

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

(iii) to move that the Bill be passed.

Speaker : We shall take up questions. Now I shall call upon
Pu H. Thangkima to ask question No. 21.

Pu H. Thangkima : Mr. Speaker Sir, when will the black
topping of Lunglei-Thenzawl road between Kangnunun and Ramlaitui
be completed ?

Pu Lal Thanhawla : Mr. Speaker sir, this road is intended to be
Chief Minister completed within 1996-97 for which 32 lakh
rupees was sanctioned. There is about 4 Kms
more to be black-topped, however, soling and metalling had been
done.

Pu H. Thangkima : Mr. Speaker sir, it's been a long time
since sand and stone chips had been kept for this road. Is the
Government aware that it is a waste to keep sand and stone chips like
this. Secondly, I would like to know whether there is any intention
to repair Aizawl-Sialsuk road.

Pu F. Lalzuala : Mr. Speaker sir, Lunglei-Thenzawl Road had
been declared as State Highway. An estimate had been submitted
to construct from Lunglei site but it was not so. I would like to
know why the estimate had been deleted in this year's work
schedule.

Dr. R. Lalthangliana : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary questions. It can be said that Lunglei-Thenzawl road is one of the worst in Mizoram and the reason for this, seems to be that the quality of tar is very bad. I would like to know whether the stone used for this road is tested to know its quality.

Secondly, it seems this road suffers as there is no PWD Sub-Division between Lunglei and Thenzawl to look after it. I therefore, would like to know whether there is any intention to open PWD Sub-Division between Lunglei and Thenzawl either at Mualthum or Haulawng.

Pu B. Lalthlangliana : Mr. Speaker sir, Aibawk - Sialsuk road, particularly near Changte is very bad. At present materials like bitumen, fire wood and sand are being stored on all the roadside. I would like to know when will the repairing work be done, is it during this monsoon season or for the next summer? And is the Government aware that to keep these materials just like that is a waste?

Pu Lal Thanlawla : Mr. Speaker Sir, the condition of this road is known to all of us. Many times we have meetings with the people of this area to discuss about this road. Since there are many diversions and widening, it is not possible to do normal maintenance as expected. However, it is being maintained for jeepable. The stone were tested and efforts are being made to improve this road.

As pointed out by the Hon'ble Member from Lunglei North constituency, even the Department feels the need to open Sub-division to look after Thenzawl-Lunglei road. But it is not possible to open Sub-Division as we wish, our work load should warrant it. However, we are trying to find a way for the improvement of this road.

I would like to point out that in our State even BRTF are constructing roads and their work is much better than ours. While we claim we are Christians, the condition of our roads largely depend on the persons, who are in-charge. Therefore, we have to reform even ourselves.

Pu F. Lalzuala : Mr. Speaker Sir, Lunglei-Thenzawl road had been declared as a highway and an estimate had been submitted from Lunglei but it was not. Even this year it is not included in work schedule. I would like to know whether it is possible to start the work from Lunglei.

Pu Lal Thanhawla : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I think it will be possible if there is fund but as I am not sure now the matter will be looked into.
Chief Minister

Pu Lalsawta : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no 22 is -

Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Economics & Statistics Department be pleased to state -

- a) The owner of land/house brought by Economic & Statistics Department at Venghlui.
- b) The cost of it and
- c) Is it safe for the Department to occupy it ?

Pu. J. Lalsangzuala : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred
Minister question is -

- a) The owner of the land/house is Pu R. Zafaiá of Venghlui
- b) It costs 25 lakh rupees.
- c) It was proposed by the Department itself. So, it is supposed to be safe to occupy it.

Pu. E. Malsawma : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Government makes proper guidelines in regard to land acquisition according to which an advertisement should be floated citing the area of land, location and purpose required by the concern Department. but, during some year back there was no proper public notice. Is this because there were some people who received kickbacks? Regarding the present subject, did they consider parking area for the officers? Who led the Committee to consider land acquisition and what does this Committee do? And I also would like to know about the house and land purchased for 10 crore rupees under the head of Capital Project.

Pu. Lalsawta : The house purchased by Economic & Statistic Department is situated on a precipice and some of the workers in this Department said they will take leave during monsoon seasons. I would like to know whether the concern Minister is aware that it is on such a dangerous situation. Secondly, did the Department float an advertisement publicly? If yes, when and in which newspaper?

Pu J. Lalsangzuala : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the questions
Minister asked by the Hon'ble member Pu
F. Lalremsiana, though I cannot answer them all, the purchase of
this particular building had been done according to the guidelines laid
by the Govt.

Regarding the question asked by the Hon'ble Member Pu
Lalsawta, this building had been proposed by the Department Adver-
tisement for this had been floated in Morning Post News Paper on
27th 11.1995 and Zawkhawpui Newspaper on 27.11.95. there were
six bidders responding to the advertisement.

Pu Lalsawta : I would like to know why this particular
building which is not safe for occupation had been purchased while
there were six bidders who offered safer site at a cheaper rate ?

Pu F. Lalremsiana . Mr. Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble min-
ister tell me the name of those bidders with their rate I also would
like to know whether there is any pressure from higher authority to
purchase this particular building ?

Dr. J.V. Hluna : Mr. Speaker Sir, when did they make the
assessment of this building? Was it purchased at the assess rate or
higher than the assess rate? Is there seperate land valuation, was it
included in the price ?

