

TENTH SITTING OF THE 5TH SESSION  
OF THE 3RD ASSEMBLY, 28.3.'95.

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

2. PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Dr R.Lalthangliana, Chairman, Committee on Government  
Assurances to present to the House the Second Report  
of the Committee on Government Assurances.

DISCUSSION & VOTING ON DEMAND FOR GRANTS FOR  
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3. Pu C.L.Ruala to submit to the vote of the House va-  
rious Demands under his charge.
4. Pu H.Lalrueta to submit to the vote of the House va-  
rious Demands under his charge.
5. Pu Zosiama Pachusau to submit to the vote of the  
House various Demands under his charge.
6. Pu Seikapthiang to submit to the vote of the  
House various Demands under his charge.

S P E A K E R : " Better is a little with the fear  
of the Lord than great treasure and  
trouble with it ".

Proverbs 15:16

We shall take questions. Question  
No. 196 by Pu F.Lalremsiama.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, I ask starred question  
No. 196 to be replied by the Minister  
in-charge Secretariat Administration  
Department.

- 1) The number of Vehicles allotted to each  
Ministers ?

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2) How many types of Vehicles are entitled to them ?

3) How many Vehicles are allotted to each Minister by the S.A.D., and their respective Department with the number of drivers allotted to them.

4) The amount of the travelling expense of the relatives of the Ministers.

5) Does the Government intend to introduce a new entitlement to Government Officials in regard to Vehicles. Up to which grade of Official is entitled for more than one Vehicle ?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, except the Chief Minister, each Ministers is entitled to keep one Official Car.

According to the Rules of Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1987, there is no specific entitlement made for the Ministers.

The answers for the third question are as below :-

The Chief Minister is allotted 4 Vehicles.

Finance Minister	- one Vehicle and 3 drivers.
Revenue Minister	- 2 Vehicles and 3 drivers.
Health Minister	- 2 Vehicles and 3 drivers.
Law & Judicial Minister	- 2 Vehicles and 3 drivers.
PHE Minister	- 3 Vehicles and 3 drivers.
LAD Minister	- 2 Vehicles and 2 drivers.
Social Welfare Minister	- 2 Vehicles and 3 drivers.
R.D. Minister	- 3 Vehicles and 3 drivers.
Industries Minister	- 3 Vehicles and 2 drivers.
Supply Minister	- 2 Vehicles and 4 drivers.
Agriculture Minister	- 5 Vehicles and 3 drivers.
Minister of State, PWD	- 2 Vehicles and 3 drivers.
Vety Minister	- 2 Vehicles and 3 drivers.
Minister for Soil and Water Conservation	- 2 Vehicles and 3 drivers.

There are, however, some Ministers who are allotted extra Vehicles due to Security matters. The Chief Minister is also entitled to have an Ambulance, but an Ambulance has not yet been allotted.

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It has often been said that there are some Ministers who utilize the Government vehicles for their private purposes. In this case, the Ministers are already given instruction and the matter will also be checked.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalsawta to ask question No. 197.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, I ask starred question No. 197 - Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Sports and Youth Services Department be pleased to state -

(a) What is the number of Officers and Staff in the Mizoram State Sports Council.

(b) What are the scale of pay for different posts ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, there are 47 employees in the State Sports Council. Their scale of pay are as follows :-

1. Superintendent of Sports. 1 No. - Rs. 2200-4000 - Deputation  
- Rs. 2000-3500 /-
2. Account Officer 1 No. - Rs. 1640-2900 - Deputation
3. J.E. 1 No. - Rs. 1640-2900 - Deputation
4. U.D.C. 2 Nos. - Rs. 1400-2600 - - dc -
5. Field Asst. 1 No. - Rs. 1400-2600 - - dc -
6. Electrician 1 No. - Rs. 1400-2600 - - dc -
7. Sectional Asst. 1 No. - Rs. 1200-2040 - - do -
8. L.D.C. 7 Nos. - Rs. 1200-2040 - - dc -
9. Driver 3 Nos. - Rs. 950-1500 - - dc -
10. Mechanic 1 No. - Rs. 950-1500 - - dc -
11. Despatch Rider 1 No. - Rs. 950-1500 - - dc -
12. IV Grade 2 Nos. - Rs. 800-1150 - - dc -
13. A.E. (Contract) 1 No. - Rs. 800-1150 - - dc -

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- (1) Skilled - I 14 Ncs. @ Rs. 60 per day
- (2) Skilled - II 1 No. @ Rs. 50 per day
- (3) Unskilled 24 Ncs. @ Rs. 35 per day
- (4) Fixed 8 Ncs. @ Rs. 1500/- per month.  
@ Rs. 1200/-  
@ Rs. 500/-

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question please. How many post has been sanctioned for the skilled and unskilled staff ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the number of skilled and unskilled post sanctioned have not been fixed.

S P E A K E R : Question No. 198 by Pu F.Malsawma.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, I ask starred question No. 198 -

Education be shifted out ? (a) Will the College of Teachers (b) If yes, when ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers to starred question No. 198 are as follows:

College of Teachers Education has already been shifted on the 11.2.95. It has been shifted out as the site was allotted to Chendmary Y.M.A., for construction of Hall. After the Department issued No Objection Certificate, the allotment was made.

PU F.MELSAWMA : Pu Speaker, is it a fact that the Congress party candidate of Chendmary area has made a Commitment that the site for College of Teachers Education would be allotted for the construction of

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Chandmery YMA Hall.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, why does the Government allot the occupied Government lands for private organisation.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHAIGA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question please. I would like to know the reason for the allotment of the said area in favour of Chandmery Y.M.A.

I would also like to ask whether there is any intention to allot the Chief Minister's Bungalow for the construction of YMA Hall of Mission Veng ?

In the College of Teachers Education, one person was recently appointed against the vacant post of a lecturer, who has gone on pension. However, the newly appointed lecturer has been working in Zirtiri College after he submitted his joining report at the B.Ed College. What is the reason for this and is this person actually qualify for this post ?

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, is the Government aware of the fact that the site for Zembawk Middle School was also allotted for YMA Hall ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, regarding the question CHIEF MINISTER raised by Pu F.Lalremsiama, the site for Bawngkawn Middle School was given to the YMA of Bawngkawn as requested by the Community of that area.

Regarding the question raised by Pu Lalsawta, Governmental lands would be allotted to private organisations if it is necessary.

In the case of the building of College of Teachers Education, Chandmery YMA was not simply given this building. The leaders of Chandmery YMA has, for so many times applied for land in which a hall could be constructed. However, I am certain that the Congress candidate of that area does not make any commitment to the YMA of Chandmery regarding this case.

In the case of the Chief Minister's Bungalow at Tuikhuahtlang, the Government has no intention of allotting the land for the construction of Church.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, while the Government purchase lands at high prices, it has on the other hand used to allot Governmental lands free of cost to Voluntary Organisations like the YMA. Therefore, I am totally against the allotment of Governmental land to Voluntary Organisations.

I would also like to ask whether there is an intention to allot the present House-site to the Salvation Army when it is evacuated ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, as far as the Government is concerned there is no such intention. There is however proposal for the construction of the Chief Minister's residential complex.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to request the Hon'ble Chief Minister to assure us that no allotment of Government lands would be made in future.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, as already stated before, an unqualified person was appointed in the College of Teachers Education against the vacant post of one lecturer who has gone on pension. As this newly recruited person is not qualified for a lecturer, he works at Zirtiri College and not at College of Teachers Education. It seems that the Minister in-charge is not informed of this. Therefore, it would be appreciated if the Minister concerned could examine the case and take remedial measures.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, I am aware that the person mentioned by Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga was transferred from Chemphai and posted at Zirtiri College.

However, I was not informed that he was transferred against the vacancy post of one lecturer at CTE. So, the matter would be checked and examined.

Being in a democratic Country, sometimes it is not convenient to suppress the demands made by the society or the Voluntary Organisations as these are people organisation, formed by the people. Therefore, it is sometimes necessary to act according to the will of the people. As this is the case, the site for Zembawk Middle School has also been allotted for the construction of a Community Hall due to the pressure from the public.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, I have one important question to ask. As we all know, the tragic accident at S.Hlimen had caused many valuable lives and left several families empty handed. To uplift the condition of these poor families the YMA of S.Hlimen are constructing a field for which a large sum of money is required. In this connection, the empty bungalow next to this Session House may be sold and give the money to the YMA of S.Hlimen so as to enable them to continue their works at the field.

S P E A K E R : Your point of suggestion is not relevant. We shall go on to the next question.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, I ask starred question No. 199 - I ask whether permit was issued for the clearing of jungle around the Wildlife Sanctuary at Keisalang.

PU ZOSIAMA FACHUAU : Pu Speaker, the answer to starred question No. 199 is Yes.  
MINISTER

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question please. The Hon'ble Minister had stated that permit was issued for the clearing of the area under discussion. However, these people who cleared the same area last year did not possess any permit from the Government. It seems that permit for clearing of the said area was issued to these

persons only after clearing has been done.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, almost half of Dampa  
MINISTER Wildlife Sanctuary has been covered  
by bamboos and thick forest. As many  
of the Wildlife reserved prefer to  
live in the plantation area some parts of this forest has been  
cleared for which fruit bearing trees could be planted. A large  
sum of money is expected from these plantations. A sum of Rs. 3  
lakhs had already been received from the Rural Development Depart-  
ment for the purchase of various seeds to be planted in the area.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask  
whether Forest Department has obtain-  
ed permit from the Government of  
India for the clearing of forest ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the permit for clearing  
of Dampa Wildlife Sanctuary was is-  
sued on February. We are only in  
the month of March. But these per-  
sons have already completed their clearings. It seems that after  
the completion of clearing, permit was only issued to them so as  
to avoid controversy.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, some parts of the areas  
MINISTER of Wildlife Sanctuaries have been  
cleared for plantation and not for  
jhuming. Various types of trees  
and fruits have been planted in these areas. It remains to be  
Wildlife Sanctuary and from the fruits of these trees, the Wild-  
life could find their food. It only means that forest have been  
cleared for re-plantation.

