

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 10TH & BUDGET SESSION FROM 15TH
TO 30TH MARCH, 1976

10TH SITTING ON 29TH MARCH, 1976 AT 10:30 A.M.

Pu Vaivenga, Speaker in the Chair, Chief Minister, six Ministers
and twenty five Members.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

1. Questions.

2. Laying of Papers

Pu H.Thansanga, Minister i/c P.W.D.etc to lay
the following letter on the Table of the House -
Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence Production
letter D.O.No.1742/R.U.M/75/dated 3rd April, 1975.

3. Introduction, Consideration & Passing of Govt. Bill

(a) Pu R.Thangliana, Minister i/c Revenue Deptt.,
to beg leave to introduce "The Mizo District
(Land and Revenue) (Amendment) Bill, 1976";

(b) if leave is granted, to introduce the Bill.

Pu R.Thangliana, Minister i/c Finance Deptt.
to beg -

(a) that leave be granted to introduce the "Appro-
priation (No.2) Bill, 1977";

(b) if leave granted, to introduce the Bill,

(c) that the Bill be taken into consideration,

(d) that the Bill be passed.

4. Discussion and Voting on Demands for Grants for 1976 -

(a) Pu Ch.Chhunga, Chief Minister to move the De-
mands for Grants in respect of the Department
under his charge.

(b) Consideration and Voting of the Demands .

SPEAKER : "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true
whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things
are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things
are lovely, whatsoever things are gracious; if there be
any virtue, and if there be any praise, think of these
things".

Now Question No. 61.

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Non-supply of water where Cards are supplied on payment.

PU LAIKUNGA

*61 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Public Health Engineering
Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that some Village Councils within
Aizawl Town are instructed by P.H.E. Deptt. to make
Cards for water, realising 50 paise from every house-
hold even where no water is supplied ?

(b) If so, the reason therefor ?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr. Speaker, (a) yes, within the areas where PHE
MINISTER Deptt. already laid pipes:

(b) it is arranged for the convenience of the
people and the Deptt. staff who give water to them. Otherwise, the
strong got the more.

PU LAIKUNGA ; Mr. Speaker, was Cards made where water is not
given from the pipes ?

PU H.THANSANGA

MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, Cards were made even where water is
not supplied yet, in anticipation of giving
them soon. As giving water by vehicles is too costly supply of

can't get water from the pipes and the reports are being considered now. In many places water may not be given from the pipes. People are supposed to get water where there are pipes and Cards might have been issued in advance.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, have the Card-fees been realised where there is no pipe ?

PU H. THANSANGA: Mr. Speaker, we are not aware of such happenings.
MINISTER If the Hon'ble Member know of such thing it will be quite informative for us.

PU C. LALRUITA: Mr. Speaker, have pipes been laid in Ramhlun Veng area ? Had water been given if pipes had been laid ? If water has been given, have Water Cards been issued ?

PU H. THANSANGA: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure about issue of Cards,
MINISTER but pipes have been laid and water might not yet be given from it as it is under process. Only just now people from U.G.T.T.I. came and complained that water is not supplied from the pipe and the Deppt. staff are detailed to inspect. Our Programme could not be carried out due to some defects, like the 2 inches diameter of the outlet pipe. The case may be the same for Ramhlun Veng also.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker, it is evident that supply of water is a total failure now. As such, will vehicles be employed to give water ?

PU H. THANSANGA: Mr. Speaker, if the present attempt totally
MINISTER fails, we may not resort to it.

SPEAKER : Question No. 62.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Undertaking of construction of Police building by B.R.T.F.

PU LALKUNGA :

*62 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Public Works Department be pleased to state -

(a) whether it is a fact that the constructions of road and buildings for police at Sivaji Tilla is allotted to the B.R.T.F. ?

(b) If so, the reason therefor ?

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr. Speaker, yes, the constructions of road and
MINISTER buildings for Police is allotted to the B.R.T.F.

(b) As the work is of urgent nature, commemorating the assassination of the I.G.P. last year. It has been allotted to the B.R.T.F. to do it hastily.

PU LALKUNGA : Mr. Speaker, what rate has been offered to the B.R.T.F.? If of urgent nature, when should they complete the works ?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker,as it is of Police-complex comprising
MINISTER Offices,residential buildings for Senior Officers' quarters,they are offered at Rs.3.40 crore on emergency basis.I cannot tell the details of the work-order.

PU LALKUNGA : Mr.Speaker,is the rate of the B.R.T.F. similar to P.W.D's Schedule of work rate? Did the Govt. detail Engineers to investigate the work and site? In what manner the Bill will be paid? The work is of emergent nature and we dont know the date of commencement and completion.Could not the work be allotted to our efficient Mizo Contractors? Does our Govt.know what materials are used,and conduct investigation?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker,the work is allotted on Deposit work
MINISTER system under which money is given to them to execute the work and they are paid 16% for their labours.They are given the money for smooth running of the work.The materials used and the design are upto their Engineer. We simply finance the work and they do.the execution.

PU DALKUNGA : Mr.Speaker,if the B.R.T.F. should hand over to our Govt. after completion,care should be taken. I have visited it once and found.the quality of sands used too bad.And the (I.G.P.)Arya Mess is too poor.These Culverts and Buildings are plastered on the outside but the inner surface is very badly coated.If the work is not supervised now and handed over after completion our Govt.will be responsible for it later.Hence the question.Should not the Govt.supervise it now?

PU SAPLIANA : Mr.Speaker,if the complex is for Offices and Senior Officers' quarters,how many are for Offices and Quarters respectively? I want to know the money sanctioned for each building.Also the money sanctioned for construction of approach road?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker,if we are not satisfied with the
MINISTER works of the B.R.T.F. it is a pity.If we finance the work it should be good.If you feel necessary to supervise,the information is invaluable.I cannot tell the information required by Pu Sapliana.After its hand over to us we may settle the dues.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr.Speaker,when the P.W.D.constructs buildings on Deposit-work scheme/system it simultaneously take up maintenance. Hence,will the B.R.T.F.take up maintenance of the buildings-complex?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker,construction is done under Deposit
MINISTER work system but the maintenance should no longer be in B.R.T.F's hand.As the work is of emergent nature,it was offered them for quick completion.Our Deptt.should take up maintenance work.

PU LALKUNGA : Mr.Speaker,we said it is of emergent nature but not in what manner.As the P.W.D.is not considered reliable it was given to B.R.T.F.as an emergent nature of work,without prescribing the date for commencement and completion.In what manner it becomes emergent nature?

PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker, did the Govt. allot the work to the B.R.T.F. without terms and conditions? So much money is involved and the Govt. appear not to prescribe how many buildings should be constructed. Does it mean terms and conditions were not laid down for the work?

PU CHHCHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, I would like to explain the Police CHIEF MINISTER complex at Sivaji Tillah. As we have no Police complex the Office of the I.G.P. could not be isolated as desired, and the assassination of the 3 Police Officers in the Office of the I.G.P. is attributed as the cause. The Govt. considered the location of I.G.P.'s Office unfavourable, and as the Assam Rifles could vacate Sivaji Tillah, the site was selected for Police complex. But prescription of how many buildings should be constructed was not there as it was felt unnecessary. Anyhow, allotment of the work to B.R.T.F. was proposed long ago. We also needed quarters for our Senior Officers. Hence, Arya Mess came up in commemoration of the assassinated 3 Police Officers.

SPEAKER : Question No. 63.

Surrender of N.E.C. Funds for construction of roads.

PU C. LALRUATA :

*63 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Public Works Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is it a fact that about 50% of Fund under N.E.C. Scheme for construction of road is to be surrendered?

(b) If yes, what is the reason therefor?

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr. Speaker, (a) the Fund is not surrendered; MINISTER (b) does not arise.

PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker, whether any percent of the Fund has been surrendered?

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr. Speaker, paper allotment for the Scheme was Rs. 80 lakhs but only Rs. 35 lakhs was actually MINISTER allotted, whereas our requirement was Rs. 59 lakhs; Rs. 24 lakhs is deficit of our requirement, and they are requested to sanction that much. The N.E.C. too have to obtain Central approval for sanctions and things could not speed up. The deficit amount applied for may be utilised as and when needed and they told us how to pursue the matter which we complied with now. No percent of the Fund is surrendered.

PU LALHLIRA : Mr. Speaker, I want to know the number and names of roads proposed to be taken up under N.E.C. Scheme during 1975 - 76. I also want to know the number of roads completed and respective lengths.

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr. Speaker, the roads included under N.E.C. Scheme MINISTER during 1975 - 76 are - Kawnpui, Bairabi, Hailakandi, Aizawl - Vangmun and Kumarghat; Tuiuibari and Phuldungsei are not yet taken up. I may not tell the exact length figure, as it is under final process. Kawnpui, Bairabi, Hailakandi etc. may come under 20 Km respectively, approximately.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker,I still don't understand how out of Rs.80 lakhs allotted in paper,only Rs.35 lakhs was actually received resulting in deficit of Rs.45 lakhs.Does this mean the rumour is true that out of Rs.80 lakhs allotted in paper only Rs.35 lakhs was actually allotted due to Principal Engineer's statement that only 50% may be utilised for the Scheme?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker.Rs.80 lakhs was allotted in paper in
MINISTER the discussion of original allotment-making,but that could not yet be sanctioned practically.
The N.E.C.too have to obtain Central approval in allotting sanctions That means this Rs.35 lakhs was Centrally approved for us,which falls short of our requirement and we demanded for more sanctions. We have been assured of grant of our demands and we are going on.

SPEAKER : Question No.64.

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Target for supply of water to rural areas.

PU C.LALRUATA :

*64 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Public Health Engineering Department be pleased to state -

(a)What is the target in supplying water to the areas in Mizoram during 1976 - 77 and during 5th Plan period?

(b)What was the achievement made during 4th Plan?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker, some explanation may be found in the
MINISTER Budget Volume 2, page 75 like pipe supply, gravitation etc.Now we propose to take up Kolasib, Champhai, Chhiahtlang, Lawngtlai, Siatsuk, Reiek. Due to acute shortage of staff progress is slow as we dare not take up too much task at once facing such shortage. We propose to go step by step. The programme needs fresh consideration. Our target during 5th Plan was 55 villages.

(b) Achievement during 4th Plan was Water Supply Schemes for 6 villages - Vairengte, Zemabawk, Kawnpui, Bilkhawthlir, Thingdawl, Baktawng. There is Urban Water Supply Scheme for Aizawl. These Vairengte and Bilkhawthlir are Pumping system and the rest Zemabawk, Kawnpui, Thingdawl, Baktawng are Gravitation system of Water Supply Scheme.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker, whether the Minister's reply (a) is continuation Scheme of the past year or new Scheme under 1976 - 77?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker, some Schemes are already started and
MINISTER some are being started; the Schemes started will have to be completed and the un-started Schemes will be taken up this year. Fresh discussion for fast implementation is necessary, taking into consideration communication and complex areas as the deciding factors.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker,I want to know the Central Govt's target for supply of water during the 4th and 5 Plans,for comparison with Mizoram.When did the Schemes,found on page 75 of Budget Volume 2,started,whether during the 3rd or 4th Plan or to be taken up during the 5th Plan?