Pu J. Lalsangzuala : Mr. Speaker Sir, in regard to the question
Minister asked by the hon'ble member Pu Lalsawta,
proposal to purchase this building was made
while Pu Sanglura was Development Commissioner. I can not give
the names of the six bidders with their rate now as demanded by the
hon'ble member Pu F. Lalremsiana and I shall give him later. There
was no such pressure from higher authority. As I am not clear about
the question asked by the Hon'ble member Dr. J.V. Hluna may you
repeat please.

Dr. J.V. Hluna : Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to know the year on which an assessment was made? Was it purchased at the rate of assessment or lower than assessment rate. Does 25 lakh rupees include land value or is it only the cost of the building?

Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga : Besides all these, I would like to know whether the Government can use the land purchased for 10 lakh rupees for MIZOFED petrol Pump at Zemabawk.

Pu F. Lalremsiama : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble minister give those names, their rate and location on the afternoon session.

Speaker : He said he will give. so the timing depends on him.

Pu J. Lalsangzuala : Mr. Speaker Sir, assessment rate was Minister Rs. 2.51,000/- and it was negotiated for 25 lakh rupees. The proposal to purchase this building was initiated in 1993 and in 1995-96 it was included in the Budget provision. This 25 lakh rupees included land value. I will give the name of the six bidders in the afternoon session as requested by the Hon'ble member Pu F. Lalremsiama. As the land purchased for MIZOFED Petrol Pump at Zemabawk is not relevant with out topic I cannot answer it.

Pu Lalrinchhana : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no 23 is -
Will the Hon'ble minister in charge Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state -

- a) Is there any intention to electrify those resettled villages due to HPC disturbance which had been recognised as Village areas.

b) If Yes, when ?

Pu C.L. Ruals : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question no
Minister 23 is-

- a) Yes
- b) As there is no proper scheme for this I can not say when but they will be given in due time.

Pu Lakhama : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Did the Government pay for seven of HPC (Hmar People's convention) leaders who stayed at Sainik Guest House who later shifted to State Guest House? What was the total expenditure incurred for this and in which budget head? Does the Government intent to have a talk with HPC on the subject of Sinitung Development Council? If Yes, whether with these seven leaders or Pu Hmingchungnunga's group?

Pu F. Malsawma : Supplementary question Mr. Speaker Sir,
For the answer of any unstarred question no 14
it was stated that the duration of current/power
supply given to Dawrpui, Ramhlun 'S' & 'N' Ramhlun Vengthar
during January-March and June 1996-1997 was as follows -
Dawrpui -1411.15 minutes and 1352.24 minutes for Ramhlun South
& North and Ramhlun Vengthar. I would like to know why there
was such a difference within Aizawl itself.

Speaker : It is right for you to ask supplementary question, it should be relevant with the main question otherwise it will be difficult for the minister to answer. Now, I shall call upon the Minister.

Pu Lalrinchhana : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Minister said that those four or five villages will be electri-

fied again and I would like to know whether there is a provision for this in our current Budget At Darlawn Power House though there are three generators but only one is functioning; so is there a way to make all the three generators function and in the past Darlawn Power House used to get K1 180 of Diesel but at present only K1 60 is being given, therefore, is there a way to increase supply of diesel for Darlawn Power House ?

Dr. J.V. Hluna : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding starred question No 7 asked by the Hon'ble member Pu Lalhningthanga it was answered that the reason for not implementing peace accord signed by the Government of Mizoram and HPC (Hmar People's Convention) is that the area has not been settled. I would like to know whether it is necessary to settle Hmar for Sintlung Hill Development Council Area, can it be done according to geographical area? What is the necessity to form four Member committee for this purpose since Three Member Committee had submitted its reports ?

Speaker : The main question is about electricity so the Minister may not be able to answer this question. However, I shall call upon the Minister in charge and it will be pleasing if he can answer.

Pu C.I. Ruala : Mr. Speaker Sir, as the questions asked by the Minister Hon'ble Members from Aizawl W I, Aizawl N II and Aizawl W II constituencies are not relevant with the main question I can not answer them. Generators at Darlawn Power House are a bit old and even if we repair them they do not last long. However, we are trying to keep them in good condition. Regarding diesel supply to Darlawn Power House, when we store more, it had been stolen by some persons, that is why we do not supply more, however, it is our intention to supply to suffice their requirement.

Speaker : Now Pu. B. Lalthlengliana for starred question No. 24

Pu B. Lalthlengliana : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question No 24 is -

Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Public Works Department be pleased to state -

Is construction work of Lengpui Airfield being continued ?

Pu Lal Uanhawla : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question No. 24 is Yes. During monsoon the contractors are doing earth-cutting in rocky portion and they will be doing bitumen works in dry season. In the agreement, it was signed that they will give 4 crore rupees if they do not finish it in the fixed period.

Pu Lalkhama : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. When is the expected year and month to complete the airport? What kind of aircraft can land? Can air-bus land ?

Pu B. Lalthlengliana : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. At present how many machines are being used for this construction work. What is the percentage of earthwork already done and I also would like to know from where they will take stone? We have heard that at Rawpuichlip area PWD found a quarry but one of the Congress families had patta that area. Is it true ?

Pu F. Malsawma : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is said that there are two applications at the office of District Revenue for this. Had this been settled and is there any intention to issue patta order /LSC?

Pu John Rotluangliana : Mr. Speaker Sir, What is the percentage of construction of Lengpui Airfield has been completed and what is the total expenditure so far?

Pu Lal Thanhawla : Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not know the percentage of works completed and the total expenditure incurred so far. Now the contractors and workers are working earnestly to complete it in the fixed time. One of our problems is that some are trying to have land in this area hoping compensations but we are not intending to give any more other than what we have already done. However, if there is a genuine case not included, we have to reconsider such case. According to our plan, Boeing and Air Bus 20 can land at Lengpui Airfield and there is a proposal to land Air Bus 300 in future. We had discussed this matter with the new Civil Aviation Minister. The Minister said that it is their opinion to construct at least 2 International Airport in North Eastern Area and I requested him to take up Lengpui Airfield for this.