S P E A K E R : Question No. 200 Pu B.Lalthleng-  
liana.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I ask starred question  
No. 200

- 1) The number of State Lottery in  
Mizoram.
- 2) What are they ?



PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, there are 90 Lotteries  
MINISTER in Mizoram.

(2) 5 lotteries that are drawn daily,  
64 lotteries that are drawn on weekly basis, 7 Bumpers and 14  
Instant Bumpers.

S P E A K E R : Starred question No. 201 by  
Dr R.Lalthangliana.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, what is the total expen-  
diture incurred for the supply of  
power from outside the State -

- (a) during 1989 - 90
- (b) during 1990 - 91
- (c) during 1991 - 92
- (d) during 1992 - 93
- (e) during 1993 - 94
- (f) during 1994 - 95

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, the expenditures incur-  
MINISTER red for power are as follows :

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| (a) during 1989 - 90 | Rs. 348.65 lakhs was spent. |
| (b) during 1990 - 91 | Rs. 570.20 lakhs was spent. |
| (c) during 1991 - 92 | Rs. 550.04 lakhs was spent. |
| (d) during 1992 - 93 | Rs. 586.86 lakhs was spent. |
| (e) during 1993 - 94 | Rs. 589.25 lakhs was spent. |
| (f) during 1994 - 95 | Rs. 521.00 lakhs was spent. |

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question  
please. What is the amount of defi-  
cit arise from the supply of power  
from outside the State ? From  
which States power is obtained ?

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, as Mizoram is very poor  
MINISTER in power generation, the main source  
of power in the State is from the  
neighbouring States. Power is main-  
ly obtained from Khandong, Kopili and Loktak. As the power gene-  
rated from these sectors are decreasing we are getting less power  
supply for the same.

Regarding the Bill, the Government has cleared all the bill for acquiring supply of power from the neighbouring States.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, as stated by the Minister, the expenditure incurred for the Procurement of grid power from the neighbouring States in an average of Rs. 500 lakhs a year. He also stated that the reason for the shortage of power in Mizoram is due to the decrease of power supply from the neighbouring States. If that is the case, the amount incurred for power should also be lessened. But, it appears that the Government paid the same amount even while power procurement is decreasing. This matter may be clarified.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask whether Loktak is under NEPC. I would also like to ask if power is procured from the Assam State Electricity Board and the Meghalaya State Electricity Board.

PU C.L.RUALA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, power is received from Assam but not from Meghalaya Electricity Board.

Pu Speaker, though the expenditure is the same, power demand in Mizoram is not the same, it is increasing day by day. Therefore, it is difficult to share the usual procurement of power for the entire State of Mizoram.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, due to poor supply of power, the people are becoming more and more interested in the making of candles. Therefore, I suggest that raw materials like wax for the making of candles be subsidised by the Government. The supply of Kerosine Oil should also be increased.

PU C.L.RUALA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the supply of Kerosine Oil will be increased for this month. However, the subsidy for the making of wax candle will be considered by the Industries Department.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to point out one incident in regard to the arrest of Mr. Mahinder Jain.

As we know, Mr. Mahinder Jain was taken into Police Custody on the 23.3.95 as a person named Muanawme was found dead near the residence of Mr. Mahinder Jain. As demanded by the Police, the Magistrate ordered him to remain in Police Custody for atleast 72 hours during which the Police could have investigation on the matter. At the same time, the Magistrate was not even making any investigation as the matter was handed over to the Police for investigation. However, some persons had applied for the bail of Mahinder Jain. He was not only granted bail, but even all his cases were lifted on ground that there was no specific evidence.

This incident has greatly shocked the Police, who were investigating the case. As demanded by the Police, the Magistrate had made an order to remand Mahinder Jain for atleast 72 hours. Therefore, it is a great shock for the Police as he was granted bail due to the pressure from the high levels and political V.I.Ps. As such, the Police were not in a position to seek justice. It was even further stated that the Deputy Commissioner had verbally ordered the ADM and Magistrate to withdraw the cases against Mahinder Jain. Is the Government aware of this pressure ? If this is true, how is the Government going to take action on this case ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, let us presume that the CHIEF MINISTER statement just made by the member is a fact. The system itself is not right and no person is allowed to interfere in the case. Therefore, the Home Department will look into the matter and the findings will be reported to the Member.

Yesterday, the Hon'ble Finance Minister had mentioned about the report of the Tenth Finance Commission. The copy was also distributed to the Members. However, I would like to mention that minor details could not be furnished on the copy.

When the Members of the 10th Finance Commission came to visit Mizoram State, the Government as well as various organisation have taken great efforts and the leader of the Opposition party was also very supportive. I would like to show my gratitude to the Finance Department for showing that the project furnished was realistic.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, the copy of the 10th Finance Commission Report should be distributed to each Members so that we may study the report.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, the report has been made  
CHIEF MINISTER by the Commission and not by the  
State Finance Department. There is  
also a possibility that the Ministry  
of Finance, New Delhi may make alteration on some figures shown  
on the report of the Commission.

Regarding the Plan outlay, another  
ten crores has been released yesterday for capital project. Hence,  
the State's Plan outlay has been increased from 227 crores to 237  
crores.

S P E A K E R : I shall now read out the Motion -  
" That Shri Hrangthanga, Minister  
in-charge, Excise Department has fail-  
ed completely by his acts of Commis-  
sion and Omission in connection with the spread of liquor and  
drugs which have caused death to a large number of Mizos Youth ".

To admit the motion atleast six Mem-  
bers have to support the motion. We shall now take vote on the  
motion. Well six Members have supported the motion. We shall  
have a discussion of this motion on the 30th.

We shall go on to our next business.  
Dr R.Lalthangliana may be called to present a Report.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, before presenting the  
report, I would like to express  
my gratitude to the members of  
the Committee and the Officials  
for being able to furnish the report up to date.

Mr Speaker Sir, I, Chairman of  
Committee on Government Assurances having been authorised by  
the Committee do present on its behalf the second reports of  
committee on Government Assurances.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : After the copy of the report is  
distributed to the members  
Pu C.L.Ruala may be called to  
submit and beg leave of the  
House for the discussion of his demands.

PU C.L.RUALA  
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I lay demand No. 16,46 of Rs. 131,89,90,000.00 only for meeting expenses during 1995-'96 in respect of the following Departments :

Demand No. 16 - Civil Supplies Revenue Rs. 13,00,10,000.00  
Capital Rs. 62,22,00,000.00

Demand No. 46 - Electricity Revenue Rs. 30,60,30,000.00  
Capital Rs. 26,07,50,000.00

Total Rs.131,89,90,000.00 only.

S P E A K E R

: Pu H.Lalruata

PU H.LALRUATA  
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I lay Demand No. 30,31 and 39 of Rs. 28,56,00,000.00 only for meeting expenses during 1995-'96 in respect of the Departments of Information and Publicity, District Council and Soil and Water Conservation.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Pu Zosiama Pachuau.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU  
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demands No. 22 and 41 for Rs. 66,43,20,000.00 only for meeting the expenses during 1995-'96 in respect of the Departments of Environment and Forest and Education.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Pu Saikapthianga.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA  
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move Demands No. 36,37,53 for Rs. 19,75,30,000.00 for meeting expenses during 1995-'96 for the Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture and Other General Economic Services.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Four Ministers have moved demands for their respective Department to be discussed in the House. Do you all agree to consider the demands? As you all agreed, the demands may be discussed. Each Member will be allotted 15 minutes each.

FU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, I suggest that 20 minutes may be allotted to each Members.

S P E A K E R : Well, 20 minutes may be allotted to each Members.

FU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, while we discuss the demands under my Department, you have allotted only 15 minutes each. Therefore, the same duration may also be allotted to the Members this time.

FU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, we have experienced that 15 minutes is rather tight for the discussion, so 20 minutes may be allotted to each Members.

FU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, I suggest that 15 minutes should be fixed.

FU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, it will be appreciated if we decide to allot 20 minutes to each Members.

S P E A K E R : Each Members will be allotted 15 minutes each. Pu J.V.Hluna.

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Pu Speaker, I shall start with Demand No. 31 - that is District

Council. To start with, it is very surprising to note that the salaries of the Chairman, Dy. Chairman, CEM and E.M., of the three Districts become different. Likewise, the monthly salaries of other posts are also different in all the three Districts. In the Department of Education, the pay scale of the Education Officer has also been the same in the Mara District. Therefore, it is time to re-examine the salaries of various posts in the District Councils.

Another I would like to suggest is in regard to the Mizoram Journalists. In a recent meeting held by the MJA, the Committee suggest to have a Press tour. As Journalists are one of the important means of information for the public, the Government should consider their points. And if it is convenient, a short course training and Press tour may also be organised by the Government.

Another suggestion may also be raised in regard to the people of Sairang. It would be appreciated if the Minister could note my suggestion that Aizawl Darshan be organised for the people of Sairang Constituency.