PU SAPLIANA : Mr.Speaker,is it true that the 3 District Councils were given sanctions for implementation of Water Supply Schemes from the P.H.E.Deptt. previously? If true, what are the achievements? In Lawngtlai,we found only some steel pipes lying about there;I want to know the achievement there.
(2) Do the Govt,intend to sanction money to the 3 District Councils for the Water Supply Schemes during 1976 - 77? If to give,what are the instructions to them? Will it provide technical persons for supervision? If unable to provide,how do the Govt.intend to employ any agency to provide technical persons?

SPEAKER : Pu C.Lalruata's question is outside the purview of Mizoram Govt.,rather All India matter.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker,my question of Central Govt's target for Water Supply Scheme is of course All India purview.But the latter one is our Govt's purview and whether already started during the 3rd or 4th Plan or whether to be taken up during the 5th Plan?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker,the villages mentioned in the Budget MINISTER might have been started even during the 4th Plan but I am not sure,but most of them will be taken up during the 5th Plan and it will be followed up. 55 villages are the targets and they shall be taken up gradually.

In reply to Pu Sapliana's question,Grants-in-aid to the 3 District Councils are found on page 70 of Budget Vol.2, its implementations are upto them and if they need staff co-operation with us will be considered.Their initiation will be considered as the Grant utilisation is upto them.There is no other new Scheme beside making water-holes.

Lawngtlai,Saiha Schemes are Gravitational method but if unpracticable Pumping will be used.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr.Speaker,during 1972 - 73,1973 - 74 the P.H.E. Deptt.sanctioned Rs.30,000/- to the 3 District Councils to execute Water Supply Schemes and what are their respective achievements?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker,such sanctions were given for Mizawl MINISTER Dist.too,not only Chhimituipei Dist. and I think it was Rs.10 lakhs.Such Grants for making water holes were given through the Dy.Commissioners respectively,who might have entrusted the Dist.Councils to execute the works.Things might be even speedier.I cannot tell the achievements in Chhimituipei Dist. as no report is received here.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker,if I remember it right,during the 5th Plan it is proposed that people should be able to get water at the distance interval of 1 furlong.Mizoram Govt. proposed to supply water to 55 villages during the 5th Plan. What is the population figure of the 55 villages respectively? According to Mizoram population figure,what percent population shall be benefitted by the 5th Plan?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker,I cannot tell the population figure,
MINISTER anyhow the Schemes should be on population basis
The newly established Investigation Division will take up Rural Water Supply Scheme and it has already submitted its report on Aizawl Dist. and will take up Lunglei in April and then take up rural areas later.Executions will follow Govt's decision.After the Investigation Division fully functions,realistic and practical works will be done.After that Hon'ble Member's questions will be practically clarified.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker,in order to take up water Supply Scheme what have the Govt.to do formally? Whether population basis or convenience of situation for drawing water is the criteria? Whether Pumping or Gravitation is given priority?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker,this matter needs careful consideration.In the Rural Water Supply Scheme there is no specific programme to be adopted.Our villages are located at the top of hills but water do not flow upwards, hence Gravitational method seems impossible.Where Gravitational method is feasible,whether far off,it could be carried out.If Pumping system is to be followed in all cases it is expensive and cannot function properly.Vairengte and Bikhawthlir,where Pumping system is introduced met many difficulties as we felt here in Aizawl.I believe it is not encouraging to introduce Pumping system while we cannot provide technical persons and communication shall pose problem in regard to supply of Diesel for the machines.This really needs careful consideration as this Rural Water Supply Scheme is quite a problem.It is done here in Aizawl on population basis and will be followed in rural areas too.Under the present Scheme for Aizawl one (1) person shall get 30 gallons per day and the Scheme shall be revised after interval of 30 years.We shall consume more water in future,for various purposes.At present, Aizawl population is around 56,000. The Scheme is based on that population basis.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr.Speaker,did the Govt.consider only Aizawl Dist. for 1976 - 77 target?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker,not only for Aizawl Dist. If Lunglei
MINISTER Dist. has not been included it could have been split over.There are uncompleted Schemes in Hnahthial and Lunglei where some works had been started but it could have been split.

SPEAKER : Question No.65.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Regularisation of services of work-charged Sectional Assistants and Drivers.

PU C.LALRUATA :

*65 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Public Works Department be pleased to state -

(a)Is it a fact that quite a number of Sectional Assistants Drivers etc.in the P.W.D. are employed as work-charged basis ?

(b)If yes, is there any proposal to regularise these services?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker,yes,it is a fact. (b) employment of
MINISTER work-charged persons cannot be totally abolished
and will go on according to the nature of works
When the specific nature of works is over their employment as work-
charged is over.

When works of different nature come up they are
employed continuously and work-charged employment cannot be stopped.
We therefore have to consider how to regularise and is under con-
sideration;instructions had been issued to collect all the lists
available.Reasonable condition have to be laid down to regularise
work-charged persons and accordingly Mizoram Section Assistant
Training Institute was duly established.Now the first batch of
trainees are undergoing training;there is proposal that giving
them training facilities will serve as the criteria and condition.
Regularising the successful trainees and absorbing them to regular
services is under consideration.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker,I understand the case of Section Ass
Assistants.But why Drivers are employed on work-
charged basis for long time;some 20 Drivers are employed as work-
charged.I want to know why the Drivers have to be put under the
same category of S.As? What kind of measure shall be used to regu-
larise their services? Whether the period of services or perfor-
mances have to be used as the measuring rod? What is the specific
method of measurement for regularisation?

PU SAPLIANA : Mr.Speaker,how many are employed as work-charged
under Aizawl West Division of Aizawl Dist.?
Also the number of employees under Lunglei and
Chhimituipui Divisions,Division-wise? I want to know why for so
long period they have been employed as work-charged without record
of services? The Minister expects that work-charged may be regu-
larised this year.I want to know whether they may be able to regu-
larise all the work-charged during current year?

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker,in regularisation of work-charged
MINISTER Drivers,besides seniority,obedience and trust-
worthiness will be considered as favourable.
Seniority alone cannot be favoured as good performances is very
important. I cannot tell the number to be regularised Dis-
trict-wise as one Division has not yet submitted the collected
list to be processed.The senior ones are already processed.

SPEAKER : Question No.66

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Strict control of attendance.

PU C.LALRUATA :

*66 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c General Administration Deptt.
be pleased to state -

(a)Is it a fact that the Govt.instructed Heads of Departments
and Offices to conduct a strict control and surprise chec-
king of their Offices and attendance of the staff?

(b)If yes,do they conduct the checking as instructed?

(c) Have any persons been detected neglecting their duties and attendance?

(d) Are there any Officers upon whom punishment has been inflicted as a result?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, (a) yes, such instructions had been
CHIEF MINISTER issued to Directors and Heads of Offices;
(b) the Officers conducted the checking; (c)
some persons had been detected; (d) some have been punished and
some given warning, and in some cases deduction of Casual Leave
dues.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker, had any ranking-Officer been punis-
hed? In which Deptt. such cases are most found
and detected? Is the Govt. aware that many left their Offices
during 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. for Lunch-break, though there is order
restricting going on Lunch-break?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of Officers and staff
CHIEF MINISTER going on Lunch-break, as there is no information.
I cannot give detail information to Hon'ble
Member.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker, will the Govt. take legal actions if
some person could produce evidence that some
Officers and staff used to go on Lunch-break?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, if the reports could be produced with
CHIEF MINISTER their names etc. investigation will be conducted
and if the concerned persons are found guilty
disciplinary actions shall be taken against them.

PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker, suppose the Heads of Departments
become lazy, who will supervise them?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, it is taken for granted that the
CHIEF MINISTER Heads of Departments will be trustworthy in
their respective charges. If they commit big
mistakes they will not be spared for their high offices. But the
Officers can-not remain in their offices for long time as they
are summoned here and there, and without knowledge of their nature
of duties we may make wrong judgements of them.

PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker, I want to know what is that big crime
that cannot escape punishment? If one employec
arrive at 11 A.M. instead of at 10 A.M., will it not be punishable?
What rank of Officer should be big enough to escape punishment
and given exception in this case?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, in this regard they should be given
CHIEF MINISTER equal judgement as their staff.
Some Officers may arrive late often because
their senior Officers used to call them to discuss some important
matters, and I myself used to call them before Office time and
they would often arrive late. I say we should know in detail the
reason of their late arrivals and absences from Offices, if we are
to tail and trace them. Some Officers and staff never leave their

seats, but sometimes their Officers would like them to be present in some meetings. I don't say that the Officers will be saved from punishment, but we have to know the circumstances for their late arrivals and frequent absences from seats. Those found guilty will not escape punishment.

PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker, is the said instruction still in force now? Why this instruction became necessary? The employees seem to be quite well aware of the standing orders?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, we used to take things for granted.
CHIEF MINISTER We want the Officers to enforce the standing Orders as it is found favourable.

SPEAKER : Question No. 67.

Submission of Buh Report of Farkawn

PU F. HRANGVELA :

*67 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c General Administration Deptt be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Administrative Officer did not submit Buh Report of Farkawn in time?

(b) If yes, have the Govt. taken action against him for such negligence?

(c) When did he submit the Buh Report?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, (a) the A.O., Farkawn did not submit
CHIEF MINISTER the Buh Report in time; (b) before he submitted the Report his pay and allowances were not paid, according to the standing order; (c) on his submission of the Report on 11th Jan. his pay and allowances were paid. He was to submit the Report, without fail, on 23.12.1975.

Reports from far off villages could arrive in time. Some villagers could not yet finish reaping the harvests.

PU F. HRANGVELA : Mr. Speaker, is it a fact that the A.O., Farkawn went to Calcutta by Jamair on 5.2.1976 without permission? Is the late Report due to this?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, I don't believe this is the cause of
CHIEF MINISTER late Report. He went to Calcutta in the month of February and this late Report seems not to be affected by this journey.

SPEAKER : Question Hour is over. Here is an announcement. Some Departments have not yet furnished replies to 6 Starred and 2 Unstarred Questions and their time is almost up. Our Rules 50 provided that the Minister i/c have to clarify the reason for inability to reply the questions; therefore, if these Questions may not be replied each of the concerned Minister will have to clarify the reasons, in the House. They are - Pu K. Sangchhum's Questions on Home Deptt. sent on 10.3.1976 and 5.3.1976; Pu F. Hrangvela's Question on L.A.D. sent on 8.3.1976; Pu C. Lalruata's Question on S.A.D. sent on 18.3.1976 and Finance Deptt. sent on 10.3.1976; Pu Lalkunga's Question on Information & Public Relations Deptt. sent on 15.3.1976.

Pu K. Sangchhum's Unstarred Question on Home Deptt. sent on 4.3.1976; Pu R. Dotinaia's Question on Home Deptt. sent on 10.3.1976.

The above Departments have not yet furnished replies to the above Questions and the concerned Departments - Ministers have to pursue them.

Pu H. Thansanga, Minister may now lay the papers of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence Production, on the Table of the House.

LAYING OF PAPERS ETC.

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr. Speaker, Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence
MINISTER Production letter D.O. No. 1742/R4.M/75 dated 3rd April, 1975 regarding specifications of earth-moving equipments required for construction, irrigation and power mining and land reclamation etc. need to utilise the capacity of Bharat Earth Movers Ltd., Bangalore, is laid on the Table of the House.