Regarding the stones to be used, as the contractors are expert in constructing Airfield, they will use the best. If any one patta the area for quarry, they are the enemies of the Government.

Dr. R. Lalthangliana : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is a shame that the Hon'ble House Leader had said that he does not know the percentage of work done and expenditure. The Department concern should furnish detail particulars while preparing

answer for this question. Why didn't they do it?

Pu Zoramthanga : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, What is the meaning of the answer given by the Hon'ble house Leader saying we are planning to land even Air Bus 300? did he mean it will be possible for bigger aircraft which has heavy load or the length of the runway can be extended? It is clear that we will need bigger aircraft and what steps had been taken to upgrade Lengpui Airfield for this purpose?

Pu R. Tlangmingthanga : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, in our last session it was said that the expected date of landing is April 1998 though I do not remember the exact date and is this still reliable? Does the Government have expected date of completion? this was asked, but no answer had been given.

Dr. J.V. Hluna : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, some said Airfield and some said Airport, which one is correct? I also would like to know whether it is for all weather or only for fair weather? Is visual flight rule approved only for fair weather?

Deputy Speaker : Now I shall call upon the Minister in-charge.

Pu Lal Thanhawla : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I too cannot differentiate Airport and Airfield, it does not matter whatever we called it. According to the agreement, the expected date of completion is 4.3.1998 and if the contractors fail to complete on this, they will give 4.4 crore rupees to the Government of Mizoram.

The question asked by the Hon'ble Opposition Leader regarding its strength and its runway will be good enough for bigger aircraft. What I meant was that there is a provision to extend its length of the runway.

Speaker : Now Pu F. Malsawma for starred question No. 25

Pu F. Malsawma : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask my starred question No. 25.

Pu Liansuama : Mr. Speaker sir, expenditure for Kamblun 'S' Minister Hall till today is Rs. 2,06,000/- and utilisation certificate had been received in full. Date of receiving sanction and receipts are as follows -

President, YMA	on	20. 9. 1993	Rs. 40,000/-
President, YMA	on	3.11. 1993	Rs. 40,000/-
President, YMA	on	4. 11. 1993	Rs. 40,000/-
President, YMA	on	6. 3. 1995	Rs. 40,000/-
President, VCP	on	10.10.1995	Rs. 50,000/-
President, VCP	on	29. 5.1996	Rs. 50,000/-

The amount received by President, YMA had been handed over to YMA and if you want to see utilisation certificate, its with me.

The last date of giving sanction was 29.5.1996. Since we do not finalise our plan we can not give other sanction and we are intending to re-plan during current financial year.

Pu F. Malsawma : Mr. Speaker Sir, why did the President VCP draw the last two sanctions while the others were drawn by President YMA? Did YMA give letter of authority to VCP? When will we get utilisation certificate?

Pu Lalkhama : Supplementary question, Mr. Speaker Sir, During the last 7 years great efforts had been made to promote sports but is it true that we do not receive fund as we suppose to get due to the failure to produce utilisation certificate/completion certificate for various projects? In the case of Ramhlun 'S' is the money/fund given out according to the utilisation certificate to tally with the Project Estimates? Had you issued completion certificate? From the Project Estimates, what is the percentage of works completed and still to be done?

Pu Liansuama : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the question asked by the Hon'ble Member from Aizawl West I Constituency Ramhlun Hall will cost crore of rupees, the Utilization Certificate we had is only for Rs. 2,60,000/- therefore, completion will be only after 2/3 years. Utilisation certificate is being sent to Central Government to show that we had sent the sanctioned money requesting them to sanction more. Our main problem is while Central Government used to release 1st instalment of CSS at this time. 2nd installment is released only in the month of March we have to send utilisation certificate before we actually spend the money. Therefore, it is not fair to pretend as using all the money before the end of financial year which had been sanctioned at 28th, 29th, 30th March but if we don't do. We are afraid that they may reject our request saying that we still have money. We are managing somehow.

Regarding giving money to the V.C, it is our opinion that it will be best if there are more witnesses whenever money is distributed through R.D, however, V.C. used to hand over to Y.M.A.

Speaker : Now, Dr. R. Lalthingiana for starred question No. 26

Dr. R. Lalthangliana : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask my starred question No. 26.

Pu H. Lalruata : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question No. 26 is -
Minister

a) The accredited journalists are not given their facilities, privileges in writing but they are allowed to stay at various Mizoram Houses, IBs, Circuit Houses and Rest Houses as officials. Besides these, they are given power supply regularly than ordinary people and they are also given priority in Water connection and Telephone connection.

b) 1996 calender is sold to Public at Rs. 20/- per copy.

Pu B. Lalthlengliana : Mr. Speaker Sir, in the past, calender was printed at the cost of Rs. 15/- per one and this year the cost of printing is the same as last year i.e. Rs. 15/- why it is sold at Rs. 20/-? Does the Hon'ble minister dare to form Vigilance Enquiry, can he answer me ?

Dr. R. Lalthangliana : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know the number of calender made and I also would like to know the amount of money gained when sold by Rs. 20/- I again would like to know the number of accredited journalist we have. Besides these, is it good to have their facilities/privileges in writing ?

Pu John Rotluangliana : Mr. Speaker Sir, What is the criteria to become accredited journalist ?