Though All India Radio is a Central Subject, it concerns Mizoram. Being All India Radio, it should be operated and could be heard through-out the Country. In the case of Aizawl Station, the News and other programmes could not be clearly heard from Lunglei and other towns of Mizoram. In this case, higher power generation may be utilised, so that all the people through-out the Country may be covered by the Station.

Emphasizing on the Department of Education, it is a shame that some political figures and high Officials used to interfere in the appointment of teachers. We have a Public Service Commission to take care of the appointment of School teachers. By interfering in the function of the MPSC, the sanctity of the Commission has been degraded.

What I would also like to emphasize is the case of trained teachers. On a recent function held at DIET training Centre, the Hon'ble Education Minister had assured the trainees that whenever there is vacant post, trained teachers would be given priority instead of the untrained teachers. However, according to the present status, only 27 trained teachers were given appointment out of the 187 trained teachers. This year, out of the 160 substitute teachers recruited, only 36 were pre-service trained while the remaining 124 were untrained. In this case, I would like to remind the Hon'ble Minister that we have such a large number of trained teachers and as such should be given priority as he has already given his assurance.

Coming to Civil Supplies, one of the problems faced by the public is the shortage of Petrol Pump. Therefore, it will be a good idea if another MIZOFED Petrol Pump could be installed within the area of Aizawl South.

In the case of LFG Cooking Gas, the public face problem regarding the distribution. The Government may better check this matter.

Coming to the subject of power, the problem of poor supply of power has been discussed a lot. Still, the Government fails to suffice the needs of power. Though the Government spends tremendous amount of fund for power, it fails to supply enough power to the public. This matter may also be considered. Otherwise, Kerosene supply should be increased.

FU LALSAWTA : Thank you Fu Speaker, as time is very short, I shall try to make my speech as short as possible.

I shall start with the Department of Forest. As stated by the Hon'ble House Leader, the Forest Guards become very negligent in carrying out their works. They are rather like Market Guards. Hence, the Minister concerned may better check the function of the Forest Guards.

Next, I would like to mention the deteriorating condition of our Educational system. In fact, the Educational system in our State is going from bad to worse. In this case, suggestion may be made and that a Deficit Rules be reviewed so that our Educational system could be reformed.

Regarding School Sports, I would like to urge the Sports Department to find better ways to improve the Sports system. The number of Sports discipline may also be increased so as to attract the youths.

In regard to the printing of text books, out of the selected 36 publishers, two companies are selected from New Delhi. These two companies have for some time creating problems for our distributors and dealers. I would like to mention this to the House.

Another problems faced by the public is the frequent introduction of new text books almost every year. Purchasing of new text books may be problematic for some people. At the same time, for want of royalty, new text books have often been introduced which creates great burden for the poor people. Price fixation also needs reviewed. Text book with the same quantity and contains the same number of pages should have the same price.

Next, on the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture, many achievements were made during the last few years. Through the efforts taken by the Department, fertilizers are introduced and wider knowledge of agricultures are imported to the farmers. However, one thing I would like to suggest is that the price of fertilizers be reduced. Even if the



price of fertilizers cannot be reduced, greater quantity of fertilizers should be given on a subsidised price.

Coming to the demands of Pu C.L. Ruala, I feel so sorry to know that some eminent officials under the Department of PHE are facing problems in regard to their service. In this case, I would like to urge the Government to examine this problem and solve the matter.

Another problem faced by the public is the case of electric bill. It is not necessary to remind this House that we are facing power problem. We may say that the Government does not make improvement in the field of electrification. The only improvement is in electric Bill which has been increasing while there are so much irregularity in electric light. In the case of Malfunctioned metre box, the persons who are in charge of metre should be made responsible and also the bill should be made on minimum charge.

Regarding V.I.P., connection, as stated by Indian Electricity Act, 1910, V.I.P., connection should be provided at the various service establishments like Hospital, Police Station, Fire Brigade and Petrol Depot. So that these important establishments may not face power problem.

I am not quite satisfied with the replies of Pu C.L. Ruala in stock suspense. There are some defects in the price of Diesel Generator mentioned by the Hon'ble Minister. So, it would be appreciated if the Hon'ble Minister could provide correct answers in the case of diesel generators.

Lastly, being a democratic country, the people of this country play an important part in the administration of the Government. The people have also the right to know the functions of the Government. For that, the journalists are important agents for the people. On the 5th of May last year, the Minister concerned had called a Press Conference at Lunglei Circuit House, in which the Minister mentioned that he had joined the Congress party just for the sake of the Lunglei District. However, the Minister denied and refused to admit of mentioning that statement. It is a shame that we have such a Minister.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, let me start with the Department of Civil Supplies. As I have stated many times in this House, the system of the distribution of LPG Gas requires arrangement. If the Government does not make proper arrangement, the problem face by the public will increase.

I would like to add here that in my Constituency in Champhai, the people have a major problem in regard to gas distribution. As the MIZOFED show-room is very far

from Champhai, the Consumers have to spend Rs. 20/- per cylinder for Taxi. As this is the case, the Consumer's Association pressed the Managing Director to arrange a show-room within Champhai area, so that their problem could be removed. However, the Managing Director posted at Champhai raised objections to every place found for the show-room. As such, the Consumers' Association has expressed their grievances and I feel that the Government should look into the matter.

FU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, why is the Chairman of the MIZCFED absent from the House. He should listen to our discussion on the subject of MIZCFED.

FU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, on the Department of Electricity, it is highly necessary for the authority to check and examine the administration and the system in which electric bill is paid by the consumers. To pay the electric bill, a person has to line in the queue for the whole day and it is a waste of time. Therefore, some alternative has to be made in the system of bill.

The next thing I wish to speak is the Department of Information. The Government use to make Press Release and Press Statement through the Department of Information. As the name implies, this Department is the main agent of information for the public. So, the information publish should be based on fact.

Emphasizing on Education we have often said about the deteriorating condition of our education. We may say that there are some defects in our educational system. Hence, I would like to urge the Department to take more efforts towards the improvement of our educational system.

Lastly, in the Department of Agriculture, it is necessary to give priority as agriculture is important for our survival. It is also important to consider the method of improvement for our agriculture. The Government should also allocate higher amount of fund for the promotion of agriculture.

FU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I would like to start with Demand No. 22 - Education. I would first of all like to mention the case of pre-service training. Pre-service training was started in 1991. Between 1991-95 there are 187 persons who have completed pre-service diploma. According

to the Government's policy, the desirable qualification for the post of teacher is diploma in teacher's education. In spite of that, trained teachers are not given priority and out of the 187 diploma holders, only a few of them were appointed as regular teachers. Therefore, I would like to remind the authority to consider the case of these trained pre-service. It appears that there is party feelings and involvements in the appointment of teachers. During 1995, there are 92 teachers who are recorded to go on pension. It will be appreciated if diploma holders could be appointed in the posts of these teachers, who are going on pension.

Coming to Demand No. 36 - on Agriculture, let me mention a few points. In the year 1993, the Government has constituted the Mizoram Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (MAMCO) for the upliftment of the farmers. A Board of Director was also set up in which four Directors were appointed. Unfortunately, two of the Directors have given their resignation before the end of their term. Here, what I would like to emphasize is that it is important for the Corporation to utilize the share for the right purpose. I also opine that it is not a good idea to give loan to the individual. As this Corporation is constituted for the upliftment of the Manual Workers, the share and fund should also be disbursed for this cause.

S P E A K E R : I would like to request those who are sitting on Gallery to keep discipline. In this August House, the rule does not allow chewing pan, chewing gum etc.,.

PU F. MALSAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, as our time is limit, I will say in brief. I would like to request the Hon'ble Transport Minister Pu C.L. Ruala to take note of what is said here - Whether 3,000 quintals of rice at Zuangtui Godown sufficient for the people. And, to send us a copy of allotment of rice and sugar along with K.Oil allotment copy. And, again on his demand the Minister should look after the distribution of advertisement for Newspaper.

Under the Hon'ble Agriculture Minister Pu Saikapthianga's demand, whether it is possible to upgrade Horticulture Department and Fisheries to full fledged Directorate.

Regarding Mizoram Board of School Education, I would like to point out the need to give more emphasis on Academic by the Department Officers. And, I also support what other Members said regarding pre-service training. I would like to suggest to make separate allotment in the budget for MBSE

as it is an Autonomous body.

Under Agriculture Department demand I would like to urge to purchase more fertilizer to cover the need of the farmers.

Fu Speaker, as Forest Department is one of the important Departments, I request the Hon'ble concern Minister to listen carefully. We all know the importance of our Environment. Along with this, we should have view from our present context in the society. What I would like to point out is that to re-examine the Mizoram Private Forest Regulation on Selling Rules, 1994. It is because, this rule creates many problems for Private Teak Plantation. This rule does not allow selling of teak before 10 years. I am aware that the Forest Department will fix time of selling for our own property.

And, the rule states that if anyone cut a tree, he should plant a tree, otherwise, he should deposit. Not only this, under this rule, all the owner of private land should register at Divisional Forest Officer. Whether they should be given TA/DA for their expenditure by the Department? It seems that what is demanded here is higher than the power of the Chieftain. So, the Department should think carefully the problems of the people. And, we expected the Hon'ble Forest Minister to follow the speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Inaugural function of Forest building. He should look after the property return as his demand.

