it by the new year. I have also seen the condition of Lunglei and Saiha Jail and we will take measures to improve both the Jails. Kolasib Jail is also too small and inadequate. Their need for a Van will also be considered.

Regarding Mizoram Home Guard, although one of the Hon'ble Members opined that they are not up to expectations, I believe that Mizoram Home Guard are one of the best in the whole Country.

On 6th October, 1994, all the V/Cs in Aizawl District were summoned regarding the Pass issued to 12 persons regarding infiltration. ( Pu B.Lalthlengliana ..... "On the written reply the date was 13th Oct, what is the meaning ?).

PU J.LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it must be a mistake.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, will you be able to carry out that order ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, if the Government cannot carry out its order, who will do so ? If there are any clarifications needed, we will do so. Foreigners are foreigners, they cannot settle in Mizoram without permit.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, I think that was answered from the point I raised. I believe that the best thing would be a statute in the lines of administrative instructions.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I will see to this. In fact, the reason for giving copies of the ILP regulations to the Members is for the purpose of seeking any form of advice on the matter. The nuisance of underground elements on border areas also be locked into. It is obvious that we need to guard the Southern borders of Mizoram. A meeting of the United Self Defence Front was held in Aizawl recently. The Intelligence Department are also vigilant in this matter.

I have already mentioned in this House that I had no other source of knowledge about the Demand for Union Territory by Chakmas, apart from what I read in the papers. I thank the Hon'ble Member, who gave me a copy of the Joint Memorandum submitted to the Election Commission.

Regarding the case of the young man from Phuldungsei Village, there has been no report so far. We are collecting information and tracking down the case. We shall let you know as soon as we get better infor-

mation on the matter.

As for the Assembly Secretariat building, it is hoped to be completed by mid November this year. We are also aware of the need to have independence for the Assembly Secretariat. The service Rules are all completed and passed by LF&AR. We hope to lay it on the Table of the House within this Session, after slight technical delay is cleared. Filling up of the post of Secretary will be taken up. The over-time allowance of Assembly Employees will also be considered. Accomodations in the MLA Hostel has been suffering set backs due to the occupation of the office staff before the completion of the Secretariat building.

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Pu Speaker, what about the Police recruits who were declared passed but rejected again on grounds of height ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the said recruits for I.R.Battalion were condoned as per the Assam Police Manual. The Mizoram Police Manual is at present being edited, and it will not take long to have it completed. This is the Police Manual and has no connection whatsoever with the Health Department.

Pu Speaker, I request the House to please pass the following Demands under my charge :-

Demand No. 1 - Legislative Assembly	Revenue - 2,05,00,000
	Capital - 60,50,000
Demand No. 9 - Other Fiscal Services	Revenue - 25,00,000
Demand No. 10 - Treasury & Accounts	Revenue - 2,52,00,000
Demand No. 14 - Police	Revenue - 32,02,00,000
Demand No. 15 - Jails	Revenue - 2,51,00,000
Demand No. 20 - Retirement Benefits	Revenue - 9,00,00,000
Demand No. 21 - State Lottery	Revenue - 25,00,000
Demand No. 34 - Social Security & Welfare	Revenue - 95,04,000
Demand No. 44 - North Eastern Area	Revenue - 59,00,000
	Capital - 9,87,00,000

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Demand No. 45 - Other Special Areas Programme	Revenue -	1,50,000
Demand No. 52 - Census, Survey & Statistics	Revenue -	1,33,10,000
Demand No. 55 - Loans to Govt. Servants	Revenue - Capital -	5,00,00,000

The total amounting to  
Rs. 67,01,14,000/- only.

S P E A K E R : The Demand of the Minister i/c Finance is put to the vote of the House. Members may please indicate their votes by saying 'Yes' or 'No' ( All Members say 'Yes' )

Demand No. 1,9,10,14,15,20,21, 34,44,45,52,53 and 55 amounting to Rs. 67 crores, 1 lakh, 14 thousands only for meeting expenses during 1995-96 is now passed unanimously.

The Business Advisory Committee will sit tomorrow at 10 A.M., to review our programme.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:00 P.M.

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