Pu H. Lalruata : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the rate of Calender
Minister it is not Rs. 15/- but it is Rs. 20/- and the
printing charge is Rs. 37/-. We have made
20,000 copies out of which 10,000 copies had been distributed to
the officials in various places and prominent citizens and various
institutions. While the printing charge is Rs. 37, 10,000 copies had
been sold to public at Rs. 20/- As that is the case, there is no need
to refer this matter to Vigilance. Since 10,000 copies had been sold
at Rs. 20/- we have gained Rs. 20,000/- which had already been
deposited at Government Account by challan no 889.

Pu B. Lalhlengliana : Mr. Speaker Sir, while the Calender
committee decided to sell at Rs. 15/-
why had it been sold at Rs. 20/- will it be a crime to change the
minute of the committee during the absence of the calender in-charge/
chairman ?

Pu F. Lalremsiana : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is regretful that the
proceeding of the Committee had been
tampered. Therefore, can the Hon'ble minister assure us that he will
form Vigilance Enquiry to enquire about this matter ?

Dr. J.V. Hluna : Mr. Speaker Sir, Mizoram Calender is printed
by Adland Press, Calcutta but Adland Press
is a mere Commission Agent which does not have its own Printing
Press. Therefore, is it possible to print directly where Adland Press
printed without giving commission to Adland Press ?

Pu H. Lalruata : Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not know that the
Minister Committee minutes had been tampered.
It is true that there was a proposal to fix the
rate at Rs. 15/- but the Committee felt that it was a bit low so it was
decided to sell at Rs. 20/-

Regarding facilities given to the accredited journalists we can not compete other states because of our financial condition. However, we are trying to facilitate them as much as possible but we do not have in written and truly speaking, it is not necessary to write even other states do not write. I do admit that the facilities we have provided them is very meagre comparing to other states.

Regarding Adland company, whenever there is printing works to be done, quotation had been floated and the Government used to choose from the sample and works of the bidders.

Pu R. Tlangmingthanga : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am not satisfied with the answer given by the Hon'ble minister. Can the Minister assure while members know beyond the knowledge of the Minister to prove their knowledge.

Pu F. Lalremsiana : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble House Leader, the Chief Minister is in charge of Vigilance and it is the responsibility of the Minister to probe such wrongdoing. I, therefore, urge the Hon'ble Chief Minister to form Vigilance Enquiry.

Speaker : The concern Minister said that there was no tampering in the minutes of the Committee and we must accept that. So what is the need to form Vigilance Enquiry?

Pu H. Lalruata : Mr. Speaker Sir, as I had already said I do not know that there is tampering in the proceeding of the Committee but if members are insisting I will look into the matter again. the number of accredited journalist we have now is 44-8 at Lunglei, 6 at Saiha and 30 at Aizawl. Government is having rules to select accredited journalist which can not be said in the House. If members want to see the copy of the rules. I can give them.

Speaker : I have an announcement to be made. The Hon'ble member Pu Lallringthanga could not attend the session due to illness and I would like to make it known to this House.

Pu J. Lalsangzuala : Mr. Speaker Sir, the speeches made by the Hon'ble members during Zero hour are relevant for discussion on Vote on Account. So I would like to suggest that I shall wind-up on that discussion.

Speaker : I would like to explain how we are supposed to use Zero Hour. In Zero Hour members can raise any point which is not included in either Business List or Resolution or Questions so it can not be ignored. While each member is given 10 or 20 minutes for other business, you are taking your own time in Zero Hour. I, therefore, would like to request you to examine first in your respective Parliamentary Group the point you are going to raise at Zero Hour and detail a member to raise the point so that our Zero hour will be more effectively utilized.

Now, we shall proceed to our next business, that is Laying of Papers. Pu Hrangthanga Colney has four papers to lay -

1. Mizoram Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Major Spirit Lubricant Taxation and Amendment rules, 1996.
2. Assam Amusement and Betting Tax rules, 1996.
3. Mizoram Profession Trade Calling and Employment Taxation rules, 1996 and
4. Central Sales Tax Amendment rules, 1996.

Now I shall call upon him to lay these four papers in order.

Pu Hrangthanga Colney : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your kind permission, I beg to lay
Minister

- 1) Mizoram Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including motor spirit and Lubricants Taxation Amendment Rules, 1996.
- 2) Assam amusement and Betting Tax amendment Rules, 1996.
- 3) Mizoram Profession Trade Calling and Employment Taxation rules, 1996 and
- 4) Central Sales Tax Mizoram Amendment rules, 1996 on the table of the House.

Speaker : Let the copies be distributed. Now I shall call upon
Pu Lalkhama to lay Report of Public Accounts
committee relating to Public Works Department

Pu Lalkhama : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your kind permission,
I beg to lay report on action taken by the
Public Accounts Committee 1995 relating to Public Works Department on the table of this august House.

Speaker : Let the copy be distributed.

Pu Lalkhama : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your kind permission I beg
to lay 10th Report of Public Accounts Committee on the table of this august House

Speaker : Have you finish distributing the copy. Now Report of the Committee of Estimates.

Pu F. Malsawma : With your permission Sir, I Chairman of the Committee on Estimates having been authorised by the Committee to present the Report on its behalf present this 5th Report relating to Industries Department, Industrial Growth Centre Luangmual.

Thank you, Sir.

Speaker : Let the copy be distributed. Now I shall call upon Pu Lal Biakzuala to present Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings

Pu Lal Biakzuala : With your kind permission Sir, I the Chairman, Committee on Public Undertakings having been authorised by the Committee to present the Report on its behalf present the 1st Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings on the Mizoram Food & Allied Industries Co-operation Limited.