And, whether it is on business or vice-versa, the Department concern used to create problems for Teak planters, Forest Department is also responsible for failure of NLUP under Rural Development Department. We know that Teak Plantation will be one of the sources of our economy. So, Fu Speaker, we would like to drop this Forest rule.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Fu H.Thangkima.

FU H.THANGKIMA : Fu Speaker, I will say in brief. And I also support what other Members had already said about Forest Department. From my personal experience, I know that there is unapplicable rule in Forest Department.

The Forest Department is going to include the land of Tlumpui and Tlengpar under Wild Life Sanctuary at Khawnglung. The Village Council and public do not allow to give these areas. If the Department includes this area, the Villagers of Keltan and Pangzawl will face many problems. So, I would like to request the hon'ble concern Minister to look into

the matter knowing the problems of the Villagers.

Regarding Power Department, as the Chief Engineer retired, the Department became headless Department. I feel that this is an issue to be settled immediately. I request the Government to fill up the post immediately.

I feel that the Agriculture may not develop if we do not produce more power. So our first task should be purchasing of more fertilizers and more emphasis on Plant Protection. If the Department can send Plant Protection Squad to give protection with medicine.

Regarding Food and Civil Supplies Department, I would like to point out the problem of Villages. Whether there is any possibilities to supply more sugar, K.Oil for the Villages. I would like to request the matter in order to purchase cheaply the supplied commodities.

And, finally, I feel that we spent lots of money for organising Agriculture Study Tour. If we study carefully, we never have the benefit from the participants. So, what I would like to suggest is that the money should be utilised for the development of Villages.

Thank you.

PU LALRINCHHANA :

Thank you, Pu Speaker, first of all, I would like to speak on Civil Supply Department Demand. Now we are harvesting rice from our cultivation. But our products alone does not satisfy the needs of the State. And, we also produce from our terraces near Cachar Border. But, the production was sold to outside Mizoram. Whether there is any possibility to solve this problem. Whether our budget can be utilised for the progress of our terrace cultivation in order to produce more quantity of rice. I would like to request the Hon'ble concern Minister to look into the matter.

In connection with Electricity Department, is there any possibility to supply more quantity of K.Oil for the Villages if there is no regular power supply. I would be glad if the Hon'ble Minister can arrange for more procurement. And, as we used to discuss about the payment of bill, while there is much irregularity of power supply. In Derlawn, only two diesel generators function. These generators are expected to function 5 hrs a day. But they functioned only for 2 hrs on account of failure of diesel supply. If the generators are to work, they should be given diesel to cover 5 hrs. In order to solve the problem the Hon'ble concern Minister should take necessary action.

Regarding School Education, we faced many problems on the limit of teachers from Primary to High School in Villages. The Ministry and the Government is also aware of

this problem. So, the concern Minister, Secretary and Director should function as the rules and regulations they have made. It is one of the main reasons for bad result in the Examinations every year.

Regarding School building, I would like to point out about Government High School. It is one of the foremost Schools in Mizoram. But, even today, its building is only Assam type. And, also there are many deficit and provincialised Schools which do not have building. How can we expect good result from these Schools. So, the Hon'ble Education Minister should take this as priority.

Pu Speaker, I would like to request the Hon'ble Education Minister to re-examine the system of Comprehensive Schools. While we give Comprehensive Schools, we do not make Comprehensive Director. Because of this, the Directorate staffs used to face many problems while inspecting Schools. If the Government wants to continue this system, it should make full Comprehensive Schools. And, the Government should think about the welfare of fixed pay teachers in order to give permanent post.

Under Demand No. 36 and 37, I will speak about Agriculture and Horticulture. In order to become a self-support, we depend on Agriculture and Horticulture. About 80 % of our population depend on these Departments. Although the Government give importance to Agriculture, but Agriculture Scientists could not exercise their ability for the benefit of the people. How can we expect development from this Department if the Department function as it does now ?

Pu Speaker, we also need to put more emphasis on Agriculture Marketing in order to sale their products. While we had Rs. 106.25 lakhs previous year for Agriculture Marketing, we are having Rs. 25 lakhs only for current session. The people of Mizoram are ready to work for their own benefits and to improve their conditions if there is good Agriculture Marketing, the people are eager to grow ginger and passion fruits. The people need not to be encouraged to grow fruits and other crops if there is good Agriculture Marketing. Pu Speaker, I feel and beg that the Government should put more emphasis on Agriculture Marketing.

Thank you.

FU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on important demands. First of all, I would like to speak on Demand No. 46 regarding Electricity Department. Rightly speaking our development depends on Power and Electricity. Hence, we should make our own plant to have self-sufficiency on Electricity. All other Department also depend on Electricity. In this Budget Session, the concern Minister replied the starred question No. 158 that the

total expenditure for Khawivah Mini Hydel Project is Rs. 289 lakhs and it can produce power during the time of rainy season. Within 6 months, it generates 1 million unit, 50,000 and the cost is Rs. 28.97 million. Within 6 months 1 unit is Rs. 27.59. If it is double 1 unit is Rs. 34/- .

And also he said that the total expenditure for Tuisumpui is Rs. 249.22 lakhs. Its capacity to generate power is 4,50,000 units. So, the cost is Rs. 55.38 per unit within 6 months. During summer season, it cannot produce power and some insect destroy the material and need to repair. So, the Government should make policy properly.

The Hon'ble Minister of Electricity Department also said that we have 16 Power Mini Hydel Projects. And the amount of the total estimate is Rs. 8840.36 crores. The expenditure incurred is now Rs. 3102.40 lakhs and the balance expenditure is Rs. 5737.91 lakhs. And these projects will generate unit 22.2 lakhs and 20 thousands. The cost of generating power is Rs.41/- per unit. The Department is not responsible in this matter. The Central Electricity Authority fixed 2/3 per unit for the cost of Hydro-Mini Project. But, for us, the lowest project of Khawivah is Rs. 27.59 - Rs. 50 per unit. Mizoram has the highest price of project in India. In order to develop our Hospitals, Agriculture, Industry etc., power supply is very important. And also in order to find out the value of our mineral resources and natural resources we need power if not, our scheme for other development will never be successful. As I had already said, it is uneconomical to have high cost for generating power. Within only 5 years our expenditure become more than Rs. 200 crores for importing power supply from neighbouring States and for forming transmission line. Even today, the power supply is one of the most irregular ones among the States of India. So, the Government should examine what is our present condition.

Fu Speaker, I would like to request the Government to withdraw their view on Power Development politically. Fu Speaker, as I had already told you, we had started river in consultation with NEEFCO Team, Chairman and Central Water Commission Team. And, the Central Electricity Authority had issued Techno-Economic clearance project report on 10.10.1988. But, the Mizoram Government had made a suggestion in order to re-investigate this project when the Central Minister Fu Ranjanai - deen visited Mizoram. But, this should not be the work of the Government for there is only one who can doubt the clearance. But Mizoram Government used to play politics within Power Department. So, I would like to request the Government to make Daleswari Project a success.

Thank you.

FU T. HRANGHLUTA

Fu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on the demands of 4 Ministers. First of all, I would like to speak about

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Demand No. 31 regarding District Council. The Budget Appendixes for demand for grants for 1995-96 on page 115 shows that the demand for Lai District Council, Chakma District Council and Mara District Council. The Government enlarged and strengthen the District Executive Committee last year. So, I would like to request the Minister in-charge District Council Affairs to give more fund for District Councils.

In Demand No. 37 regarding the Demand of Horticulture. As the Government gives importance, it creates separate Directorate. But, the high-light of Programme for 1995-96 in the Budget, the Government does not show any achievement at Chhimtuipui District while the achievements made for other District were shown. It will be pleasing if it is possible to establish new Horticulture Division at Lawngtlei in Chhimtuipui District. So that the people of Mara Council Area and Chakma Council Area may be benefitted. Proper arrangement may also be made in the distribution of seeds, plants etc., under the Department.

Thirdly, under Demand No. 41, I would like to say in brief regarding Environment and Forest, I feel that the Ngengpui Wildlife Sanctuary is the largest sanctuary in Mizoram. There are different kinds of animals in this sanctuary. In order to keep all these animals safely, it is necessary to give protection. Hence, the Government should think about making Forest Division for Wildlife Division. If it is so, the Government can protect the National Park and Ngengpui Wildlife Sanctuary. The present strength could not protect all these sanctuary.

Fourthly in Demand No. 46 - we have Power and Electricity Department. As we are not self-support in power, the Government has many projects like Micro-Mini Hydel Projects. Now, the Government is working at Tuipang river and Tuisumpui in Chhimtuipui District. But, there is not any achievement at Lai District and Chakma District. So, I would like to request the Government to give importance to the construction of Dam for these areas.

Fifthly, in Demand No. 16 - other Members also mentioned about Civil Supplies. I would like to express the gratitude of the people of Chhimtuipui District for receiving a good supply of rice, sugars and other items. Along with this, I would like to request the Government to construct bigger Godown at Lawngtlei as it is the centre for Chhimtuipui District.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Fu F. Lalzuala.



FU F.LALZUALA

Fu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on the demand. First of all, I would like to discuss Demand No. 16 - regarding Civil Supplies. The supply of rice for Lunglei used to be diverted for Darzo, S.Vanlaiphai, Lungleng, Muallianpui, and Sengau. What I would like to say is that it will be pleasing if it is possible to arrange separate supply for them. And, if it is possible to construct Godown for Tawipui Constituency, it will be beneficial for the people of Mamte and Thingfal.