SPEAKER : The copy of the letter has been given to you. Let us take up Item No. 4(b) of the List of Business. Our Rules provided that Members should get a copy of any Bill four (4) days in advance, and since the date of circulation of the copy of the Bill 4 days have not yet passed, but the Rules further provided that the Speaker, by his discretionary power can allow its being taken up.

As the Bill is a short Amendment Bill, Members need not study minutely and as we don't have Business for tomorrow let it be introduced today for Consideration and Passing tomorrow.

Let the Minister i/c Finance beg leave to introduce the Bill.

PU R. THANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, with your kind permission, I beg leave
MINISTER to introduce the "Mizo District (Land & Revenue) (Amendment) Bill, 1976".

SPEAKER : Any objection to the introduction of the Bill? If the leave is granted, let the Secretary read out the title of the Bill. (Secretary read out the Bill title) Let the concerned Minister introduce the Bill.

PU R. THANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, according to the existing Act, between
MINISTER Rs. 6 - 18 could be realised as Revenue in Aizawl and Rs. 4 - 12 in Lunglei. With consideration of the rising value of lands and devaluation of money, it is felt that the existing practice be revised, hence this Amendment Bill.

SPEAKER : We shall take up Consideration tomorrow. Now we shall take up Voting on Demands for Grants for 1976 - 77 and the Demand Nos. are 2, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 29, 32, 33, 35 & 49. Let the Chief Minister move his Demands.

VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1976 - 77

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, on the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) and with your kind permission, I move the Demand Nos. 2, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 29, 32, 33, 35 & 49 for Rupees 5 crores 95 lakhs and 7 thousand only to meet the expenses during the year 1976 - 77 in respect of the following Departments - (2) Administration of U.T.; (14) District Administration; (16) Police; (17) Jails; (19) Stationery; (21) Fire Protection & Control; (29) Information & Publicity; (32) Relief on account of Natural Calamities, Other Social & Community Services; (33 & 35) Social & Backward Areas; (49) Tourism.

SPEAKER : We shall discuss the Chief Minister's Demands. Let us try to finish discussion this forenoon as we shall have Appropriation Bill in the afternoon, though it is a short one. If we can finish discussion in the forenoon the Minister i/c may wind up in the afternoon. This time you have sufficient time. As many portions of this Demand had been discussed in the General Discussion, we need not go into detail and sufficient time may be left for the Ministers to wind up.

Otherwise, we shall meet again at 2 P.M. and call the Chief Minister at 3 P.M. We still have 1½ hour now and if we add another 1 hour we shall have 2½ hours in total for discussion. But each Member shall have 10 minutes otherwise, our time will be too tight. Do we agree to that?

PU F. HRANGVELA : Mr. Speaker, you said the Appropriation Bill is a short one and will take short time, if so, we may not have many points to discuss on the Demand. Why economise time?

SPEAKER : We have to keep up the dignity of the House. When it becomes late quorum is always wanting and with consideration of such circumstances the Business Advisory Committee proposed 4 P.M. The Whips are also responsible for making up quorum as the Rules provided. If we don't give consideration and time for other Members our time is too tight.

PU SAILAWMA : Mr. Speaker, it is a pity we cannot have sufficient time to discuss matters in the House, to satisfy ourselves. I have not heard of the time we could not make quorum and strict confinement of time is felt unwarranted.

SPEAKER : I did not say you could not make up quorum but precaution have to be taken into consideration in this matter. Therefore, the Ministers shall have time from 3 P.M. While the Ministers wind up the discussion you may want clarification on some points, but I request you not to disturb or distract their attention while replying. The dignity of the House have to be kept up and you are well aware of it, but I would like to remind you once more.
Now we start the discussion.

SHU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker, I would like to discuss G.A.D. as it comprise of many fields of works.

First of all, Employment Generation Scheme is executed mostly at the end of rainy season. But in Mizoram it used to rain heavily in the month of November and many of the works completed in October, mainly E.G.S. roads, are rendered unplyable, due to landslides. Therefore, instead of issuing all the sanctions at one time, it should be issued at regular intervals, for maintenances, following the P.W.D's employment of Muster-roll labourers. I believe that method will make our E.G.S. roads more useful for the greater part of the year.

Under the 20 Points Programme reduction of expenditures of Offices on various items, with limited items, is prescribed. The Hand Book of General Circular of Assam, Chapter 2 prescribes the quality of tables, chairs and cushions for Officers. If my information is correct, the Central Govt. prescribes the area of Officer's Offices, supposed to mean reduction of expenditures on many items. Should not Mizoram Govt. follow this procedure on the basis of 20 Points Programme? At present there is no way to check Officers and staff, mainly concerning tables, chairs, cushions and area of Offices.

In the last Budget so much money was sanctioned for construction of Helipads in various places, but had they been utilised for the purposes? My eye-witness found that many of the construction works were taken up by the B.R.T.F., and had the money been handed over to them? In what manner payment shall be made? Had the Helipads been constructed? I request the Minister to clarify.

The administration itself has to be strengthened and I believe the Central Govt. will not reject this proposal. We have often heard that progress could not be made due to insufficient staff as the P.H.E. Minister said that Water Supply Scheme could not be implemented due to insufficient staff of the Deptt. It is evident that the administration itself has to be strengthened to solve these problems. First of all, Secretaries of the Departments play vital roles. In spite of repeated references, from the Ministerial and Official level, but such references seem to be not so effective and we still have no required/desired number of Secretaries. Similarly, the case is the same for the Jt. Secretaries, Dy. Secretaries, Under Secretaries etc. I now believe we have to take it up in the political level so that we may have required/desired number of Secretaries.

The Account staff are insufficient in every Deptt. During 1971 - 72, 1972 - 73 etc. many Divisions of P.W.D. were reported to be unable to close their accounts and the reason was said to be due to insufficient number of accounting staff. Therefore, increase of posts of accountants in every Deptt. is essential for smooth running of administration. Their training is essential. We often heard that we are progressing, but we may grumble if things do not go our way. We, the Members too sometimes grumbled if things do not go as desired. It is mostly for our desire that Mizoram may progress speedier. It seems people take the Hon'ble Ministers and M.L.As as patriots of Mizoram but that is not desireable. A Govt. servant should love his country and public cannot be left out. As pointed out in the Question Hour, it seems our Govt. servants are not aware of their responsibilities from personal conviction. In comparison of the condition under Assam Govt. and our separation from it, the present condition is very favourable as our Govt. servants seem to feel that they are responsible for our development and progress. But in our zeal for more progress, the staff and Officers are the machinery for implementing the policy and programmes of the Ministry. Only when they work with zeal and conviction of their respective responsibilities, the policy of the Ministry will be fulfilled. They have to work with maintenance of self-control and perform

their respective duties. Their keeping of Office-hours and performances during that hours will be essential. His dealing of Files and quick disposals properly will bring another progress. Self-con-
viction of responsibilities could be maintained through the Heads of Departments and responsible Officers. The Heads of Departments have to make their staff aware of their responsibilities and services to the public and duties to them, at regular intervals. Review of their works and what to come have to be considered together so that our progress will be sped up with one step.

Difficulties could arise in cases of transfer as M.L.As too are responsible for transfer of field-staff from one place to another and this may be true to some extent. Transfer of some Deptt. staff to interior villages seem a problem, but acceptance of their respective posting places, to serve the public, have to be made afresh by maintaining strict control. Otherwise, it seem our Govt. servants wanted to be as they wished. If personal or family matters do not pose a problem, strict control on transfer matter have to be exercised.

With relation to that matter, one Hon'ble Member pointed out the journey of a particular A.O. of his Constituency and I believe that is no exception. According to Govt. standing Order, Govt. staff posted in interior villages should not leave their respective Stations without prior permission from higher authorities. An A.O. of my Constituency left his Station throughout 1975 till early part of this year and his whereabouts is not known; what action has been taken against him is not known to me. Control has become so loose resulting in such misconducts.

According to Govt. standing Order, those Govt. servants who own private residential houses should stay there and if they occupy Govt. Quarters they should vacate soon. But there are many Govt. servants who don't own private houses and have no Quarters to occupy and rent private houses at high cost. I demand that those Govt. servants who own private houses but occupy Govt. Quarters should vacate for the homeless servants so that the homeless may be relieved of their troubles and burdens.

It is rumoured that Ex-gratia payment shall be made to those included in the list for 1966; what is the meaning and intention of this? Till recently many innocent people lost lives in the hands of M.N.F. and Army people. Fresh and considerate thinking is essential here.

The 4th Grade staff of the Civil Secretariat are supposed to have Uniform, but many have not yet got it. On enquiry I found this to be true. Appropriate authority have to look into this.

Among our Govt. servants many come from well-to-do families and I suggest that Property-Holding should be introduced as practiced in Uttar Pradesh, where Govt. servants declare their properties and assets. But here in Mizoram only M.L.As, Ministers and leaders of the Pradesh Congress declare their properties and assets. Therefore, it is high time now for introduction of Property-Holding for all people to declare their properties and assets, as many people live not in conformity with their income. It seems they do not pay their due taxes, hence this is time.

Old-age pension to those who rendered services during World War I (1917) are paid Rs. 30/- per month from our Govt. Fund. Many of those who participated and rendered services during World War are still alive, and could not they be given special consideration?

The Mizoram Information Deptt. claims that 'advertisement of Mizoram to other States is our responsibility'. A.I.R. Shillong-Gauhati does not cover much of Mizoram affairs, so also Newspapers do not cover much of what Mizoram did and proposed to do. While other States' Information Deptt. advertise themselves in leading Newspapers, our concerned Deptt. does not advertise us enough and make our Govt. seem capable of doing nothing. Hence its streng-

BU F. HRANGVELA : Mr. Speaker, regarding Demand No. 14, strong Dist. Administration is important. In order that Govt. servants may serve the people satisfactorily and to check those who misbehaved without awareness of their responsibilities to the people, strict control have to be enforced. I have often said that there is no well-established States and it seems we are improving gradually. From the Party-level it seems the Ministry is trying to improve its stand. While such step is being taken, sufferings of our villagers have to be looked into. As I have said in the Question-Hour some A.O.'s negligence of duties caused sufferings for the people and the concerned V/Cs met many difficulties. Besides sufferings of the people our Govt. is blamed and to check such negligences strict control have to be maintained. In the areas around Aizawl town the concerned M.L.As may not face such difficulties, while it is quite a problem for the interior areas. As I said in the Question Hour, the A.O., Farkawn, without prior permission from higher authority, went on journey many times and he did not take permission even once.

Regarding Buh Report I visited my Constituency in the month of November and instructed the A.O. to give Buh Report in time because they are in starved condition, otherwise, the people will suffer, but he did not do so. We met the Ministers with their V/Cs but as the Buh Report was not given in time, no financial assistance could be given. The V/C President personally contacted a certain Minister and he somehow succeeded. Such is the result of A.O.'s negligence of duty; when he came to Aizawl we urged him to give the Report but to no avail and he then left for Calcutta.

The C.A. for Khawbung still did not join his duty since August last till today, yet he draws salary regularly. Similarly, the Gramsevak for Khawbung only visits his posting place at some interval. Such misconducts caused difficulties to the people and let people lose confidence on us. Interior villages suffer for such misconducts. There is not a single Nurse in Farkawn till today though about 5 persons had been appointed for posting there, yet none joined duty. The Govt.'s attempt to improve has been spoilt by our junior Officers and the Govt. is to blame in the end. Though under the control/influence of Emergency no action has been taken when reports of wrong doings are given. They could point out who behaved like them and now it almost becomes shameful to work 24 hours for the people and the Govt. Hence strong administration is felt greatly needed. Otherwise, those public servants may take things easy as it is not for personal gain and this may happen any time. Under the influence of Emergency, many States suspended or taken actions on Govt. servants who misbehaved as found in Newspapers; but in our case even when reports of wrong doings of Govt. servants are given no action has been taken against a single public servant.