Thank you.

Dr. R. Lalthangliana : With your permission, Sir, I, Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances having been authorised by the Committee present the 5th Report of Committee on Government Assurances to the House.

Thank you.

Speaker : Let the copy be distributed. Now we have 10 minutes for our morning session so what shall we do, shall we have a break now or shall we start our discussion. If you want to start now, we shall do it. Yesterday, hon'ble Finance Minister presented Vote on Account for expenditure of the Government of Mizoram 1996-1997 August-September. Today we have to discuss and pass this. Who will speak first?

Pu Zoramthanga : Mr. Speaker Sir, first I would like to speak about Police under No 14. total demand is 4,214.20 lakh rupees in revenue. The total amount demanded for 2 months on Vote on Accounts is 702.38 lakh rupees from the statement made by the Hon'ble Minister, it is clear that we require more police and necessary steps should be taken to strengthen police. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to note that Champhai constituency particularly face many problems. As Champhai is in the border area, various rebel groups used to come and collect tax and this creates problem for the localities because of this it is necessary to strengthen police force. At the same time, it is necessary to strengthen police for Khawbung, Ngopa and Hnablan constituencies which are in border area. Even the western Belt at bordering areas are facing similar problems, therefore, if we do not strengthen our police forces like MAP & MRP at border areas we, the sons of soil will be oppressed in our own land. I, therefore, would like to request Home Ministry to consider this matter and take necessary steps.

In civil supply, 300 lakh rupees for now and 1228 lakh rupees for capital and 231 lakh rupees for revenue had been allotted for these two months. In supply, the condition of rice itself is to some extent good but I would like to mention other essential commodities particularly Gas. In other states they can do door to door delivery but we can not expect door to door delivery here as we are in hilly area. But I think an arrangement can be made in the system of distribution.

Regarding PHE Department, we are now depending on water supplied by PHE Department, but PHE is not trustworthy. The people of Aizawl are facing water problems. I, therefore, would like to remind the concern Minister about the problem faced by the people of Aizawl.

Lastly, I would like to point out that maintenance of Jail and other Rescue Centres are very poor and great efforts should be made by social welfare Department to promote these centres.

Thank You.

Speaker : It's 1:00 PM now and we shall have recess and then resume our sitting at 2:00 P.M.

Dr. J.V. Hluna : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is sad that we cannot have full Budget, however, I feel that it is necessary to discuss whatever budget we have.

What I would like to say first is that on 4th of this month I met Chief Engineer of North eastern FCI who asked me to convey to the Government of Mizoram to upgrade Bairabi-Kolasib road as there is Rail Head at Bairabi now as even FCI had built godown at Bairabi. I myself am not aware that Government of Mizoram is neglecting Bairabi-Kolasib road as aware by even outsiders. Since this road is a life-line for Mizoram, I urge the Government to upgrade this road.

These days we are preaching to economise our budget and it is good. However, I feel that we do not economise our funds regarding compensation and land acquisition, it is my opinion that we never negotiate properly when we are going to acquire land. While speaking about economy, I feel that Government of Mizoram is having unnecessary expenditure at Delhi, Mizoram House. There is

financial Adviser, Resident Commissioner, Press Information Adviser to C.M, Assistant Press Information Officer of whom all facilities are given by the Government of Mizoram and it seems there is an intention to put on OSD too. Are all these necessary, is there some ways to reduce these officers in order to economise our budget? Can a Deputy Resident Commissioner do these works? I also would like to point out that there is JE to look after Mizoram House at Delhi whose room is furnished with AC. Besides this, he has Disc Antenna for star T.V I would like to know who provide this? Does he entitle Ac Room?

I would like to thank the Government for not increasing the number of MLAS due to our financial problems.

As the Hon'ble Member Pu Zoramthanga had pointed out, in the Western Belts, Shanti Bahinis are creating problems; I would like to urge the Government to strengthen police force in Western Belts.

In our budget for two months, most allocation is made for Education and I think it will improve our education system. It will be good if School teachers are posted equally both at Aizawl and other villages. I also would like to mention that we are neglecting Hindi in Mizoram. Though Education Department has Hindi wing we do not learn much Hindi as it is not compulsory. Because of this we face many problems outside Mizoram. I, therefore, would like to suggest to study more Hindi and strengthen Hindi Wing.

Thank you.

Pu Lalsawta : Mr. Speaker Sir, as there is nothing much to say in our Budget. I would like to say three points in general. first, I feel it is important to use our Budget properly otherwise it will be good if there is proper guide-lines whenever Government is going to buy purchase anything.

Secondly, I would like to mention about Gas (LPG) because it is one of our main problems these days. It is clear that there is unfair means in the way of distributing Gas by distributors. The concern Department can check how distributors are distributing gas to their consumers according to the Mizoram Trade Articles(Licensing and Control) orders, 1987. In this way, distributors will not ignore their consumers if Government is interfering. The Hon'ble House Leader formed a Committee to enquire the problems we are facing in Gas. The findings of the Committee is that in many Villages, the distributors used to give connections for this own benefits, as a result, we are facing scarcity. If the Government takes action according to Public Distribution system our problem will be solved.

Thirdly, there are some Department which has direct concern about mankind. Health & Family Welfare Department has hospitals, Jails and several De-addiction Centres. It is important to visit these institutions at regular intervals and see their problems at the spot, In some years back, a Committee was formed to visit these institutions and I think it is good to form such a Committee.

Thank You.

Speaker : Please try to be specific in your speech.