Under Demand No. 46, we have many problems regarding Power and Electricity. The Diesel Engine functions at Hnahthial. And I would like to request the Government to arrange for the distribution of power supply for Leite and Rotlang from this Hnahthial Diesel Engine. And there is also Power House at Tawipui North. I will be glad if the Government can arrange distribution of power from Tawipui South, Mualcheng and Thingfal from this Power House. And, for Lunglei Town about 2.5 M.W., of power supply is required. Now, five out of eight Diesel Engines function. So, I would like to request to give us one big diesel engine generator for Lunglei. And I request the Government to shift this Power Supply to Khawiva. And I would like to request the Department to make new electrification of new Village of Thualthu. And, to supply power in the firms for Tlawng and Vawngzawl as they established firms. The people of my constituency has benefited in the achievement of Electric Department.

In Demand No. 30 - under Information and Publicity, we received 50 calendars last year, but we received only 5 copies this year. I feel that it is important to have more improvement in this Department.

Regarding Soil and Water Conservation, grant used to be given for Tea Plantation at Biaste, Darzo, Vanlaiphai, Lungleng and Muallianpui. And I would like to request the Hon'ble concern Minister to give financial aids to Sairep, Thualthu, Bualte, Thlaizawl and Zcbawk.

In Demand No. 22, we used to discuss about the problems of Education. In some School, one teachers looks after about 50-70 students. As it is the present condition, it is necessary to give more importance to reformation of Educational system in Mizoram. And I would like to request the Hon'ble concern Minister to examine the problem especially in Tawipui High School. If not, it will affect the result of the students.

Regarding Forest Department, I would like to say something as the Member of Lawngtlai had stated. In the Ngengpui area, they planted teak but the Department ordered not to continue this. It is necessary to re-examine the situation.

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We are glad that two centres of Horticulture were established at S.Vanlaphai and Thingfal in my constituency. But, due to financial crisis, these centres could not function properly. So, I would like to request the Government to include more funds in this budget for the well-establishment of these two centres.

In my constituency, there are suitable places for Agriculture and Horticulture like Ngeng-pui, Ngenrual, Mat river and Tuipui. I hope that these will be the source of success for these two centres.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Fu L.F.Thangzika.

FU L.F.THANGZIKA : Fu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to discuss the demand. As a representative from the South, I may repeat what other Members had already discussed.

First of all, I would like to discuss demand No. 16 - under Civil Supply. Regarding Cooking Gas Agency. In Lunglei, there is only one Cooking Gas Agency we used to face many problems. The supply of gas cylinder falls short of the requirement. It seems that cylinders used to be sold by the supplier in other places. The Deputy Commissioner also could not control the distributor as they regard that there are private agency. If the Government has authority I would like to request to examine the distribution system.

Secondly, I will say in brief Demand No. 46 - regarding Electrification. The Government is taking massive measures for the improvement of power especially for the Villages. They have started many Mini Hydel Projects at different places.

S P E A K E R : Now, the time is 4:00 P.M., when Fu Thangzika finishes his discussion, we will have 15 minutes break.

FU L.F.THANGZIKA : Thank you, Fu Speaker, As I had already pointed out that the Go-

vernment has many achievement in the field of power supply. Some Members expressed their fear of Lunglei Hydel Project being unsuccessful. But, as the project is going to be continued at Ramrilui, Tlabung and different places, I hope that this project will be a success. And, as other Members had mentioned about their own constituency, I also would like to point out my constituency. Cherhlun has been given electric supply recently. But, since sometimes back they never received power supply.

In demand No. 22 under Education Department. I also would like to mention about Primary School Teacher. When some teachers retired or go on leave, the Department used to say that they would not fill up the posts unless the persons to be appointed are trained teachers. But, it seems that they have always filled up the post with untrained teachers not only this, they gave post at Town area although the post is in the Village and some are attached to SDEO Office. So, there are many schools in Villages who do not have more than two teachers. So, I would like to request the Hon'ble concern Minister to reform this Education system. If not, students and schools of Villages will suffer greatly.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we are going to have 15 minutes break.

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S P E A K E R : May I call upon Fu Lalremsiama.

FU F. LALREMSIAMA : Fu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on the demand. First of all, I would like to speak about Civil Supply Department demand. It is necessary to abolish counterfeit Ration Card and black marketing of rice by the Retailers.

And I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to answer my question regarding the pending of sale proceed of rice during this session. I do not know whether it is better to hold two posts - Secretary and Director by one person in Supply Department. Regarding wheat products, I do not understand why the Government select Union Floor Mill as the FCI paid the expenditure for supply from Silcher to Aizawl. And, I would like to suggest to establish big godown near National Highway.

Regarding Food and Civil Supply Department, I would also like to speak about gas supply. Other

Members also mentioned the problems faced by the public. It seems that the consumers have to give Rs. 3000/- of Rs. 6000/- for booking gas in the agent. Not only this, the agents used to sale gas cylinder at the market price. It is necessary to check this practise.

And, Fu Speaker, I would like to request the concern Minister of Electricity Department to present the original copy of Serlui 'B' enquiring report in this House.

Regarding Power and Electricity Department, as the Government allows to use Diesel Generator, I feel that we should start thermal power generator. And, we should think how we will generate power supply from our own project.

Regarding Forest Department, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said important things at his inauguration speech at FCCF Office. As he mentioned, we should think about Forest Guard and Market Guard. It seems that the Forest Department used to sanction fund without mentioning the constituency wise. It shows that some constituencies benefited the achievement of Forest Department while other constituency do not enjoy the benefits.

Under Education Department's demand, I would like to point out some important points. The Government should be careful regarding the selection of teachers. And, the inspectors of school should inspect the school, so the Government can make commitment from their report. And, I would like to suggest to purchase land for College Teacher's Education.

And, I would like to point out about Pre-Service training under Education Department. It seems that untrained teachers used to be appointed to fill the vacant post while there are many trained teacher. In order to solve the unemployment problem the Government should give priority to pre-service trained teachers.

Regarding Agriculture Department's demand, I would like to point out only two points. The first one is that, the Engineering Wing should be given importance in order to promote irrigation. Whether they can take charge from FWD Engineer because the irrigation system is very poor? Secondly, the terrace of Darkhuang Village is a Multi-Purpose Scheme. We should take importance of this scheme. And I would like to point out the Central State Farm in Lushai Cherra and Lckicherra.

S P E A K E R : Some are waiting for a chance to speak.

FU F.LALREMSIAMA : Fu Speaker, I am afraid that we may face many problems at Lushai Cherra. I felt that there may be chance to present the Community feeling among the Villagers. So, I would like to request the Hon'ble concern Minister to settle the problems.

Thank you.

FU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Fu Speaker, I would like to say in brief the demand. In demand No.53 there is weight and measures Department's demand. From my experience, I would like to suggest to improve the security of the enforcement staff while they checked weight and measure. It may be necessary to give arms to the enforcement staff in order to control weight and measures. And this Department has the post of Joint Director as a head whether it is possible to make full fledged Directorate in order to make separate Directorate ?

And, it is necessary to examine the system and procedure of Trade and Commerce. Now, it seems that the Corporation like MAMCO control Trade and Commerce as MAMCO is under this Department. And, the corporation should have separate staff so as not to disturb the Department.

Under Agriculture Department demand I would like to discuss about irrigation. Without irrigation, wet rice cultivation would not succeed. But, the irrigation system is not satisfactory for the cultivator. It may be good to give more budget for irrigation. And there are many places to utilize the land for terrace cultivation. I would like to request the Government in order to promote gravitation as we are living in hilly areas.

Again, the cultivators are aware of the usefulness of fertilizer. In this demand, we have only Rs. 10 lakhs for Fertilizers, while we have Rs. 24 lakhs in the previous year. What is the Government proposal in order to develop fertilizer ? I am aware that there may be proposal in order to hand over Agriculture Marketing from Agriculture Department to Trade and Commerce. While this Corporation was created, this should be under Trade and Commerce. At the same time, the Agriculture Department prepared budget for this purpose. While we had Rs. 125 lakhs in the previous year, we are now having Rs. 25 lakhs for Agriculture Marketing. What is this reason ? It may be necessary to re-examine.

Under Education Department, as the population increases, the Government should think about the growing generation. While our population increases we face problems in my constituency. I used to discuss the matter with Officials and the Hon'ble Education Minister. But, even today, the Govern-

ment does not give importance. And, I would like to request the Government not to make a problem for the people. They established schools for their own contribution.

Under Civil Supplies Department I would like to point out about LIG connection. MIZOFED has connections at Champhai, Kolasib, Lunglei etc., but the Government employees under transfer used to face problems. The agents could not arrange for transfer of gas connection. Is the Government prepared to settle this problem ?

Fu Speaker, while we discuss Zoo under Forest Department it always reminds me of the incident of killing of animals that are kept in the Zoo. That is all what I would like to point out today.

Thank you.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Fu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to discuss important demands. First of all, I would like to point out about the Calendar under Information Department demand. While the Government printed 15,000 copies, it seems that we received only 850 copies. This is to be re-examined. As we spent lots of money for this purpose, I feel that this should not be kept in private house. And, regarding the distribution of advertisement among the press, it seems that there is inequality. So I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Information Department to look into the matter.

As the print media is important for information, the Government should recognise the Newsmen without any discriminations.

Regarding Industry Department demand there are many people who could not repay their loans. From the Government report we know that we have Rs. 2,01,20,91,000/- debt of Principal excluding interest. So that, the percentage of repayment become decrease. This shows that the Government should re-examine the procedure of payment of loans.