Could not our Mizo Police Officers be made to back up our Ministry, as they are well aware of our social customs and ideology, for better administration? The plain-people from other States cannot detect our instincts and have no insight into Mizo character. Hence could not our Mizo Police Officers be given priority for better administration?

Demand No. 32 does not provide sufficient funds for Natural Calamities and support of whole family in such cases. Every year there are Fire-victims in various places, who mostly lost all their properties. Could not such funds be increased a bit? As the Govt. acts as parent we can't help asking for assistance; but could not the amount of funds and assistance be increased?

Sanction of Rs. 5,000/- per Mile for construction of E.G.S. roads is meagre. It started during the time of Mr. A.C. Ray, the then Dy. Commissioner and is still continued till today. It is meant to relieve the burden of the interior villagers, but could it not be made at Rs. 7,000/- or more per Mile now? The total E.G.S. sanction seems to increase by now; I request the Govt. to take note of this and take step to improve.

As one Hon'ble Member said, these E.G.S. roads approaching interior places are made to be useful for all-weather but when sanction is issued it is spent for construction of plough fields and water tanks and other minor works; is not this procedure wrong? Could not some amount of the sanction be reserved for maintenance of the E.G.S. roads visiting interior places for all-weather?

I tried to get the Contract-work of Jail Diet Contract, but since 1970 - 71, 1971 - 72 till today the matter is still the same, and they met some difficulties due to this; the Contractor and the concerned Officers made secret arrangement and the prisoners got poor supply of food etc. Could not this wrong-doing be checked and stopped? Could not Tenders be called for this Diet Contract-work so that these wrong practices may be stopped to give better food to the prisoners?

Thank you.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Mr. Speaker, as the Hon'ble Members said, whatever points we made in the House are meant for the good of the Govt. and the land and it should not be misinterpreted.

The road bordering Assam Rifles' area is marked for widening of the main road and I believe this will solve Police problem regarding accidents. I request the Ministry to mark and note that the road from L.G.'s compound to Sikulpuikawn is too narrow for even a Jeep to ply safely and if possible to take up this portion immediately.

My next point is use of vehicles. If the Prime Minister's Economic Programme is not implemented it is useless to often refer to it; so also the Emergency. Its practical fulfillment and implementation should be achieved. P.O.L. is very difficult to get as experienced by private Motor-owners. Many of our Officers' use of vehicles is necessitated by official duties; but misuses for enjoyment and bringing children to schools is too much. Allotment of vehicles to Officers is to carry out their respective duties where journey by foot is not comfortable; but now they are mostly used for enjoyment and I thought limit was made on consumption of Petrol but now such control seem to be lifted. I suggest that all Govt. vehicles should be locked up in Garages after Office-hours. Otherwise, as long as vehicles are kept at home control won't be effective as desired. At least one item of the P.M.'s Programme should be implemented. Many of our Govt. employees deserve praise but the majority of them seem to feel superiority-complex, forgetting their duties and responsibilities to the people and it is quite an eye-sore for us.

As my friends said, only the Ministers and MLAs declared their properties and assets, but I suggest that all our Govt. employees, big and small, should declare their properties and assets. If one Govt. employee earns Rs. 500/- per month, but could send his student-child(ren) Rs. 1,000/- per month to other places, then his income have to be traced. I therefore suggest that declaration of properties and assets of our Govt. employees is time now.

To get Industrial Loan, if the husband or wife is a Govt. employee, prior permission of the Chief Secretary have to be obtained. If running of business by any member of Govt. employ is prohibited then what I want is declaration as to whether any member of our families, husband or wife, take up business? Otherwise every one of us try to get side-income from more sources. While many don't get employment these days some families get side-income from many sources and this practice is not right. It is evident we create this problem for ourselves but it could be solved.

Some of our Govt. employees are suspended for quite some time, some 10 to 15 years; a certain Gramsevak had been suspended for 10 years and is still applying for extension. While under suspension they get half their basic pay but after re-instatement they draw all their arrears. I suggest that taking the advan-

Age of Emergency, summary trial should be held. Some minor people should be placed under M.I.S.A. and sent to other States and if they are really guilty they deserve it. But letting it rain somewhere and shine on the other side is not desirable. The number of employees under suspension should be reviewed and all the cases should be disposed off under summary trial within 2/3 months and judged guilty or convicted immediately.

Regarding the status of L.D.As of the Secretariat, Directorate and District Offices, I don't suggest that those in the Secretariat should be lowered and those in the District or Directorate should be upgraded, but equal work in the same pay scale should be thought of as the salaries of L.D.As of the Secretariat and District greatly differed. Generally, L.D.As of the Secretariat are Graduates, P.U.Cs etc. but most of our Secretariat L.D.As are those Non-Matriculいたes serving in the erstwhile District Council and I thought whether it is compulsory for us to follow the practice of other States. It seems the volume of work does not matter much but, rather the Deptt. seem to matter much; in the Secretariat some have time to do knitting work and some hair-dressing. In some District Offices some are very busy. Therefore, L.D.As, whether of the Secretariat, Directorate or District, if of the same qualifications should be on the same pay scale; so also in the case of U.D.As. Imitation of other States' practices is unfavourable; we have to do something for other States to copy, based on Mizo pattern and customs. In the C.D. Blocks we have to choose between Arunachal or Central Pattern; why have we to copy other States' Pattern in everything? Let us have our own Patterns for other States to copy. In the P.W.D. Code we copy Assam P.W.D. Code, why not have our own Code? Our land is not vast, with only few population and I believe it is not difficult to have a Model Govt. for other States to copy. Therefore, let us do something new not to continue copying of other States' States' practices and Patterns.

Since having our own Ministry many Matriculates, B.As, M.As etc. have come up and some I.A.S., but our present requirements/needs are Doctors, Engineers, Technicians of different lines. If we are to have this Paper-Mill, Non-Mizos will have to be employed but we don't care for them; our Govt. have to contact/consult other States in this matter, if possible to send/train our Mizo boys in Engineering, Electrical, Mechanical, Technical and Paper-technology in foreign countries. We don't have Mizo Electrical Engineers to look after our machines. This shows the not-so-usefulness of ordinary B.A. line. We have to somehow use force and search various talents of our boys and girls. The Govt. have to encourage Engineering and technical trainings among our students for our own good.

Sanction of Rs. 5,000/- per Mile for construction of E.G.S. roads is unsuitable now while the P.W.D. sanctions Rs. 1 lakh for 1 Km of road and I believe, if Rs. 1 lakh had been sanctioned for 1 Mile/Km of E.G.S. roads, the improvement will be threefold. I suggest that at least Rs. 10,000/- should be sanctioned for 1 Km of E.G.S. roads and the present rate be revised soon. The P.W.D. called Tenders for some portion of road and sanctioned Rs. 2 lakhs, but after completion they are not plyable for vehicles. The Hon'ble Chief Minister recently opened Lungdar - Khawzawl road, within my Constituency, but now Trucks carrying supply dare not ply it as maintenance is not there. Maintenance of any road should be thought of and revision of sanction for E.G.S. road per Mile/Km should be taken up.

Demand No. 49 concerns with Tourism but what did the Deptt. do to promote it? The provision is not much, but progress of the Deptt. may be made known to us.

As one Hon'ble Member said, payment of Ex-gratia grants to those families who died either in the hands of the Army or the M.N.F. need be speeded up. But before actual payment, whether they had been paid similar grants should be investigated/verified; during Assam Govt. some had been paid 2/3 instalments but I want uniformity be maintained in this matter. I would like it be paid earlier. Death on the hands of the Army is not solely due to accusation as M.N.F. but many were killed in front of Churches 'by accident'. A certain man 'Lalsipaia' was killed inside Church compound of Champhai. Such Ex-gratia payment had not been made till today and I want it to be paid at an early date.

I demand that the road between L.G.'s compound and Sikulpuikawn be made 2 ways-traffic very soon. I also demand that the monthly income of our Govt. employees, from the Officers to sweepers, and expenditures for children's education, be declared in detail with properties and assets.

In order to get Industrial Loan, if the husband or wife is a Govt. employee, running of business by either of them seem improper. Therefore, in running business, whether either the husband or wife is a Govt. employee should be detailly investigated/verified.

The case of suspended Govt. employees for too long period should be disposed off early by constituting a court for summary-trial. Restriction should be made on issue and consumption of petrol, by our Govt. vehicles.

I suggest that uniformity should be observed in the status of L.D.As of the Secretariat, Directorates and Districts Offices. It is found that qualification does not matter much and the work-load is almost similar but salaries greatly differed. Hence uniformity should be observed as far as practicable.

Thank you.

PU NGURDAWLA : Mr. Speaker, many Hon'ble Members proposed suggestions for the reform of General Administration Deptt. regarding strict adherence to discipline. The Deptt. is concerned with administration and our present state of disturbance. I am glad the Chief Minister and his colleagues tried their best to let the M.N.F. representatives and the Central Govt. have 'Peace Talk' which seem to be progressing smoothly. When I was told of the talk between our Chief Minister and the Prime Minister I believed it was convincing enough for the Prime Minister to agree to the talk. In this General Administration if the appropriate 'key' is not found other problems could arise, but other problems could be solved gradually. Now things are going in the favourable direction and the Chief Minister really deserves praise. In our state of circumstances it is possible that one may not be able to bear the burden of responsibility and we, the Members have experienced it depending on the circumstances. Even under such circumstances the Chief Minister and his colleagues stood firm and tried to carry out their policy. I thought we were progressing more than our neighbouring States and I ought to say thanks. Under this circumstance I thought some of our Police problems could be solved.

Hon'ble Members' suggestion of widening of roads will somehow solve Traffic Control problem. What I consider really important is actual control of traffic. Let the concerned Minister note this as I believe vehicles are controlled by the Police. And need for control of traffic is greatly felt within Aizawl town; heavy vehicles should not be allowed to enter the main streets from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M. and light vehicles could be controlled strictly, somehow. The Govt. should look into the problems that could arise from such control. Otherwise, accidents will increase greatly if

heavy vehicles are allowed to enter the main streets. Such control had been enforced in Simla and I don't see why we cannot do it, too. The hours I mentioned are for example and taking necessary step in this regard is felt greatly needed.

When the Police were to undertake training at Hazaribagh we expressed our opinions. It is pleasing that our Police could complete their training within the fixed time and come back as desired, and Govt's idea in this matter deserve praise. When I talked with the trainees they expressed the benefit they gained from it. I suggest that these training facilities should be provided for efficiency.

As expressed by Pu Hrangvela placing of our Mizo Police Officers in the important points is felt greatly needed, but not ignoring the Non-Mizo Officers. The Non-Mizo Officers may not understand the difficulties of their subordinate staff, like family problems which our Mizo Officers may understand easily. We badly need a Mizo Officer as the Commandant of the Battalion. There is a rumour that there is no Mizo Officer to hear and look into the difficulties of the subordinate staff, who may be understanding to the problems of the staff. If this is true, careful investigation and consideration of the matter is needed.