Pu E Malsawma : Mr. Speaker Sir, I will try to be specific. First of all I would like to point out that this House should give importance to the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India. I asked many questions based on this report but it seems our officers, Head of Departments and even our ministers did not study this report because the figure given by our officers do not tally with the report. If we do not study properly Audit objection made by the highest authority in the Government of India regarding financial control, our administration and financial discipline will not be favourable to the Centre. At the same time, it is also very important to study reports and proceedings of various Committees. Otherwise, we will easily be misled and our dignity will be degraded. I, therefore, would like to request the Ministers in particulars, to direct their officers to study carefully all the reports they have received. I also would like to point out that many wrong informations had been given to the house and we should be careful in future not to give wrong informations to the House.

Regarding compensation, I would like to request the Government to do things carefully. While there is High Court Judgment order to give only one person from a family, in some Villages, for instance, in Pukzing village, there are 8 persons to receive compensation from one family. Regarding rental charge, I would like to request the Government to settle things not from the desk of the officers but to direct the officers to do on the spot and I would like to inform the Government that we, the legislators, are willing to co-operate if they are going to do within our constituency areas.

In Education, I had talked both to Central Minister, Mr. Bommai and Human Resources Development minister to include Mizo in CBSE, classes 11th, 12th & 10th and I would like to urge

the Government to take steps in this regard. As Mizo students are facing problems in various parts of India, it is necessary to have Tribal hostel at Delhi. I am glad to hear that the Deputy Residence Commisioner is taking steps to have such hostel to accomodate about 100 students. It is our responsibility to consider the welfare of our students to compete students from other parts of India. In develop- ing country, it is the responsibility of the Government to uplift the post and upgrade the higher section. As that is the case, in my opinion, it is good to raise the amount of money given to those who appeared for Civil Service exams conducted by UPSC from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 10,000/- after they passed preliminary exams to give them incentives. Otherwise there will be no Mizo IAS in future. To improve our Education system, it is necessary to have good founda- tion. To have good foundation in education we have to improve the efficiency and give incentive to teachers. It is heard that there are 50 posts of primary school teachers to be filled up and I would like to urge the Government to appoint those who have trained in pre- service training.

Another point I would like to mention is about the prob- lems faced by our youths regarding drugs and other kinds of addiction. We have had a committee with the Hon'ble home Minister to consider about this and even the Hon'ble Chief Minister took initiative part. Many of our parents are troubled by this. Our police and Excise force had arrested many such addicts but only 20 were convicted. I would like to question the Magistrates whether they really share the burden which befell on the people of Mizoram. If there is no proper rules in this regard, it should be created as soon as possible.

Lastly, I and my friends used to mention in this House that it is necessary to consider the poorer section and I am glad that the Govt. is giving ears to what we have said. Now there is a scheme for Poor Aid as one time assistance. But what I would like to point out is that we should be very careful while choosing the beneficiar- ies. In my opinion, it will be fair if we entrust YMA to choose the beneficiaries. If we go according to Isaiab 1:17 which reads -

learn to do good ; seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow, then we are following democracy. So, I urge the legislators, members of this august House to follow this scripture.

Thank you.

Pu F. Lalremsiana : Mr. Speaker Sir, first I would like to mention that you had assured us to give in our morning session to give the names and rates of the bidder for purchase of private building at Venghlui, but now its 14 minutes to 3 and we haven't been given the names as yet. I, therefore, strongly demand that an assurance given earlier be fulfilled in order to maintain the dignity of this House and to safeguard the rights of the members.

Regarding our Budget, it is our second time to have our Budget on Vote on Accounts. We do not blame either the Govt. or the Hon'ble Finance Minister for this. However, as our session is a budget session, I do support austerity measures pointed out by the Hon'ble Members regarding budget allocation and maintaining administration.

While I appreciate the steps taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister to have International Airport in North East and his proposal for Lengpui as one of such international airports I would like to point out that our leaders should not forget that we are in a race course. At the centre, Railway Budget had been laid and various people are re-acting to it. But in Mizoram, Railway Budget does not have meaning, we only know that the fares had been raised. Through we have rail-head at Bairabi, it's been a long time that rice dia not arrive at Bairabi and besides that Bairabi-Kolasib road is very bad.

By the kindness of the Govt. I used to be a member of Planning Board and a member of monitoring and evaluation committee. The Committee visited Kolasib-Bairabi road on the spot with Planning Board Vice Chairman and we submitted our opinion and suggestions to the concerned Department. But it is regretful that no attention had been given/paid to our suggestions. I've heard that the condition of Bairabi-Kolasib road is very bad and even Bus service is not regular. I, therefore, would like to point out that it is necessary to streamline (including V.C) our administration.

Another point I would like to mention is that as we all know, there is coalition Govt. at the Centre and it is not important who support the Government. The most important thing is to consider the development of Mizoram. One of the objectives of this Coalition Govt. in their common minimum programme is greater devolution of power to the states and our Govt. should have its principle in this regard. As pointed out by the Hon'ble Chief Minister regarding Lengpui Airport, I would like to urge the Govt. to consider in which zone should priority be given for Mizoram.

Another point I would like to mention is about Education. It is said that 'Education should be made a fundamental right' This year is proclaimed as 'Zima Uar Kum' which means "Year of promoting Education" even the Govt., is taking steps to promote education and the Hon'ble Finance minister is Chairman in the Co-ordination Committee in this regard. However, while we are trying to promote education, as mentioned earlier the way we are appointing High School Teachers and Higher Secondary Education is not favourable and at the same time students of Government Higher Secondary School do not have class rooms, why does the Govt. allot land to private within the area of this school? I am glad that more schools in Aizawl had been recognised for 10+2. In this way, can we give priority to Education and Health & Family Welfare Department under common minimum Programme particularly for Mizoram? I would like to request the Hon'ble Finance Minister to allot more funds for these two Department in our next Budget Session.