In Forest Department demand, we find Forest Department covered 15825 Sq.Km within Mizoram. What I would like to point out is that regarding deforestation especially in the areas of Bilkhawthlir and Chhimluang. There are many stock of bamboos near Bilkhawthlir. So, what steps we will take to prevent deforestation ? If we want to develop our State, we should improve our forests.

Under Soil Department demand, it has been said that this Department should be abolished. Therefore, it is necessary to clarify by the Government how it will

proceed onwards for this Department. If the Department is not abolished, we should look into it and reform the achievement and procedure of this Department. And for what purpose is the establishment of Research Training Centre at Durtlang under Soil Department ?

In Power and Electricity Department, this House was informed that there are 19 Civil Engineer and 42 B.E.(Elec) unemployed. In order to solve this unemployment programme we should think of absorbing these educated persons. And, I also would like to point out about Lunglei Power House. We used to send machines for repair at Silchar. And, it seems that the old stock used to be sent at Lunglei. As such, the power supply is not satisfactory for Lunglei District. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister i/c to make arrangement in order to have regular supply of power.

Under Civil Supply demand, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to take note of the problem of K.Oil and Petrol and gas supply at Lunglei District. And, I would like to request to give more Petrol pump and gas agents. The population recorded by Economic and Statistic Department and the total number of Ration Cards do not tally. The Government should make an arrangement to send directly from Ramnagar and Guwahati. The FCI have constructed godown at Lunglei and Lawngtlai. But, even today, the building is not occupied. The Government should press the FCI in order to occupy this building.

Finally, we have a demand of Rs. 2136 lakhs for District Council. As Lunglei District does not have District Council so there is no separate fund for Lunglei District. And, regarding Housing Loan and other achievements of the Department it has been calculated with the 2:3:1 ratio. With this growing population and development, Lunglei District does not have any benefit. Fu Speaker, I would like to request the Government to give importance for the development of Lunglei District.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : As all the Members participated in the discussion. Now, may I call upon the Hon'ble Minister Fu C.L.Ruala to wind up the discussion..

FU C.L.RUALA : Fu Speaker, I am very glad that suggestions are made by Members of this House for well establishment of my Departments like Power and Electricity. I also take note of all the important points

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made by Members. I may not be able to answer some question, but I'll try to answer some important questions. Fu Speaker, the dealer of gas are beyond our control, we do not have any authority to control them. The Government is aware of the selling of gas at market price. We made a suggestion to the company not to make a skill without our countersignature. And, the authority of the company try to visit Aizawl, and we will discuss about this matter with them.

The Hon'ble Member of Champhai had pointed out the problems at Champhai. Regarding the place of distribution, we will discuss this with the company authority. And, the supply of power and K.Oil has designated point. So, we can make arrangement to sent petrol and K.Oil. We also made a suggestion to the authority of I.O.C., to establish designated point at Khawzawl, but even today, we are not successful. This is the on-going achievement of the Government.

FU LALSAWTA : Fu Speaker, I am afraid that the dealers may become more over-familiar with the speech of the Hon'ble Minister. There are many acts and rules like Essential Commodities Act, 1995, The Mizoram Trade Article (Licensing and Control) Order, LFG (Regulator Supply and Distribution) Order, these should be enforced. If not, the Government could not control the dealers.

FU C.L.RUALA : Fu Speaker, the Government also  
MINISTER practises different systems. But, while the gas cylinder arrive the consumers make a long queue. And, at the place of petrol pump this system is followed. As such, the public has a problem. But, as the suggestion made by Member of Aizawl West II, the Government is looking for suitable place to establish another Petrol pump at Aizawl.

The Hon'ble Member of Aizawl West II had pointed out the rate difference between soft rock and hard rocks in Power Department. As we follow EWD schedule, we selected the low tenderer. And the tender was divided into two groups like Tower supply and Erection Tower including foundation of Tower. There are three tenderers like Transpower, Imex and Utkal Calviniser. As the lowest tenderer, we select Transpower Ltd. Guwahati.

And, as the Hon'ble Member of Aizawl South II had pointed out, there are many printing mistakes regarding stock suspense. Fu Speaker, this is my mistake and we will try to finish correction within one or two days. The Hon'ble Member of Champhai had suggested to pay bill through the bank. We will look into the matter.



Regarding Gas transfer, the company ordered to transfer its agency. If the agent is AOD, the transfer should be ACD, and if it is M.D., it should transfer to MD. As the company issued strong order, we could not change this order easily. If the Government issue an order to accept the agent, there will be no problem.

FU F.MALSAWMA : It should be taken up to Central Government.

S P E A K E R : As your suggestion, the concern Minister will look into the matter.

FU C.L.RUALA  
MINISTER : Fu Speaker, the Hon'ble Member of Aizawl North II had pointed out about less stock of supply at Zuangtui Godown. Recently, as the driver made complaint of weight bridge at Vairengte, the supply has been interrupted for few days. But, as the supply becomes normal, we will not have problems. As some people sold the supply of Rice, K.Oil, Sugar etc., at black market, I feel that it will be better to send you a copy.

FU F.MALSAWMA : We received K.Oil supply regularly and please include other supply. And, I request you to send us a copy of quota for retailer.

FU C.L.RUALA  
MINISTER : Fu Speaker, we will make an arrangement to deliver by our runner. The Hon'ble Member of Ratu had pointed out regarding the payment of electric bill with load shedding. We also made a suggestion to the Finance Department not to pay bills during this period. But, we did not succeed. And, now, again we are going to move to the Government to look into the matter as we are not the final authority.

Regarding Bairabi Hydel Project I distributed important documents to the Members. But, without going through the documents Fu Hminga had pointed out many things. Fu Speaker, I would like to read out one sentence regarding this project. "The fearability report has been prepared on the basis of field investigation which were completed in a record period of eight working months during 1992-93 despite

a number of hurdles in terms of communications climatic conditions, remoteness of area and insurgency". It shows clearly that the field investigation had finished within eight months.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is not necessary to debate about this.

FU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, I would like to clarify regarding Mini Hydel Project. MINISTER We started up many Mini Hydel Projects and most of them were completed. Pu Hminga also confused the cost of construction and cost of generation of Khawiya Project. The installation capacity of Khawiya Project is 1.05 M.W., and it can generate .915 M.W., of power. The cost of generation of the whole existing small unit Mini Project is Rs. 1.21 per unit. For these Mini Hydel, Micro Hydel, the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources contributed 50 % of expenditure. And, without taking any clearance, we can start 5 M.W., But, major projects need environment clearance, forest clearance and other clearances. And, Pu Speaker, the cost of construction under major project is Rs. 3.5 crores per M.W. But, the cost of construction is too high in Mini and Micro Hydel Project. In some cases, it costs upto 6 crore per M.W. If we calculate according to this, our expenditure is not too high on Mini and Micro Hydel Project.

pu Lalhmingthanga also pointed out that the Bairabi Project was given Techno-Economic clearance. CEA can issue clearance upto power. We calculate at the price level of 1988, the cost of production is Rs. 1.56 per unit. So, they rejected the project and during Pu Denga's Ministry it was proposed in the name of Multi Purpose Project. CEA can issue a clearance of 60 %. But, as it is near the border, they could not accept this Multi Purpose Project. As they could not issue the clearance, it has been clearly stated in the letter.

S P E A K E R : Please listen carefully to the winding up of the Hon'ble Minister.

FU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, regarding Serlui 'B' MINISTER this sanction is diverted to other project on the advise of State Planning Advisory. It is because the High Court could not make any arrangement. And, the report will be laid at the request of the Hon'ble Speaker.

FU F.LALREMSIAMA : Fu Speaker, there is nothing much to say.

FU F.MALSAWMA : Fu Speaker, we do not make any trouble. Please take note that we are very serious in the demand discussion.

FU C.L.RUALA : Fu Speaker, as it is the final stage, it is almost complete. So, it may take some time.  
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : I will discuss with him on your wish and request. And the Hon'ble Minister also understand your request. As they did not finish all, it need to wait for few days more.

FU F.LALREMSIAMA : Fu Speaker, do you not understand serious concern of the Members? Whether they could supply a copy of Action Taken Report with its para note and concern within this Session?

FU C.L.RUALA : Fu Speaker, as I already mentioned in some cases we take action and one is under process.

S P E A K E R : The Hon'ble Minister has said that it is almost complete. And, you request to give report of Law for they had done.

FU F.MALSAWMA : Fu Speaker, what we would like to request is to give report as far as possible within this Session.

S P E A K E R : I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to report at the request of the Members.

FU C.L.RUALA  
MINISTER : Fu Speaker, we will try to complete within this Session. It may take one or two days. Fu Speaker, I beg leave of this House to pass my demand No. 6 Civil Supplies - Revenue - Rs. 13,00,10,000/- , Capital - Rs. 62,22,00,000/- , Demand No. 46 - Electricity, Revenue - Rs. 30,60,30,000/- , Capital - Rs. 26,07,50,000/- . Total Rs. 131,89,90,000/- .

S P E A K E R : I will read again the demand and any one who support will say 'agree' and those who do not will say 'disagree' - Demand No. 16 and 46 for Rs. 131,89,90,000/- only for meeting expenses during 1996-96 in respect of the following Departments Civil Supplies and Electricity. (Members : Agree) Now, we passed Demand No. 16 and 46.

FU C.L.RUALA  
MINISTER : Thank you, Fu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Now, may I call upon the Hon'ble Minister Fu H.Lalruata to wind up his demand and to beg leave of the House to pass his demand.

FU H.LALRUATA  
MINISTER : Fu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to wind-up my demands. I would like to express my thanks to all Members on account of their valuable suggestion. I would like to wind-up the demand in brief.

First of all, regarding the District Council, the Hon'ble Member Fu J.V.Hluna had pointed out the difference of pay for the three District Councils. It seems that the salary of Mara District Council is lower. It is because they rented Government Quarters. And, as they are Autonomous District Council, they frame separate rules and salary. On the recommendation of the Governor, this arrangement had been made. Because of this, it is difficult to amend their salaries. If it is possible, we will look into the matter.

S P E A K E R : Please listen carefully what the Minister had said. If you need more clarification, you can ask, if not, please do not disturb the discussion.

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Fu Speaker, it is a Status Issue. While our Hon'ble Chief Minister gets a salary of Rs. 3,000/- how the CEM gets Rs. 9,000/- salary ? And, MDC gets more salary than M.L.A.

FU H.LALRUATA MINISTER : Fu Speaker, we also do not accept. But, as it is the agreement with the Governor it may be difficult to amend. If it is possible, we will amend the salary.

They also expressed their thanks and suggestion regarding Dordarshan News, MJA Press Tour and Sport Course Training. We also try to continue this achievement.

As it is interesting and benefited by the older people at Villages, we will continue to organise Aizawl Darshan.

Regarding to All India Radio, some Members also pointed out the radio coverage of AIR. As we are missing Medium Wave Transmitter, we could not cover large area. Now, we are preparing new transmitter made by Japan, I hope that the coverage will be more increased.

Some Members also discussed about equal distribution of advertisement for the Newspaper. It may be difficult because while we distribute the advertisement we look at the regularity and the performance of the papers and the number of the copies. If there is unequal distribution, we will look into the matter.

Regarding Public Viewing sets we are not aware of somebody kept for private property. We used to give according to the demand of the applicants.

The Hon'ble Member of Champhai had pointed out regarding the Government Press Release. This Press Release was issued by the Information Department according to the statement of IGF. We do not know any mistake.

And, we also gave importance to the Journalist. We issued accreditation card to many journalists at Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha. We are aware that Mizoram

is one of the best to honour journalists in North East India.

Regarding District Council, the Hon'ble Member of Lawngtlai had pointed out the increase of salary for EM at Lawngtlai, and the increase of Members at Chakma District, Mara District and Lai District. As he pointed out, we will look into the matter.

Under Soil Conservation Department, some Members had pointed out about Tea Plantation. We planted Tea because it is cash crop and for the prevention of moisture. With the collaboration of Industry Department we sanctioned grants for 103 families and 11 families under Rural Development.

As the Hon'ble Member of Tawipui had discussed the Government is now taking schemes for Darzo, Vanlaiphai, Lungleng, Zebawk and Sairep. Especially we will start creation for Sairep and its joining Villages from next year. This is the ongoing Government achievement.

Finally, I would like to discuss about Mizoram Calendar in Information Department. As we did not distribute according to Area-Wise, Lunglei and Chhintui-pui received the copy very less. And, I also expressed my thanks to all Member and people regarding their eagerness of our Calendar. I hope that we may print more copies in the next year.

Fu Speaker, I beg leave of this House to pass my demand No. 30, 31 and 39 for Rs. 28,56,00,000/-.

Thank you.

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Fu Speaker, did the Hon'ble Minister promise to take importance regarding the salary of Lai District and Mara District at par ?

S P E A K E R : He promised that he will look into the matter. Now, I will read out the Hon'ble Minister Fu H.Lalruata's demand. Those who are in favour of the demand will say 'agree' and those who against will say 'disagree'.

Demand No. 30, 31, and 39 for Rs. 28,56,00,000/- only for meeting expenses during 1995-96 in respect of the following Department - Information and

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Publicity, District Councils and Soil and Water Conservation.  
(Members : Aree).

FU H.LALRUATA : Thank you, Fu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Now, may I call upon the Hon'ble Minister, Fu Zosiama Fachuau to wind-up his demand and beg leave of the House to pass his demand.

FU ZOSIAMA FACHUAU : Fu Speaker, I would like to express my thanks to all Members for expressing meaningful suggestions for my Departments.

First of all, I would like to discuss about Forestry and Environment Department. As you know there are different kinds of animals and birds at Dampa Sanctuary. We also started Habitat Manipulation from last year under Wildlife Management according to the need. And, also starting Plantation, but as we faced financial crisis, we added three lakhs from Rural Development Department.

The Hon'ble Member Fu F.Lalzuala discussed about Private Teak Plantation at Ngenpui Sanctuary. Some people settled at this sanctuary without the permission of Forest Department. The Forest Department will take measures for the protection of this sanctuary.

The Hon'ble Member of Lawngtlai Fu T.Hranghluta suggested to change Territorial division for Wild-Life Division at Lawngtlai. This is the on going Government project, we are also giving Rifles for Forest Sanctuary Duty.

The Hon'ble Member of Vanva Fu H.Thangkima also requested to explain about the inclusion of Tlangpan and Lungpui under Khawnglung sanctuary. Even today, we do not include Tlangpan under Khawnglung sanctuary. Deforestation is the Global Issue of the present world. Whether or not we are advanced in Service and Technology if we neglect our Forestry, the world may be destroyed.

The Hon'ble Member of Aizawl 'N' Fu F.Malsawma had expressed unsatisfactory of Mizoram Private Forest Regulation of Felling Rules, 1994. And, Private ownership of land should register at DFO without giving any TA/DA. As we received an instruction from Central Government, we followed their instruction. And the last line of the instruction clearly states that 'the above guidelines may please be followed, surplusly'. And, Forest

Department also framed rules for protection of timber on the basis of Central Instruction, and Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and Mizoram Forest Act, 1955. As I already mentioned these Acts are very important for the protection of our Forest. This Act will be benefitted by teak planter.

The Hon'ble Member of Aizawl 'S' - II expressed his suggestion to the Government while framing rules and regulation of Forest Department. As his wishes, the Government will take more careful steps.

I would like to express my thanks to all Members for your valuable suggestion for Education Department. As we all need Education, it is one of the biggest Department. As a spark burns the flame, a small mistake to blacken the Education Department. And, we should also share our difficulties and feelings.

The Education Department has nothing to do regarding the result of MISC exams as Dr J.V. Hluna had mentioned. We also give importance for pre-service training. We filled 31 vacant regular posts from pre-service. The Government gives priority for Pre-Service training but as we have not much posts, all the pre-service may not able to give post.

The Government will look into the matter in order to amend Defect Rules on the request of the Hon'ble Member of Aizawl 'S' - II Iu Lalsawta

Regarding the supply of Text Books, it has been said that some agencies do not submit F.O.R. at Aizawl. But, we do not have such agents in 1994 and 1995. In 1993, the two companies like Trank Brothers and Pitamber did not follow F.O.R. But, as MBSE issue strong order regarding this, these two companies also follow the rules, so we do not have problems today.

And, we will look into the matter to fix the prices at the same rates, the MBSE fixed the price of the text books.

The discussion of Iu F. Malsawma shocked the workers of MBSE regarding not marking of two papers among top ten HSLC. We do not know from where he received such information. If he has any evidences, we will look into the matter. We are aware that the HSLC examination this year completed without having any complaint. For this reason, the Government praised the Staffs of MBSE, Centre Superintendent and invigilators.

We do not know from where Iu B. Lalhlengliena received an information regarding the employment of 200 untrained teachers. For the correction of his statement, the pay scale of teacher in Middle School is Rs. 1640 not Rs. 1400/- . If the teacher is trained the



scale will be Rs. 2,000/- . In Middle School, the minimum educational qualification should be a graduate. If so, we could not employ Pre-Service Training if they are not graduate. Whether they already worked in Middle School before. As the court does not make any judgement, we could not consider about the officers of MBSE. The Government gives importance for this Department so the Government sanctioned Rs. 8 lakhs to conduct Special Exam the previous year. And, we are going to give Rs. 9 lakhs within this academic year besides their budget.

The Hon'ble Member of Ratu Fu Lalrinchhane expressed the shortage of Teachers and not receiving building grant for Government Higher Secondary School at Ratu. All the Villages have lack of teachers in Primary School. On the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Fu Lal Thenhawa, they are not to be transfer from Villages to Town. So that the appointment will be benefited by Villages. I hope that teachers will be increased in Villages.

And, as we have no provision in the budget of 1994-95, we do not sanction building grant for any High Schools.

The Government is looking into the matter to solve the problem regarding Comprehensive Schools. Now, we are having 353 Comprehensive Schools within Mizoram. We propose to continue some Schools and other Schools will be formed. In some places, the combination of Elementary Education in Primary and Middle School is satisfactory. But, there are some problems in High School and Middle School, we are looking into the matter.

Regarding Fixed Pay Teacher, we are seeking more benefit for them in the Government. Recently, we appointed 40 as a regular post. As they rendered their service more than 10 years as officiating, we regularised them.

The Hon'ble Member of Biata Fu Lal Biakzuala expressed his feeling about the transfer of teacher with post. The Government is going to arrange to solve this problem especially in Primary Schools as the Primary School do not have IV Grade, teacher should go for salary. But, from Middle School onward, as they are having IV Grade, the Government does not allow to give station leave of teacher in order to draw the salary.