Posting of our Police force along our borders is essential now. Our border areas are quite sensitive. Only 2 Police Out-posts had been arranged for Sangau but it has not yet been finalised. We have to strengthen our borders along Burma and, Govt's fulfillment at an early date is requested. Similarly our borders along Tripura have to be defended; and our present Police strength have to be increased. Without realising the difficulties of the Govt. we have criticised the infiltration of the Chakmas to our land and blamed the Govt. for it. I suggest that our border areas should be defended by posting Police in such Out-posts and to enable this strengthening of our Police force is needed.

Posting of our Officers to the border areas is still thought as punishment and it is heard that they don't do their respective duties properly. Exercise of strict control of the Govt. is time now. The people should co-operate readily and know that it is not only the interests of the M.L.As and Ministers; it is everybody's interest and if people don't lend co-operation how will we stop and check the illegal entry and infiltration of the Chakmas and others? We should teach that this responsibility is of us all. Our Govt. employees have to be controlled more strictly and we should support its actions. If we don't know our responsibilities while criticising the Govt., no progress will be achieved. Therefore, strict maintenance of discipline is needed and the impact of this Emergency is more needed here.

It seems improvement has been made on Jail administration with more provision of facilities. As I said in this House, this Reformatory class concerning Carpentry and handicrafts which have to be turned over into cash have to be given more consideration. It is a means by which the prisoners could be reformed inside the Jails and development of themselves to earn livelihood. Therefore, consideration of this aspect of facilities and reformation of the prisoners should be given due attention.

Sometime back the prisoners went on strike in protest against administration and corruption; strict discipline should be maintained in such cases, but all their grievances should not be met on their own terms and conditions. But whenever they express grievances careful consideration and thought should be given to their demands. What I mean is reformation of the guilty to become good citizens and to do that, better, facilities should be provided to earn their livelihood in decent ways and Govt. consider this aspect early.

We should think our Tourism Deptt. will do things to attract foreign tourists and other Department's co-operation will be needed. As I said earlier, the teak plantation in Vairengte made me imagine how beautiful it will be in the future decade. And various Departments' co-operation to attract tourists will be essential in this matter. Nobody will deny our land is beautiful but facilities to attract others are not well developed. I heard that establishment of Hotel was included under the N.E.C. Scheme and its early expedition should be taken up. Champhai, Lengpui, Vanlaiphai etc. should be developed for attracting tourists, starting from Champhai; Vairengte also should be beautifully developed as it is the entrance village to Mizoram. Some 5 tourists came from as far as Congo to see Mizoram and stayed at Vairengte for about 2 weeks; some are also reported to have come from some of the Middle East countries. After seeing Vairengte they left satisfied that they have seen Mizoram and I am aware of their impression after seeing the border village. Therefore, real development of the said village is important to attract and impress the tourists. Our villages bordering other neighbour States are the ones which show our images to others and impress them; we can take steps to develop and beautify these villages for attracting tourists and give them good impression and images of ourselves.

Provision is not sufficient for maintenance and running of this Govt. Press inspite of its serving as the organ for publishing Govt's policy and achievements, and such publications are not yet sufficient. Further the Press cannot print the Rules and Orders of the Govt. more quickly; hence more sufficient provision should be sanctioned for it to solve all those problems.

Hon'ble Member Pu Sangkhuma said that the Chief Minister requested the Prime Minister to sanction money for compensating and Rehabilitating those whose cases the Human Rights Committee have taken up in the Court, to which the Central Govt. proposed to sanction Rs. 17 crores. Its propagation from the Govt. is necessary now to fulfill this Scheme. Otherwise, some people could mislead our people and make them mistrust our Govt. Therefore, in order that people may have good faith and impression on our Govt. we should show them what we can do with more development works with which we can impress and make them have good faith on us. Besides it is the Govt's duty to issue propaganda concerning these developments.

Thank you.

PU LALRINLIANA : Mr. Speaker, I would like to say few words on this Demand.

The present location of the Jail is not suitable. When walking along the streets the area around the Jail gives out intolerable odour; I have pointed out in the last Budget Session. A new Jail is under construction down there and early shifting of the present Jail to the new building should be arranged early. However, another problem arises as the new Jail building is not constructed in the type of Jail. But location of the Jail in the centre of the town is not suitable as very bad odour comes out from their latrines.

Previously, administration of the Jail was very poor; whenever a new convict is admitted to the jail it is said that they are tortured inside the Cells, therefore it is evident that better administration of the Jail is needed. Besides, if provision is not made this time for shifting the Jail to the new location, its early shifting to the new location and building should be arranged.

Hon'ble Members pointed out about the cases of suspended Govt. employees and the list was laid on the Table of the House sometime back. Some have been suspended for as long as 10 years and it is an unnecessary expenditure for the Govt. Whether they are found guilty or not should be decided and settled early, but their being placed under suspension for long time is an unnecessary expenditures for the Govt. If this expenditures had been utilised for development, I am sure great improvement will be achieved. Therefore, early settlement and a passing of judgement of the cases of suspended Govt. employees will benefit the Govt.

Regarding administration, as Hon'ble Members said, I believe it will be wise to take actions against Govt. employees who don't join their respective posting places in interior. This problem is more frequently felt in the Medical Deptt. I believe we should not be lenient to those who don't join their respective posting places in the interior and those who frequently leave stations without formal prior permissions from their superior Officers; I am aware that some employees have to come here often to consult and meet the Supply Minister and the Deptt. authorities to get food for their respective areas. We should show kindness to those who behave well and give them consideration in promotions; but those who neglect their respective duties and services to the people should not be shown mercy. Better and more strict control should be exercised over our employees for better administration.

Regarding Traffic Control, as we have no space for parking vehicles, however wide we may widen our roads will not be too good as vehicles are parked on the road-sides, which again make the roads narrow. Road has been widened in Dawrpui area and shops areas had been made smaller but parking of vehicles along the road make the road narrow. Other States have parking areas and Traffic Controllers don't allow vehicles to stop on the roads. But as we don't have parking areas our vehicles are mostly parked in the business areas, and however wide our roads be it is only for parking of vehicles. I suggest that Govt. should make some areas for parking vehicles, to solve this problem.

On occasions like celebration of Independence and Republic Days, Govt. Officials have to gather at A.R. Ground and if most of them come by vehicles, there is no area for parking vehicles. The area opposite to the Quarter-Guard could be made level by retaining wall for parking the vehicles and it is found quite suitable. However, if there has already been such plan its early implementation is needed. Only widening of the roads, however wide, will serve no purpose on occasions of gatherings and our vehicles will have no place for parking, besides it is too dangerous for the public. Therefore, I demand the Govt. to take up these cases early.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : It is now 1 P.M. We shall recess and meet again at 2 P.M.

RECESS TILL 2 : 00 P.M.

AFTERNOON 2 : 00 P.M.

SPEAKER : We shall resume discussion of the Demands.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker, this General Administration covers vast fields and due to the disturbance many difficulties were met; we have pointed out our dissatisfactions in the House. But now we have new expectations to improve the situation and I believe we have made progress in this field. It is true that under the

state of disturbance administration and development are checked. Now, as found and heard in the L.G's Speech we are expecting new situation and real peace of mind. What I expect the Govt. to consider and prepare themselves for time to come is, as Hon'ble Member Pu Lu ruata said, the Govt. Officers should not argue about their respective posting places, even if in interior villages and the Govt. should also speed up. Some Officers and employees decline to join their respective posting places in interiors, and even after the Govt. ordered them to join their duties they loiter about here and there. These misconducts of Govt. employees caused the people to mistrust the Ministry and grumble. They should be made available and their services available for the Govt. to utilise in time of need. There are patterns of procedure in the District Headquarters, but in the S.D.O. Headquarters, Sub-Divisional Headquarters etc., if the Govt. employees posted there are too often out of stations the works suffer. For development and progress, the employees are important and if we all concentrate activities in towns the interiors are generally neglected; but the areas to be developed will still be the interior villages, and presence of the concerned employees will always be important. As the District Headquarters may be enviable places, no inter-transfer of the employees may be made. For instance, Lawngtlai Sub-Division (Civil) was opened long time ago, but till today there is no S.D.O. to supervise the works. This kind of administration surely checked development.

Demand No.16 concerns Police and what I would like to remind the Govt. is, sometime ago crisis arose at Saiha and enquiry had been conducted, but till today no report of the enquiry has been made known to the people. More than what the Lock-up could accommodate were locked up and the people were in a great distress; but till today the result of the enquiry has not been made known to the people. The actions taken against the guilty were very slight; the S.P. was supposed to go there early but we have not heard of his movement. Whether he is guilty or not we expect him to discharge his duties accordingly; till today no report of the enquiry commission has been made known to us and people's mind are really hurt. We heard that the service of one C.R.P.F. Officer was to be regularised under Mizoram Police; by this regularisation the promotion chance of our Mizo Police Officers are blocked. It will be indigestible for our senior Mizo Officers to salute and bow before the people who come from the C.R.P.F. or B.S.F. etc. and also quite junior to them in services. I don't see why we should favour them just because they come from other States. Our Govt. should see that our Mizo senior Officers are not superceded by their junior Officers from the C.R.P.F. or B.S.F.

The Police Uniform is quite an eye-sore and we don't know which is the prescribed Uniform as some wear Terrecotton while some wear ordinary cotton as Uniform, and I believe Police Uniform should be of the same colour and quality. The Govt. should see to this matter; if they could have good quality clothes it is fit even for dress, but there should be a Govt. prescribed Uniform, easy for all to afford.

For those who enforce Law and Order the Police Force is inevitable, whether Armed or Unarmed, as they are next to the Security Force. Hence Govt. should instruct them better even for town streets duties. In some duty-points the Police on duty just watch the traffic flow. Our streets are narrow but traffic is heavy and the Police have to be really careful to prevent possible accidents. People from other States could judge our administration from the Police personnel on duties. Therefore, they should be given good instructions to impress all the people. I believe the Traffic duty and the Armed Police personnel should have the same Uniform, as practiced in other States. I believe the matter is not so complicated and could be looked into immediately.

Police administration is poor in the South-interior and the Govt. is aware of it; crisis often arose at Chawngte and Police personnel are often involved. Whenever there is a gathering the civilians and the Police often started the trouble. Careful consideration should be given to this regular incident. Recently we heard that the O/C of Chawngte-area forced the people to construct Police building without paying for their labours; the people came to report this mistreatment. This involvement of Police in every incident with the civilians should be looked into.

In Demand No. 32 we find provisions for Natural Calamities. We are lucky that we suffer only Cyclones and Fire, without earthquakes etc. Though provisions are made in the Budget to relieve such victims, but there is no proper arrangement of payment. Proper arrangement should be made for payment of such relief funds equally to all the victims of such calamities.