Mr Speaker Sir, I am glad that the Govt. is taking great efforts in Administration. In my opinion, it is good to have proper cadre for our All India Civil Service personnel. We must demand separate Cadre for our State civil Service, Police Service, Forest Service and other organised services for lateral entry. Besides these, Mr. Speaker sir Government Employees Federation is the biggest Association and they have many demands. Among their demands I would like to request the Govt. to accept Joint consultative Machinery. L.T.C. (Leave Travel Concession) should also be given to Govt. servants and I also would like to urge the Govt. not to withhold DA and interim relief allotted to Govt. Servants. Regarding Police Department, I would like to point out that our police are very efficient but I feel that the Govt. does not favour them as they deserve. Mizoram Police had seized 10 AK Rifles (various series) 9 pistols, Communication set and important documents from CNE. For my question regarding Mizoram Police Welfare Fund, it was said that the Govt. is intending to give 1 lakh rupees for the Welfare fund which is being processed in the file. What I would like to point out is that the lower ranks of Mizoram Police need special consideration.

I also would like to point out that room rent at various Department Rest Houses are different even after an order had been issued. I am saying these because I want our administration system in Mizoram to be intact so it can tally with our Budget.

Thank you.

Pu. Lalrinchhana : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me time.

(Speaker : We do not fix time hoping that you won't take much time but you are taking your own time. Since we can not go beyond 4 P.M. please try to be specific in your speech).

Pu. Lalrinchhana : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have only three points. My first point is about School Education. In order to have good education we need to have a good foundation. At present, as Primary Education in Mizoram is not good enough, our result in High School level cannot be good, therefore, if we do not reform our education system from primary school level from this year itself our education will suffer. Considering the number of students and teachers in primary schools, we have sufficient teachers. But ~~in most~~ of the schools particularly in villages there is one or two teacher for one school which means for class I-IV, this results in poor education. While Primary Education is free and compulsory in India and Mizoram, why Mizo children do not have teacher? If we neglect primary education, which is the foundation, our education system will not get improved. It seems there are many teachers in the capital. This matter should also be looked into. As that is the case, I would like to urge the Govt. to allot more funds for Primary Education when we have proper Budget.

Secondly, I would like to mention about Medical Department. To give health to its citizens Govt. is taking various steps by constructing hospitals both in rural and urban areas. Though doctors had been posted at PHC and SHC, most of them hardly stay in their place of posting. And at the same time even for those who wanted to do their duty diligently, they do not have medical facilities to look after the patients; so it is very difficult for them and as a result the people suffer. Our medical Department is famous in Family Welfare and Birth Control which is not so important for our state considering our population. It should rather take efforts to eradicate Malaria

and other diseases. Therefore, in order to provide healthy life to everyone we have to improve PHC and SHC by providing better medical facilities.

Thirdly, I would like to point out that Development fund is not sufficient to be used for enjoyment as well though it may be sufficient for developmental works. In our present situation, it seems there is a great competition to grab development funds. The reason for this is there is no market for what our farmers produced. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the Govt. to seek/find market for farmers so that our farmers can sell their products at reasonable prices which will give incentive to them. It will be good if the Govt. can give subsidy or grant-in-aid both to the farmers and industrialists. I, therefore, would like to urge the Govt. to have proper plan in this respect in our next Budget.

Thank you.

Speaker : Now I shall call upon Pu Thangkima and after that Pu Biakzuala. Please try not to take more than 10 minutes.

Pu H. Thangkima : Mr Speaker Sir, I do support what had been said by the Hon'ble member just before me.

If we look at Census figure, we can see that while the population of cities are growing it is becoming smaller and smaller in villages. The reason for this is that we are neglecting rural areas and if we go on like this, we will face problems. Therefore, I would like to urge the Govt. to take steps to develop rural areas in various ways particularly in Education and Health.

For my first point, as I had often said, today I would like to urge the Govt. again to have Lunglei District House at Aizawl. Another point I would like to mention is about Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road. I would like to request the Govt. to give priority to this road which already have had its structure/frame work. I also would like to point out that there is no police post between Bnghmun, Lunglei, Thenzawl, Hnahthial and Serchhip, therefore, if there is any intention to deploy police, I would like to request the Govt. to bear this in mind.

Another point I would like to mention is about school Education. As there are more children, we need more Primary School so the public had to open private school. My point is can the Govt. give recognition to such private schools after functioning for 2/3 years privately. Not only this, will it be good even if Director can give such permission? We, the people of rural areas need your consideration. Another point is as I've often said, I would like to urge the Govt. not to include Tlangfan ram and Lungpui ram of Pangzawl area in the Khawbung Wild Sanctuary. Otherwise it will be a great problem for the people of this area.

I had said the other day about the problem faced by ginger growers. Today, also I would like to know the intention of the Govt. in this regard, can we find market for them? Otherwise, they are working hard in vain. It is good that Govt. used to distribute silpouline but 80% of the beneficiaries are from urban people. When we, the people of rural areas applied for silpouline and V.C. had to verify the application. This creates great problem both for the applicants and the V.C. Therefore, it will be good if the Govt. can find a way to solve our problem in this regard.

Lastly, I used to request the Govt. to make Phaileng which is only 10 KM from Latui to be motorable. Today also I repeat my request to the Govt. and to give priority to my request.

Thank you.

Pu Lalbiak Zuala : Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to say how grateful I am here with sound health, because this is the first time I attend the house without having personal difficulties.

We have already discussed and listened to many good advice from our Hon'ble members, but everything does not look what it seems, I have six important questions to ask.

Firstly, Regarding demand No. 22 of School Education-As we have no efficient and sufficient teachers at primary and middle school level, no good enough result should be expected. Not only that our education system is unsuitable for further improvement. In this regard, has not the government noticed such inadequacy of teachers and education system.

Secondly, relating to demand no 26 of Health Department we know certainly that large amount of money has been sanctioned to Health and Family Welfare Department. But large number of villages at remote areas do not have Sub-Centre, health workers etc. In this regard, has not the government noticed such inadequacy?

Thirdly, regarding demand no 38 of Fisheries Department large amount of money has been sanctioned but no utilisation or the result thereof is seen. Is it not possible to buy their product without sanctioning the said amount?

Fourthly, Demand no 40 of Rural Development Department there is misuse of sanctioned money among the people. The main reason is that the sanction is handed over to UDCs to distribute, normally UDCs are closely linked with V/C having mutual agreement. To this, should the government set up an agency to look after the whole affairs?

Fifthly, regarding demand no 16- has the government intention to expand cooking gas agency at Aizawl town?

Sixthly, regarding demand no 34 of Labour and Employment Department, has the responsible department intended to open course on trades such as surveyor, Computer etc. at Industrial Training Institute at Aizawl Town?

Speaker : Let us call upon concerned minister to clarify and beg the House to pass vote on account.

Pu J. Ialsangzuala : Mr. Speaker sir, I hope we are very clear from the statement made by our Minister Hon'ble Members the importance of Health Department, In this regard, I think no further explanation is needed.

Regarding question raised by Hon'ble Member, Pu I alkham-border security especially between Burma and Bangladesh is handed over to Police, Assam Rifles, and Border Security Force.

Regarding financial instability, no adequate sanction has been received from Central Government.

Regarding question raised by Hon'ble Member Dr. J.V. Hluna, 40% passed HSLC examination last year.

Regarding MZP and Foreigners, many foreigners have been detained with prior approval and investigation carried on by V/C and MZP. Later on the government is trying to negotiate with leaders of MZP by amicable means, which they rejected and unlawful action has taken place and some MZP leaders have been detained.

According to rumours Fake/Counterfeit currency has been spreading over Aizawl town. As the government is alert at this, remedial measure has to be taken.

Regarding electric metre, hire and purchase, Sifpouline, Nurses Pay, LTC and Identity Card, the government is intending to take appropriate and remedial action.

Regarding Police department, the government has been taking step to create police post at Dungleang Village so that it will easily covers Khawbung, Farkawn and Vaphai.

Taking to the PHE department the Aizawl greater Water Supply Scheme phase I has not yet properly functioned. Therefore in order to supply sufficient drinking water, Aizawl Greater Water Supply phase II has been intended to be carried on extensively, this will cover all needed area.

Regarding intoxicating drinks and drugs, the government is trying to solve the problems as far as it can.

Viewing national highway between Bairabi and Kolasib, the government had been taking step to construct national highway, but devaluation of currency at Central level causes difficulties.

Regarding Santi Bahini, School Teachers, financial management and compensation, each responsible department is intending to take care of any situation arising thereof. To add, Construction of Hostel for North Eastern region in Delhi, Teacher training and NLUP Selection has been taken care of by the government.

Considering railway construction at Sairang, Phase II covers the scheme, but due to financial shortage, the scheme has not yet functioned properly.

Again, I request our hon'ble Members to note that the government give priority to Health and Education for remote areas. Not only that, the government has only delayed LTC and interim relief for a little while, but it will not be delayed too long. The government has also an intention to purchase the products of fishery

and also has taken step to improve Rural Development and I.T.I.

I therefore move Vote on Account of Rs. 11,757.10/- crores to pass.

Thank you.

Speaker : As our Financial minister moved vote on account to be passed, those who agree to pass say 'Yes' and those who do not agree say 'No'

(Demand was passed)

Since there is no one who disagrees, I declare that the bill is passed.

Now let us call upon our finance Minister to beg leave to introduce the Bill, - Mizoram Appropriation Bill, vote on account No 4 1996.

Pu J. Lalsangzuala : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your kind permission, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation Vote on Account No. 4 bill 1996 and I introduce the Bill, Thank you.

Speaker : As begged by Finance Minister do we agree to have the bill introduced, let the bill be introduced.

Pu J. Lalsangzuala : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission I hereby introduce Mizoram Appropriation vote on account No 4 Bil 1996 and to be considered.

Speaker : Let us call upon Finance Minister to move the bill for passing of the House.

Pu J. Lalsangzuala : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission I beg leave of the House to pass the Mizoram appropriation Vote on Account No. 4 Bill.

Speaker : The Minister asked for consideration Do we agree ? (Members agreed). He also asked the Bill to be passed and we have to vote for that. So those who agree to pass the Mizoram Appropriation vote on Account No 4 Bill 1996 may say so. (Members agreed to pass). Well then the Mizoram Appropriation Vote on Account No. 4 Bill 1996 is unanimously passed.

Pu J. Lalsangzuala : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

Speaker : Now we have finished out Business. As pointed out by the Hon'ble Finance Minister we thought of having proper Budget Session but due to the changing of Ministry at the Centre we are not certain about our financial position, so we have to take Vote on Account for these two months and we summoned a Session for this and I am glad that the Bill had been passed unanimously.

Now the House is adjourned sine die.

The House Adjourned sine die at 4:13 PM.