The Hon'ble Member Fu F.Lalzuala had discussed about attaching of High School teacher in Education Office. We will look into the matter, and if anyone is attached in the office, we will sent back to his original post. And, if anyone attached in the SDEG office, I will give an order to the Director to detect such teacher.

The Hon'ble Member of Aizawl East - II has discussed about how the Government will take action for bad results in deficit and Government High Schools. The Government also gives importance to this matter, the enquiry Committee under the Chairmanship of Pu F.Lalremsiama will be looking to the matter. Pu Speaker, I beg leave of this

Fu Speaker, I beg leave of this House to pass my demand No. 22 - School Education, Revenue - Rs. 55,73,20,000/- , demand No. 41 - Forest & Wild Life, Revenue - Rs. 10,45,00,000/- , Capital Rs. 25,00,000/- . Total Rs. 66,43,20,000/- .

S P E A K E R : I will repeat the demand and after that any one who is in favour of the demand will say 'Yes' and those who against will say 'No' .

Demand No. 22 & 41 Rs.66,43,20,00,000/- only for meeting expenses during 1995-96 in respect of the following Departments - School Education, Forestry and Wild-life.

( Member : Yes )

S P E A K E R : Now, demand No. 22 and 41 has passed.

FU ZCSIAMA FACHUAU : Thank you, Fu Speaker.  
MINISTER

FU SAIKATHIANGA : Fu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to wind-up my demands. I will answer in brief all the questions. First of all, Fu F.Malsawma suggested to give full Directorate for Horticulture. It is the on going Government scheme and it already functions like Directorate under the head of Joint Director. Regarding fertilizers, we are going to purchase more fertilizers according to the budget.

The Hon'ble Member of Venville had mentioned about study tour, fertilizer and plant protection. In this budget, we invested more budget for plant plantation. Now, the people have more awareness for plant protection.

Regarding Study Tour, we have different ideas. Some members believe that farmers should be sent for study tour while other members regard that educated person

should be sent. If we could send the agriculture scientist and Lecturers, it will be benefited by the Government.

The Hon'ble Member of Ratu constituency had pointed out about less budget for his constituency. On the recommendation of the Hon'ble Finance Minister Rs.100 lakhs was transferred from Agriculture Marketing. As the Government can make supplementary budget if the people face to sell their production, so that we made less budget on this account.

The Hon'ble Member of Khawzawl also pointed out the need of fertilizers for his constituency. As we have no sanction from previous year, the Hon'ble Finance Minister allows to use the money on this budget. So, we are going to purchase more fertilizers from Gauhati.

The Hon'ble Member of Lawngtlai had pointed out that there is no achievement of Horticulture in the South and suggested to open Horticulture Division at Lawngtlai. Regarding this, as we do not make clarification how we will treat the DAC whether they are under District Council or Deputation. So, we did not give at Chhintuigui. And, the Government is going to open Horticulture Circle at Lawngtlai. This will be locked into by the Government authority and head of Department.

As the Hon'ble Member of Aizawl East - II had pointed out, B.E.(Irrigation) are posted at Kolasib and Aizawl. They are posted for the benefit of the people.

We are applying Joint Director post for Irrigation Wing. As Pu Remsiana had pointed out, it is necessary to give more importance for the development of Irrigation. For this purpose, it is necessary to discuss the system of Irrigation by the authority of the Government for the preceeding year.

Regarding the Lushaicherra farm, the Government is aware of the problem as Pu F.Lalremsiana had mentioned. It seems that Cachar Forest and Assam Police used to make problems for teak planter. So, the Department will verify on the spot as soon as possible and the report will be submitted to the Government.

Regarding the relationship of MAMCO and Trade & Commerce, Pu Tlanghmingthanga had pointed out that, it seems that the Trade & Commerce Department is under MAMCO. The Secretary of Trade & Commerce is also the Managing Director in MAMCO. So, staff are also allowed to depute on these two. But, as the system is unsatisfactory, the Board of Management is going to make more some post for capable staff. After having all these post, the functions of the Department will be more effective. Pu Speaker, that is all I have to answer.

Fu Speaker, besides this I would like to point out some important points of the functioning and achievement of Agriculture Department. As the Rural Department and NLUF, it seems that the Agriculture Department is not interested by the people. And, we have not much discussion about Agriculture Department in the Budget Session, General Discussion, Governor's Address. But, the concerned Minister and staffs of Agriculture Department are very happy on seeing the achievement of this Department. In order to improve the position of the farmer, we sold 13 tractors to the farmer. In order to find out the value of the nature, we went through Soil Survey on 12 blocks. And we are ready to answer any questions for the people and the Department.

Today, I have to mention many achievement of the Agriculture Department. In order to supply the seed, and the sprout to the farmers, we purchased farms at Champhai.

Regarding Irrigation, we completed 12 Irrigation in the previous year and we are having more 15 Irrigation under constructions. As we are having Rs. 100 lakhs for the formation of the Soil, we are achieving 725 hectares. As we used to analyze the procedure of giving money, our staffs look after the field for helping the cultivators. So, I would like to request all Members to co-operate with the staff to give advice and look after their works in their Constituencies. As the Central Government is going to reduce the manufacture of chemical fertilizers, we started Bio-Fertilizer from the plants. During this year, we conducted training for 9 Villages with the help of educated persons. In order to see many achievement of Horticulture Department, we started Sugarcane plantation in collaboration with Agriculture Department. In order to supply seeds of Sugarcane, we purchase lands for Sugarcane farm at Buel-pui and Darlak. I hope that we are able to supply more seeds within this year.

During the previous year, MIFCC could not received their required amount of passion fruit production. While they expected 500 qtls, they received only 400 qtls. So, we sanctioned grants for many families under Horticulture Sector.

Along with this, MAMCO will take measures to purchase tapioca. Now, MAMCO will purchase tapioca at Rs. 1.50p per Kg with the collaboration of Trade & Commerce for the grinding at Thingawl Agriculture Farm. And, also the corporation will give transportation subsidy.

In order to achieve reality, the procedure and functions of Agriculture and Horticulture is advancedly prepared. Recently, we established Demonstration Farm with the sanction from NEC. But, as we became a State, it is difficult to receive fund from NEC so we should drop out some farm.

At present, we are concentrating on Neihbewih Farm and Rotlang Farm in Agriculture. Likewise, we are

concentrating on Horticulture at Chite and Phawngpui. And, because of the eagerness of our leaders, we are achieving good communication and marketing with Burma.

Fu Speaker, I would like to inform the Hon'ble Member of Fu J.V.Hluna regarding the procedure of the Department. As Horticulture Department is very important, we bifurcated from Agriculture Department for a separate Directorate. At the time of separation, as we have financial crisis we made an agreement, it is not possible to have the desired achievement by Horticulture. We opened four Divisions and in 24 circles this Department works smoothly. From the funds we received from Central and State Government, we helped many farmers and growers of passion fruits and growers of other fruits. Fu Speaker, we see many successful achievement of this Department in every Villages.

It is regarded that the Agriculture Department should produce cereals and root crops. The people should try to produce and the concern Department will help for the success.

Some Members had said that the Government fixed rates. But, we do not restrict the rate. The MAMCO fixed the price like ginger at Rs. 4.50 per Kg, red-pepper Rs. 16 per Kg, Sesamum Rs. 11/- per Kg and Cotton Rs. 8/- per Kg.

In order to know how much we produce, we issued permit. From this finding, we can make plans for the future. Fu Speaker, we sold ginger at Vairengte Check gate for Rs. 8 - 12 per Kg. As we sold Rs. 10/- per Kg, our income becomes Rs. 2,89,60,000/- . And, our income is Rs. 1,00,60,000/- on red pepper. And, we are now harvesting Orange at Mamit, Phaileng and Kewrthah under NLUP scheme between 1984-86 at the time of Congress Ministry. In order to control systematically, we are going to make check gate at Vairengte, Bairabi and Kanmun.

The Hon'ble Member Fu Lalsawta pointed out that the Department takes Rs. 5000/- for issuing permit. But, the Government is not aware of this matter. But, we are aware that one of our staff took Rs. 500/- from one driver. With knowing this, the Managing Director verified on the spot and this staff was transferred at once.

Fu Speaker, it seems that we used to depend on the poor people for our development. We will not become self-supporting if we depend only on the farmers and needy peoples. The rich and the wealthiest persons are also responsible for our development. In order to become self-supporting we should copy the ideas and procedure of other developed Countries. In other States, the rich people established Agriculture Development Bank. From this Bank, people can borrow loans for the cultivation of potatoes and others crops. If we follow such procedure, we may become one of the best self-support among the States of India.

Fu Speaker, with expressing my gratitude to all Members for their valuable suggestion, I beg leave of this House to pass my demand No. 36 Agriculture - Revenue - Rs. 9,47,60,000/- , Capital - Rs. 5,44,00,000/- Demand No. 37 Horticulture - Revenue - Rs. 4,04,70,000/- , Capital - Rs. 19,00,000/- , and Demand No. 53 Other General Economic Services - Revenue - Rs. 60,00,000/- .

S P E A K E R : I will repeat the demand after that those who are in favour of the demand will say 'agree' and those who against will say 'disagree'. Demand No. 36,37 and 53 for Rs. 19,75,30,000/- only for meeting expenses during 1995-96 in respect of the following Departments- Agriculture, Horticulture and Other General Economic Services.

M E M B E R : Agree.

FU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Thank you, Fu Speaker.  
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : Meeting is over today, tomorrow we will assemble again at 10:30 A.M.

SITTING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

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