The Information, Public Relations Deptt. has been criticised many times. Though it is somewhat a minor Deptt. it should be made to cover the whole of Mizoram. Where new Sub-Division Headquarters are opened S.D.Os should be posted to fill the vacancies. Many Information Centres are opened in the villages and provided with Instruments like Radios etc. which are not well looked after. Could it not be made a fulfilled Deptt? As it is concerned with Tourism its real development should be aimed. The Govt. Press should also be looked after by reliable Officer and made more useful. Otherwise, the image of the Govt. could not be imprinted on the people. We can't praise the Govt. everyday among the people. As it is one of the most important Govt. organs, more provision should be allocated and condition of the staff improved; great difference of pay under the same establishment should be looked into. The Govt. should give importance to Information Deptt., its one main organ. Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker, regarding Tourism, many tourists are reported to hesitate to come due to our poor provision of accommodations. The Chief Minister recently opened the new Circuit House, with many rooms, but these rooms are still insufficient. They are meant for Govt. Officials; but more Company representatives and others, besides Govt. Officials, come more frequently and they often faced difficulties in getting accommodations. To solve this acute problem Tourist Lodge was constructed at Saitual. Establishment of this Tourist Lodge at Aizawl is provided in the Budget and the site selected and under process. I would request the Govt. to give attention to this Tourist Lodge as it shows our image to outside people. Now we have one small Rest House, sponsored by the Govt.; it is not accommodative and its replacement by better one is time now.

Traffic control is quite a problem as our roads are narrow and number of vehicles increasing; attempt is being made to widen the roads and though pleasing, real control of the traffic should be considered. What I noted is the Police Traffic Control duties often give wrong signals which create traffic jams on both sides. The appropriate authority should train these Traffic Control duty Police so that traffic could be really controlled.

Recently heavy vehicles were controlled at Central Road, Silchar making timing for entry, making exceptions to those vehicles on essential services, but all heavy vehicles were not allowed to enter the street. I believe the same control could be enforced here too. The appropriate authority should look into this matter.

Besides efficiency of the Traffic Controllers their dress (Uniform) should be neat and improved. Traffic Controllers on Meghalaya are dressed in white Uniform, easy for all to see. Instead of this Khaki-colour Uniform for all the Police Force, Traffic Controllers should have particular dress and the authority concerned should look into it. It would be easy for all, the drivers and tourists alike, to note that they are Traffic Controllers.

In connection with Traffic Control, our roads are slightly widened and some portion blacktopped. If speedbrakers are not made along Bazar main road vehicles run at breakneck speed at night, and accident occurred recently. The concerned authority should take step to prevent accidents and control the vehicles.

Thank you.

PU R. DOTINAIA : Mr. Speaker, first I would like to talk about Home Guards. We had Home Guards before disturbance broke out and it was somehow disorganised, and now it is organised again. When looking at their performances it is somehow satisfactory and useful for the Govt. too. It is also useful for the people too as it creates employment.

On the occasion of Home Guards Raising Day, the Chief Secretary, in his public address, put the number of Home Guards at 400 and further stated that the present number will be increased twofold as Mizoram is surrounded by International boundaries and importance will be given like other States. He further stated that its maintenance and condition will be improved which pleased his audience. But I don't know whether Budget provision is made for it but I request implementation of the assurance. Their present condition is too poor to maintain families and their needs as human beings are no less than others. I heard that they are divided into 3 classes like Skilled, Semi-skilled and Un-skilled; Skilled labour are paid Rs. 10/- per day, Semi-skilled Rs. 8/- and Un-skilled Rs. 6/- but they are all paid at flat rate of Rs. 7/- per day. They can draw Rs. 210/- per month and after deduction of their rations they get very few left. If they could be treated as Skilled labourers and paid Rs. 10/- each, like Police Constables. These days daily labourers earn Rs. 10/-. If proper scale could not be fixed, at least they should be paid Rs. 10/- each per day. Now C.R.Ps on duty to guard the Officials are withdrawn and replaced with Home Guards. These days some are trained in shooting, fighting etc. and they could be counted as Skilled labourers; their salaries and remunerations should be made more regular. Their services are invaluable for those who maintain law and order situation. The Police could not be employed everywhere to deal with all the crises. Their present number should also be increased as volunteers are sufficiently available. If possible they should be employed to maintain law and order in the new Sub-Division Headquarters, Block Headquarters, Group Centres etc. where population is dense and trouble could arise any moment, without concentrating them here in Aizawl. As administration seem poor many of the personnel came and told me of their grievances about mistreatments. In their present condition there is no scope for maintenance of families. They are continuously assured of revision of salaries at better scale. To implement such assurances Budget provision should be made to fulfill such promises.

As we are in a disturbed condition the Security Forces could not detect the ones who started such troubles and therefore mass punishment, lock-up is often inflicted upon us. The Govt. has thoughtfully arranged payment of Family Maintenance Allowances for those imprisoned since 1966 - 68 till recently; though all suffered punishment only those who know their Detention Orders are paid F.M.A. and this procedure is not satisfactory. All those who suffered punishment and imprisonment should be equally paid this Allowance. Care should be taken to verify the would-be recipients of the present scheme and if it is finalised by the dealing Officers without knowledge of the Ministry it will rain somewhere and shine on the other side. The non-receivers may be the ones who suffered most; all the families of the imprisoned should be paid this Allowance.

In maintenance of law and order Police play vital role and the number of Stations have increased; but I believe care has not been taken in selecting the sites of such Stations. The

case of emergency; but the selection of sites and locations of Police Stations in the villages is ill-fitting. Population is dense now in Serchhip-Kawnpui, but the location of Police Station is too far from the busy street and had trouble arose there one will have to spend 3 hours to call the Police. Had the Armed Police been located there it is still acceptable, but for the Civil Police it is too far from the centre of their duties.

Traffic have to be controlled in the busy streets but they hide away from the centre of activities. They should have been located in the present P.W.D. site, shifting the P.W.D. to the outer perimeter as their work is not hindered in the least. From the present P.W.D. site the main part of the town could be viewed and there are readymade Quarters. This arrangement should be immediately looked into. Being well aware that this kind of situation is prevailing in other places too, I point out this Serchhip as an instance.

Execution of new plans and schemes should be done with the knowledge of the Govt., otherwise their usefulness for the public is not often achieved. Many newly opened Sub-Divisions can not yet function as they are supposed to do. When I visited Champhai I met with the S.D.O. and though posted there long ago he was not yet vested with magisterial power to decide cases. Though much has been spent for salaries of Officers no services had been rendered to the public. Block Development authorities could execute development works like Employment Generation Scheme, but finalisation of cases only by the Dy. Commissioner at Aizawl deprives the S.D.Os of their magisterial powers. Seems like spending Govt. money for nothing, speedier actions on the matters are needed.

Now I speak from the Opposition side for the good of the people; and as long as the Congress Ministry render good services to the people I will not hesitate to praise such good services. I will criticise and point out their weak points, which could be easily dressed to the satisfaction of the people; otherwise, people will remember the ones who do good to them.

Many M.N.F. have returned from their underground activities to live as good citizens of India and rehabilitation of them to establish their homes anew is the duty of the Govt. Since disturbance all of us suffered and those who maintained law and order situation should remember check and balance method. Many of the M.N.F. returnees had established themselves respectably before, but now all their belongings and properties are to be found nowhere no more. Hence rehabilitation of these returnees should be taken up speedier. Majority of the sons of the soil should benefit by the new Govt. Imbalance could be dangerous, therefore, equal distribution of rehabilitation should be arranged.

Though we have Police Force their services cannot be employed at all time. The Village Organisation is often found in the Budget. I highly esteem this. These Organisations are well established in the villages but their co-operations with the Govt. are not on good terms. The equipments they needed should be gladly supplied to them, though they are voluntary organisations. The works of E.G.S. too, though expensive, are washed away in the rainy seasons. Sanctions for these Village Organisations to help the Police Force are too meagre. They should be shown favour and their duties recognised and those who did well should be appointed as Police. It is worth encouraging, but present Govt. scheme is too small and insufficient.

Mizoram suffers fire and cyclones as natural calamities, but during rainy seasons landslides caused havocs damaging crops. Sufficient funds should be made to rehabilitate victims of fire and cyclones as practiced in other States.

As Mizoram is growing visibly its proper maintenance should be thought of. I once proposed establishment of new Capital somewhere but it did not go through. Number of vehicles is increasing and our streets are narrow and accidents are frequent

now; it is too dangerous for the pedestrians. When I visited Kashmir I found that the Govt. thoughtfully arranged to have the vehicles locked up in the Garages after Office-hours; they can be used during Office-hours. The streets are not jammed with vehicles. In our case vehicles are often kidnapped and even the I.G.P. was assassinated due to this loose control. The main reason is due to our not having Govt. Garages and the streets are narrow due to parking of too many vehicles along the roads. As death is lurking near it is dangerous for pedestrians. The Garages should be made soon as it could be completed within 2/3 months and Zombawk will be suitable as it is not too far. In time of need the vehicles could be taken out from the Garages easily. As my colleagues said, the space opposite the A.R. Quarter-Guard could be made level for parking vehicles. If we should continue to use Aizawl as the Capital, this development should be given consideration soon. This provision is insufficient; some Departments surrendered money while some don't have adequate provisions.

Revised Budget Estimate should be made to meet the demands of public for developments. I have said this matter in the first Budget Session; I believe it is not difficult to find space for making these Garages, not only within the town, but the suburbs area too will be suitable. Thank you.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker, I believe we are all glad for what developments and relief the E.G.S. has brought about. It really generates temporary employment for the majority of our people. But fixation of Rs. 5,000/- per Mile for construction of E.G.S. roads has become insufficient in consideration of present price rise; besides it has become illegal to use this Mileage system. According to Central Govt's Standard of Weights & Measures Act, 1956 Kilometre should be used. Therefore, G.A.D.'s use of Mileage system to sanction E.G.S. money per Mile should be locked into, and replaced early. Besides, this sanction of Rs. 5,000/- per Mile is interpreted to mean Rs. 5,000/- per Kilometre, formal application of the right term should be followed.

Respectable Prime Minister's 20 Points Economic Programme, 5th point states 'Plan for liquidation of rural indebtedness', I wonder whether the Govt. will not let the people, who drew Agriculture Distress Loans, repay the Loans and simply write off. However, I would like the Govt. to leave word that until further order those Agriculture Distress Loanees should not repay their Loans. I dare say this as the P.M.'s Programme seem to include this matter.

Our Govt. employees grumble secretly about inability to claim House-rents allowances and they said the reason was simply due to non-declaration, officially, of Aizawl as the Capital of Mizoram Union Territory, which could be objected to as reasonable cause. I think it is not too complicated a matter to be settled early.

This Village Re-organisation (and recognition of Thlawhbawks) is an important matter as development works could not be officially done there. Loans and Grants-in-aid could not be sanctioned to Thlawhbawks for development works of the various kinds; yet some 'Bawks are bigger and more populous than some Grouped Centres, like Keitum-kawn, Rawpui, Leite etc. along Aizawl - Lunglei road. What is the main difficulty of the Govt. in settling Village Re-organisation matter? If it is an impossible thing for the Govt. I would like to know the reason. Otherwise, I dare not face the people of such villages without good knowledge of the situation; I don't know how to pacify their anxieties. Some Grouped Centres are to be shifted to better and more suitable sites. Such example is found with in my Constituency area and as the matter is still pending for final decision there is danger that the concerned parties may go to war against themselves. Govt.'s intervention is needed.

The Govt. seem to appreciate the services of Home Guards. I shall inject one bad point there; some time ago there was murder case at Chawngte and the Security Post Commander of Maratha Light Infantry framed and made false allegations against one Home Guard, due to his jealousy over a certain lady, and in addition to the murder case. The Post Commander handed over the Home Guard to the Police custody and was jailed there till today. His relatives told me only recently of his case. Something should be done there as the charges against him seem false allegations. I heard he could not be released even on bail. Though it is a personal matter, such maltreatment of our people, who render voluntary services to the Govt., by a certain Army Officer will not be digested easily by our Govt., I believe.

The Police rendered good services to bring about peace and tranquility. As the year 1966 was the year of sorrow, I believe 1976 will be the year of peace and prosperity as the fruit of the attempts of our Govt., through the Police. But there has been too many charges against the Thana O.C. of Lunglei, from the people and the Circle Inspector of Police has conducted investigation against him which might have arrived the Headquarters. I heard a confidential rumour that a file is being processed to pardon him from the I.G.P. as the incident is the first of its kind. If that should become true I protest it; an Officer's manhandling and punishment of his citizens, while it is his duty to protect and safeguard them, is not digestible and after being reported to the Headquarters and the intention to pardon, saying it is the first incident, is strongly protested. I have many instances to say in this connection. Whether on Christmas or New Year's Eve, I don't remember exactly, this Thana O.C. disturbed some party and the matter was reported to the I.G.P. in writing, but I believe the report was lost intentionally. If such reports and accusations are not duly considered we will be very frustrated, and loss of hope and frustrations on the Govt. could be dangerous. Similarly, I have noted the strange case of Thana O.C. of Tlabung. His name is Dass Gupta. Once he got drunk and shot a certain Cachari woman but fortunately he did not kill her instantly; out of his 6 shots 4 bullets exploded and 2 did not. He was then suspended simply; he would not allow his substitute, Thana O.C. to occupy the Official Quarter as he still occupied it. If his dismissal had been moved, with Emergency's support, I believe we will gladly yes to that.

According to Central Govt's Notification concerning appointment, when candidates of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are called for Interviews, they are entitled to get T.A. I wonder whether our Ministry is aware of this. Of course power is centralised here in Aizawl; candidates for 3rd and 4th Grades are called for Interviews from Lunglei and Chhimituipui Districts. According to Govt. of India decision, candidates called for Interviews are entitled to get T.A. as per actual bus fare or the lowest rate per Mile; is the Govt. aware of this Order? If fully aware, does it intend to follow in cases of such candidates called for Interviews?

Thank you.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA : Mr. Speaker, it is right for the Members to say that time is insufficient for them to point out what they want the Govt. to note; but our Ministry, in spite of many difficulties could bring about great developments. You may say I could say this from my previous experience as a Minister but it is not so. The changes we have undergone and seen throughout the land testify to the developments in many fields. Now the economy of our villages seemed improved. In order that more developments may be achieved our Govt. employees, from the Officers to even sweepers are made aware of their responsibilities and services to the Govt, and the land.

What I would like the Ministry to note is a few points. Now Land Tenure System is being introduced and its administration outside Aizawl town should be taken charge of by the Dy. Commissioner. Its direct administration by the Govt., according to the old District Council rule, caused many inconveniences and not found in other States. When some obstinate people, violating Govt. Order, purchases or sells lands, the District Magistrate is the one who should use force in deciding the matter. As the Revenue Deptt. is not vested with such power the Dy. Commissioner is convenient for the purpose as the affairs and administration of the villages are his jurisdiction.

As I earlier said, when the Village Council administration should be reformed, the power should be vested on the Dy. Commissioner for the betterment of the affairs.

We sounded dissatisfied with the existing Police Force. The Ministry should carefully chalk out creation of 2nd Battalion M.A.P. Sufficient number of personnel should be posted along the borders and we all knew that trouble arose on Cachar border due to our inability to post Police there.

Jail administration is poor due to congested rooms. Central Jail, if not suitable within Aizawl town, should be built around the suburbs early with various facilities, as prisoners could be reformed by punishment. Schools with playgrounds should be opened and areas for gardens should be made available to grow crops. The Ministry should remember that the prisoners are our brothers who have gone astray. Construction of Central Jail should be taken up early for betterment of administration.

As Hon'ble colleagues said, the Press play vital role, for the Govt, and the public. Presses should be installed soon, for easy printing of Govt. papers at cheaper rates. Printing of Govt. papers in Private Presses, besides expensiveness and high cost, is insecure. If Synod could manage Private Press, I believe the Govt. will surely be able to manage one good Press. Demand regarding Press is said to be No. 19 but in the Budget Book it is No. 18, might be a typing mistake. (SPEAKER : Its correction has been circulated)

Departmental Pending cases have been pointed out many times. It is heard that some had been suspended too long and got employment somewhere else. According to rule or order, suspended Govt. employees should not take up other employment jobs; formal prior permission should be obtained to leave Headquarters. This should be looked into. These Departmental cases should not be kept pending for long time as it is expensive for the Govt. Early decision should be taken for settlement of such pending cases. Thank you.

FU LALKUNGA : Mr. Speaker, it is heard that many Police personnel are to retire likely on compulsory retirement. There may be many employees of various Departments also who may be required to retire compulsorily. By doing so Unemployment problem may be solved somehow. Should not this procedure of retirement of Police personnel be followed in other Departments, too?

Regarding distribution of E.C.S. Funds District wise, if Hon'ble Members from Lunglei and Chhimituipui Districts may pardon me, population basis should be given consideration. Some areas of Aizawl Dist. are still backward crying for development, and population is most dense. So much had been sanctioned for Lunglei and Chhimituipui Districts which could not be distributed according to population basis, though I cannot vouch for the populous villages.

Many people had been detained under M.I.S.A., whatever their respective cases. Powerful Advisory Board should be constituted to hear and decide the cases of these detainees at an early date. Some may be jailed for simple cases while some have serious cases. The prisoners should be made aware that Govt. has not yet forgotten them, and accordingly constitute the Board to hear and decide the cases.

Among our high-ranking Police Officers there is not a single Mizo Officer, who could be helpful for the ignorant people in giving guidance to Office procedures. The Govt. should see that such Mizo Police Officer should be there to be helpful for the people. We have qualified people for S.Ps and other Officers, but in the present set up we don't have a Mizo Officer to be consulted in cases of need.

There is a rumour that deputationees in the Police Deptt. bring their people and give them employment under them. Whether such employments are routed through Employment Exchange register or directly employed with the backing of their supporters? Thank you.

SPEAKER :

Now I shall call the Chief Minister.

BU CH. CHHUNGA :
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, last Friday trouble arose due to misunderstanding which the Hon'ble Members pointed out. I shall try to clarify that point.

Mr. Pandit, sometime Contractor and businessman and the Jailer, Mr. Prasad had a quarrel in which Mr. Prasad, the Jailer appeared to look down upon Mr. Pandit. As a result of that misunderstanding this incident arose. Someone boxed Mr. Prasad whereby the prisoners became angry and some hundred of them went on top of the roofs and shouted their protests against the Jailer and the Asst. Jailer, demanding stop to punishments/beatings. Govt. Officials were immediately sent to the spot, including the Dy. Commissioner, though he did not enter actually. He remained in the Thana watching if the worse would come out. Jail administration is rather poor as about 260 men are locked up wherein only 70 men could have been roomed. Poor accomodation facility is the one reason. Under such poor condition the Jail staff cannot maintain strict discipline. We cannot yet provide satisfactory medical facilities; though there is a Visiting Doctor he can visit only once a week and there are too many inmates for him to attend to during his visiting hours. Now the Govt. have decided to employ a Doctor exclusively for the Jail and before the Doctor could be available the Health Deptt. agrees to detail one Doctor for the purpose. I hope some improvement will be made in providing medical facilities.

The Govt., fully aware of this condition, arranged Tuirial Jail to lighten some of the burdens but the increasing number of criminals cannot make the problem solved for all. We requested some neighbouring States to kindly accomodate our prisoners in their Jails; some 50 men had been sent to Varanasi Central Jail and 24 convicts and detenus sent to Assam Nalbari Jail. Yet they are still tightly accomodated here and we cannot yet solve their accomodation problem.

Many Hon'ble Members called our Jails as 'reformation centres' and we have thought of that line. As our Jails are not so accomodative they are not satisfactory and we are looking for site of new Jail at Luangmual and final is almost reached now. If this new project could be fulfilled, with more accomodative rooms, we may open scope for reformatory classes. We are trying to improve the condition of the existing Jail but things can't go at the desired speed.

Regarding that incident of some day past a truce has been reached and the hunger-strikers have touched food again at 11 A.M. last Friday. We are conducting investigation on the Asstt. and the Jailer but the report has not yet reached us, we expect to receive soon. The incident was due mainly to misunderstanding between Mr. Prasad and the Jailer.

Sites have been selected for Jails at Saiha, Lunglei and construction of the building has been started at Saiha, but unfortunately it caught fire. In Sub-Divisions like Kolasib, small Jails shall be maintained.

We have not done much to promote Tourism. During the 5th. Plan only Rs.5 lakhs is available. Now we have built Tourist Rest House at Saitual, for easy access to Tamdil and sites are being searched for the same purpose at Aizawl and I hope we may start work next year. We propose to maintain Tourist Bungalows in various places like Lunglei, Champhai, Kolasib, Vairengte etc. We expect to improve bit by bit and we are aware that steps have to be taken concerning Tourism as our revenue could go up from the tourists. Besides acquaintance with people, revenue could be improved greatly. I hope we shall be successful there.

The G.A.S. has taken steps and considered District organisation to divide Aizawl District into 2 Districts and formally constituted a Committee. The matter is pending finalisation and I expect to finalise soon.

4 Sub-Divisions have been opened so far, including Aizawl; in Aizawl Dist. they are Sadars of Aizawl, Champhai, Kolasib & Mamit. In Lunglei Dist. they are Sadar Sub-Divisions of Lunglei and Tlabung. As we proposed Lawngtlai to be one main Sadar Sub-Division, the case of Saiha has been delayed, but an Officer has been appointed so far, for Lawngtlai. The Officers for Champhai and Kolasib have been appointed, but the one for Mamit did not join.

(PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr. Speaker, who was appointed to go to Mamit) Mr. Speaker, Mr. Banerjee and since he declined to join we are still in trouble. (PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker, it is heard that the S.D.Os of the new Sub-Divisions like Champhai, Kolasib, Tlabung etc. cannot discharge their Magisterial functions; may I know the reasons there-to?) Mr. Speaker, they cannot discharge Divisional Magistrate functions and we arrange to provide such powers, and the post of Sub-Deputy Magistrate has been created and we expect to provide Assistants soon. At present there is no proper maintenance of staff of the Sub-Divisional Offices. (PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker, the functioning Sub-Divisional Officers, vested with Magisterial powers should discharge their powers. Is it because of the absence of Prosecuting Inspector and Officers that they cannot function?) Mr. Speaker, that is another of our problems as he alone, without assistance cannot discharge his duties and the need of Sub-Deputy Magistrate was felt. Creation of many posts for the Sub-Divisional Offices has been sanctioned, like the posts of Head Assistant, U.D.As, L.D.As, 4th Grade Staff.

I found E.G.S. Funds have been rightly utilised. For Aizawl Dist. Rupees twenty eight lakhs, seventy five thousands five hundred sixty eight was utilised. For Lunglei Dist. Rupees eighteen lakhs, seventy one thousand eight hundred thirty two was spent and Rs.1 million 2 lakhs for Chhimituipui Dist. Most of the eastern region areas could be approached by Jeeps on E.G.S. roads, but the Districts of Lunglei and Chhimituipui still faced difficulties though they tried hard and the sparse population of Chhimituipui is another factor. But the Govt. and the people are still trying hard.

Some portions of the roads in Lunglei Dist. were maintained with E.G.S. and western region of Aizawl Dist. too. The total length of new roads in Aizawl Dist. is now 115 Miles and the length of improved roads is 285 Miles; some 158 Miles of roads is under construction and not yet opened to vehicles. In Lunglei Dist. some portion is under fresh-cutting phase and some old roads improved totalling the length of 289 Miles; some 113 Miles of roads under fresh-cutting have been completed and some 20 Miles of road have been half-completed. In Chhimituipui Dist. the length of Jeepable road is 27 Miles, though the information may not be reliable. But I believe the reported length may be more than this 27 Miles.

Provision for Natural Calamities is Rs.2 lakhs; the 3 District Councils were given Rs.1 lakh 52 thousands 6 hundreds whereas Aizawl Dist got Rs.72 thousands 6 hundred, Lunglei Dist. got Rs.50,000/- and Chhimitpui Dist. got Rs.30,000/-.

In the Re-Appropriation Rupees two lakhs fifty thousand was estimated for E.G.S. with the balance of Rs.47,400/-, therefore the Grand Total comes to Rs.4 lakhs. Aizawl Dist. was allotted a sum of Rs.1,75,000/-, Lunglei Dist. Rs.1,25,000/- and Chhimitpui Dist. Rs.1 lakh.

The hiring charge of one house at Delhi for Mizoram House was Rs.6,000/- which is being occupied now.

Though I cannot tell the detail I am glad the G.A.D. tried its best and brought about many essential new things demanded from the public.

Hon'ble Members have confusions in Police affairs and they are true to some extent because we are in a disturbed state and it is believeable that Police in disturbed area will function differently from Police in calm areas, so also the Army. The Army caused us many difficult cases and when taking up such cases, if they are transferred to other places, they are not available to give evidence. Due to such transfers many Court cases are still pending. As I said exercise of powers in calm and disturbed areas will differ greatly. I am convinced that we met and faced many difficulties due to our disturbed condition. Due to your best efforts an understanding seem to be reached between the public and the Security Forces. It is felt our disturbed condition seem to be approaching settlement and peace.

We all know that the Assam Govt. left us about 300 Police personnel and we recruited another 300 for M.A.P. We borrowed 5 Battalions from the B.R.T.F., B.S.F., R.A.C. etc. on the ground of our disturbed condition for which the Armed Police have to be employed. Even now we have only 1 Battalion of M.A.P. newly recruited who still need full training. We are badly in need of full trained Police and if our condition improves fortunately, I hope to establish another Battalion soon, though we are pressing the matter even now. We are now thinking of having Border Force as our neighbouring States have. We are allowed by the Central Govt. to establish the Border Force in same rank as Police Force. We believe it will be more beneficial than our Home Guards, but they won't be fully, permanently employed. If our condition improves, the borrowed Battalions will go back. I cannot tell when we will not need their services, but that time will surely come.

We propose to open Police Battalion Headquarters at Mualpui and I expect works will be started some time this year. Police Headquarter Offices are under construction at Sivaji-Tilla. We all know that the I.G.P. and his 2 Officers were assassinated in his Office by the underground elements. The present Office location is not desirable and construction of new Office buildings is greatly felt essential. The L.G. sanctioned the money by his discretionary power to construct the buildings very soon.

Our Police Force face difficulty in accommodation and though we often blamed our Constables, they cannot be often blamed. As most of them come from their homes, discipline cannot be strictly kept or maintained. In order to place them under strict control and discipline they have to be housed in barracks/lane, otherwise control is almost impossible. If we could provide them such facilities and treat them as they should be, I hope our Police will be well-disciplined. Lack of facilities and privileges create difficulty and make men obstinate and dejected. It is therefore essential that we should try to do away such things.

The Information, Public Relations Deptt. still has no Office of its own, but now we have site for location of the Press. We propose to house the Press and the I.P.R. in the same Office and the provision for the Press has gone up up from Rupees 1 lakh to Rupees 4 lakhs and I hope to have better Press. Two (2) new Presses one treadle and the other automatic are purchased. Great improvement is achieved in this line.

I appreciate your criticisms of Traffic Control. Our Traffic control duties are very lazy and undisciplined, not to speak of the wrong signals they used to give. Their behaviours are contrary to Police discipline. I shall try to make improvement on it.

Establishment of Border Force is under consideration and process.

Construction of Garage is under consideration and discussed with the Supply Minister. The site around Vaivakawn is considered whether it is suitable. We are well aware that if proper timing is not kept on movement of Vehicles, accidents may happen any moment. We believe that heavy Vehicles have to be controlled by keeping timing for their entries and going out of the streets. But suitable site should be sought for their parking when waiting for their turns and that will involve big expenditure and time. I am afraid funds may not be readily available for the purpose, anyway we shall take steps on it. (PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker, it is heard that ex-gratia grants will be paid to only those arrested during 1966, but many have been arrested since then till today and applications are still coming in. May I be clarified on this?) Mr. Speaker, does it mean that you have seen Order issued on this? (PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker, no, but I believe the saying is reliable?) Mr. Speaker, I have not heard of such Order, I counterquestion you, Besides, the rumour that payment of ex-gratia grants to only those arrested during 1966 is not reasonable, as they all suffered alike. I believe the difference in years does not matter much. If I don't get detailed briefing on the matter I dare not say much. Anyway I shall look into these points. (PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker, I want to know the difficulty met by the Govt. in reorganising the villages (Thlawhbawks). Is the Govt. aware that Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are entitled to T.A. when called for Interviews? Has Aizawl been officially declared as the Capital of Mizoram U.T.? Could Kilometre system, instead of Mileage system, be used in measuring E.G.S. works?) Mr. Speaker, regarding use of Kilometre system, Mileage system has been in use for long time in measuring distance and for sanctioning funds. But if you, the Hon'ble Members insist on using Kilometre system, I believe there will be no great difficulty. But will our villagers meet difficulty in understanding such change? The difference in the change and length will be hard to understand, I am afraid. (PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker, I am not afraid of such misunderstanding by the villagers as they experienced daily. Mileage system is used in interior measurements, the villagers know this Metric system quite well. If no difficulty is met, it should be introduced soon?) Mr. Speaker, I believe it will not be difficult. I am not aware of entitlement of T.As of Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes, when called for Interviews. Anyway I shall look into this matter, and if what you said is admissible and not effective till now, its implementation shall be looked into. (PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker, has Aizawl been officially declared as the Capital of Mizoram U.T.? Regarding entitlement of T.A. to Interviewees of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, I got a copy of this Notification of Govt. of India from the A.G. at Shillong; official clarification should be done early. The incident of Tlabung O.C.'s shooting of Cachari woman, under liquor influence was reported to the Chief Minister. If he had not missed he would have killed her, but he missed, but the case is serious)

Mr. Speaker, what I heard is the other way round that a woman was shot at by Chawngte O.C., in a drunken state. The O.C. shot his men also 4/5 times but fortunately/luckily he missed all. I have not heard of what you just said. (PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker, on 12th Dec. 1975 the report was sent through the courtesy of the Agri. Minister. May I read out some passages? (SPEAKER : If you read it it will become the House property.) (PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker, yes. Let me read out: "Tlabung O.C., A.K. Gupta has been stationed here for some 2 weeks only and whereas we expected him to safeguard the people, he rather terrorised us. His misdeeds are listed below : On 10.12.1975 at 8 : 00 P.M. in a drunken state, the O.C., carrying a Revolver Pistol and roamed about, causing panic. He shot Manik, a Cachari 6 times, 4 exploded, 2 did not. We are afraid of this Tlabung O.C. and don't want him here. We want you to take him out of here along with you." This appears to be reported when the Agri. Minister visited the place. He is now under suspension; could not the Govt. take more serious action against him, not only suspension?) (PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker, we have heard the incident of Chawngte and what action has been taken? It is frightening that he may shoot us all some day and as this particular O.C. is very dangerous the case against him is serious; but what action has been taken against him?) Mr. Speaker, I don't know what action has been taken against him, but it shall be taken. The report from Tlabung sent through the courtesy of the Agri. Minister is being processed and reports from other sources are being collected.

(PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker, was the O.C. formally arrested for his misdeeds? Only recently a Mizo Sub-Inspector of Police was arrested and handcuffed from Saiha and the matter was reported to this House once. A person who shot at other people should have been formally arrested as the case is an attempt to murder?)

(PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr. Speaker, if the Chief Minister could pardon me; if the appointed S.D.O. did not join his duty, was any attempt made to appoint another in that place?) Mr. Speaker, I dare not foretell things in detail. Anyhow, promotion of one Officer to fill up the vacant post is being processed for finalisation. After finalised we may seek another desiring Officer for the post. Difficulty arose due to the case of the Officer to be promoted.

SPEAKER : Now it is 4 : 00 P.M. and we still have Appropriation Bill to be taken up today and our time is extended. The Chief Minister's Demands shall be put to vote of the House. The question is "that the Demand Nos. 2, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 29, 32, 33, 35 & 49 for Rs. 5 crores 95 lakhs 7 thousand only to meet the expenses during the year 1976 - 77 in respect of the Departments and for the amounts as shown on Column Nos. 2, 3 & 4 of Para 13 of Bulletin No. 2 dated 23rd March, 1976 and Para 14 of Bulletin Part II dated 23rd March 1976 - be passed". Those in favour of passing say "Aye".

(MEMBERS : Aye) Any objection? (MEMBERS : Silent)

The Demands are unanimously passed. Now we shall take up Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1976. Let the Finance Minister beg leave to move it.

PU R. THANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, on the recommendation of the Lt. MINISTER Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram, I beg leave to introduce the Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1976.

SPEAKER : Any objection to the introduction of the Bill? If not objected to, let the Secretary read out the title of the Bill.

(SECRETARY READ OUT THE TITLE OF THE BILL)

SPEAKER : Let the Minister introduce the Bill.

PU R.THANGLIANA : Mr.Speaker,the various Demands of the Budget amount to Rs.42 crores 89lakhs 20 thousand available from the Mizoram U.T.Consolidated Fund.And if these Demands are passed the voted amount may be spent.
MINISTER

SPEAKER : The Finance Minister has introduced the Bill for consideration.Have you anything to say on it ?

PU NGURDAWLA : Mr.Speaker,I believe we may simply pass it.

SPEAKER : Let the Finance Minister move the Bill for passing.

PU R.THANGLIANA : Mr.Speaker,with your kind permission,I move the Appropriation (No.2) Bill,1976 to be passed.
MINISTER

SPEAKER : The question is "that the Appropriation (No.2) Bill,1976 be passed". In favour of its passage say "Aye". (MEMBERS : Aye) Any objection?
(MEMBERS : Silent)

The Appropriation (No.2) Bill,1976 is passed.

I am glad we could clear passing of the Budget at an early date. Tomorrow,as in the List of Business,we shall take up consideration and Passing of Govt.Bill.

Regarding Questions,if the concerned Department have not replied to the Questions in time the concerned Minister shall have to explain the reasons to the House.As we may expect to finish our works tomorrow,each Minister should pursue the un-replied Questions concerning their respective Departments.

We have finished today's works and we shall adjourn the meeting.We shall meet again tomorrow at 10 : 30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned