

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
BUDGET SESSION HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL FROM 22ND MARCH  
1977 TO 30TH MARCH, 1977

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P R E S E N T

Pu Vaivenga Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, six Ministers and twenty four members.

B U S I N E S S

1. Q U E S T I O N S

2. Presentation of Report

Pu Hrangala, Chairman, Committee on Estimates to present Third Report of the Committee.

3. Government Business

Discussion and voting on Demands for 1977-78.

4. Introduction, Consideration & Passing of Government Bill

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

- (a) that leave be granted to introduce 'The Mizoram Appropriation (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.

SPEAKER : "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance - against such there is no law".

Galatians 5:22-23.

We shall take up eight Questions. Let the owner of the Question ask.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Minimum Qualification for Primary teachers.

\*8. PU SAITLAWMA : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Education Department be pleased to state -

Whether it is a fact that the minimum qualification for Primary School Teachers has recently been prescribed as HSLC or Matriculate ?

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr S-speaker Sir, there is a draft rule  
MINISTER prescribing the minimum qualification for Primary school teachers to be HSLC  
examinee or Matric passed.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, I do not say draft rule. We have rule which has been approved by the Government already published in Gazette. Why is this not enforced and is the Department going to amend the draft rule or prepare anew ? We have already Recruitment Rules.

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, it is prescribed by the Pay Revision. It is processed as the pay scale of Matriculate. This has been enforced now. So from now onwards it should be Matriculat or its equivalent.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, are these under-Matric P.P. teachers, who are serving under the Education Department, Government of Mizoram, paid in H.S.L.C. scale ?

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, this is done according  
MINISTER to their qualification. There are trained and untrained teachers, Matriculate and under-Matric. Now they are given pay scale according to their qualification; but afterwards it will be HSLC scale.

SPEAKER : Question No.9.  
No. of posts of District Social Education Officer and District Social Welfare Officer under Mizoram.

\*9. PU SAITLAWMA : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Education Department be pleased to state -

Total no. of posts of District Social Education Officer and District Social Welfare Officer under the Government of Mizoram ?

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, there is one post of District Social Education Officer and one post of District Social Welfare Officer in Mizoram.  
MINISTER

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, from the answer which we received from Finance Department, it appears that there are two posts, the creation of which have been approved and already sanctioned. But these were not filled up. However, the Hon'ble Minister says that there is only one post each. Even so, where are they posted ?

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, they are both posted in Aizawl. As I have said some days back, the two posts of DSEO at Chhimitupui and Lunglei District have been created. The L.G. has made query and it has been sent to the Development Commissioner for processing. After that the cabinet's approval is yet necessary. Post of DSWO for two other Districts is not yet created.  
MINISTER

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, I believe we all know the difficulty of working at Chhimitupui and Lunglei Districts from Aizawl. There is State Social Education Officer in Aizawl at State level. There is also State level Social Education Officer. If we think in District wise, and the works are performed in this way, Lunglei and Chhimitupui Districts have been ignored.

SPEAKER : Question No. 10.  
Has Pu Sangchhuma not come ? Has he entrusted to anyone ? We'll go on to Question No. 11.

#### INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

#### Fund for Industrial Estate

\*11. PU SAITLAWMA : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Industries Department be pleased to state -

Whether it is a fact that certain fund for Industrial Estate for Lunglei District for the year 1974-75 has been diverted for construction of Industrial Estate at Aizawl District ?

PU ZALAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, the question is whether the fund for Industrial Estate for Lunglei District for 1974-75 has been diverted for construction of Industrial estate at Aizawl District. We had no Budget provision for construction of Industrial Estate for Lunglei District in 1974-75. We had Rs 1,00,000/- in 1972-73. The provision for Industrial Estate at Aizawl was too small, and even with new estimate could not be completed. We feel that we could not complete two estates at a time. So the provision for Lunglei District was used for completing the estate at Aizawl District.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, did not the Government feel the difficulty of setting two estates at a time ? Or does it use Lunglei District and Chhimituipui District only for raising funds ?

PU ZALAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, that is not so. In the beginning of 1972-73, for industrial development, construction of Industrial Estate at Aizawl and Lunglei Districts was thought not to be so expensive. The Government felt that it would be better if that fund was used to complete anyone of them than to leave both of them incomplete. There is no such feeling as to make use of Lunglei and Chhimituipui Districts for taking opportunities. (Pu Saitlawma - If I am not mistaken, it was in the year 1972-73, I read the speech of our Hon'ble Chief Minister in Nizo Arsi. I remember it was about the construction of Industrial Estate at Lunglei. In 1974-75 and 1975-76 it became like this. In fact, when the PAC studied the CAG reports, we saw Government's proposal for 3 bulldozers for Aizawl District and 2 bulldozers for Lunglei District. That one bulldozer was placed at Lunglei for a very short time, but was taken back to Aizawl. I felt that the Government makes schemes and plans in the name of Lunglei District. But the realities are found only in Aizawl.

SPEAKER : The owner of Question No. 12 is not present. Has he authorised anyone ? No. We'll take up Question No. 13.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Allotment of E.G.S. Fund

\*13. PU SAITLAWMA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c General Administration Department be pleased to state -

The reason why allotment of E.G.S. Fund is being made by the Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei outside his jurisdiction, that is, Sangau which is in Chhintuipui District during 1976-77 ?

PU CH. CHUNGA : Mr Speaker Sir, there are some places  
CHIEF MINISTER where E.G.S. are given by V/C particularly in Sangau. But there may be some suitable places like the boundary of Aizawl District and Lunglei District, etc where more people could work with E.G.S. So it was decided at their meeting that Sangau may be looked after by Lunglei D.C.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, although we have few questions many of them were not answered. I do not think the decision taken at their meeting was proper. What I want to ask is the reason.

In any Secular state it is not possible to give grant-in-aid with written document to the Church or Temple or Mosques by the Government. But why did this Deputy Commissioner give money for the construction of Church ? Is it not against Government's policy ?

PU CH. CHUNGA : Mr Speaker Sir, as I have said, this  
CHIEF MINISTER allotment of E.G.S. made by the Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei was done with agreement made between them. After that, Secretariat also gave its permission and gave order, vide office Memo No. so and so, dated 12.1.1977, that some Group Centres in Chhintuipui District, including Sangau will be looked after by Lunglei D.C. with their supply, E.G.S., natural calamities and other important things. The activities of Lunglei Deputy Commissioner at Chhintuipui District may not be understood by our Hon'ble members. However, I think he did all these things to help the poor people in this backward area. We may request him not to do any more.

PU K.L. ROCHAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, I agree with Hon'ble Member Pu Saitlawma. It may be somewhat

difficult to understand to give grant to a certain Church for the construction of their church in any Secular State like India. Some denominations may also arise, These new denominations may claim the grant. Unlike other places, the D.C. might have sanctioned E.G.S. to settle a dispute between the inhabitants themselves. Does the Government have any knowledge of this ?

PU K.T.KHUMA : Mr Speaker Sir, generally it appears that any kind of grant should not be given to any particular religion for construction of their Church, temple, mosques, etc. But sometimes in backward areas, they are always given as in NEFA, the Government gave twice or thrice for construction of **Bhuddhist Temple**.

PU SAITLAWMA : Does that mean the allotment of E.G.S. to Church is not against Government's policy ? The allotment of E.G.S. should be done District wise, but Marpara was also given by Lunglei D.C. This has not been followed by Lunglei D.C.

SPEAKER : There are some questions not yet answered. According to our amended rules regarding answer to questions, if the Questions are not answered by the Ministers in-charge, he should explain the reasons in the House. The remaining questions must be watched over by the respective Ministers concerned in their Departments. Tomorrow is the last day of Session. One question is with Home Department, one is with P.W.D., two with SAD and another one is with Community Development. The Minister incharge will answer tomorrow.

We shall take up item No.2. That is presentation of Reports. Let the Estimates Committee **Chairman** present Third Report of the Committee to the House.

PU HRANGAIA : Mr Speaker Sir, with your permission, I present the third report of the Estimates Committee to the House to be carefully considered by the Government.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall take up third item. It is Discussion and voting on Demand. 4th Demand was moved yesterday and was discussed. We have not yet finished discussion. Pu Hrangvela was asked to sit down before he completed. Let him speak for a few minutes and we shall call upon the Minister. Today we have more demands to take up. Let's try to speak to the point so that we may finish before 4:00 p.m.

Now we shall call upon Pu Hrangvela.

PU F. HRANGVELLA : Mr Speaker Sir, I want to know if the V/C remuneration is going to be increased.

Regarding water supply, we see water pipes should have been supplied to Urban and Rural areas. I would like to request our Hon'ble Deputy Minister i/c Local Administration Department to explain how the provision of water pipes for water supply to rural areas was spent. Besides, I want to know the division of works between PWD and PWE in rural areas. Besides, when the existing VCP resigns, has the new VCP the authority to take new Secretary? Can the Government force him to use the existing V/C Secretary?

PU K.L.ROCHMA : I should like to point out some Demands to be explained. In Demand No.25, regarding Medical - we have no Director of Health Services for a long time. It appears that some of our officers are senior enough to be promoted to Joint Director if we cannot find suitable person for Director. When will this be settled? They called (quotations) tenders for supply of medicines last year in the month of May or June, but the supplier has not yet been selected till date. As there are no suppliers, the private doctors have no medicines in their Dispensaries and Medical sub-centres. In Lunglei and Saiha Civil Hospitals, they are to distribute medicines. But they have no medicine. Why is the supplier not yet selected for such a long time? Why is the selection delayed so much?

Regarding the location of Medical sub-centres, I am afraid they are not so very careful. They should be placed in suitable villages where most people could receive proper treatment and medicine. Is this a tentative process to be revised by the Department?

The Government tried to make Lunglei Hospital better from 1973. Its drainage is very bad and all the dirty drain water flow down to the main road and below it into the water fountain thus causing great inconvenience to the public and is harmful for public health. Besides, it is nasty to be seen.

Further, the building itself is very old.

I think they might be the possessor of the biggest power supply of electric. But the switchboards in the Hospital are out of order and could not be used. So Kerosene oil is used. This is very insufficient in Hospital. This may be repaired as soon as possible. They have no proper latrine. One service latrine is attached on the side of a precipice to the west of the Hospital. This is not looked after and it causes a very bad smell to the hospital and not only that, it increases the flies very much. This may please be considered and immediate

✓taken.

action. There are few doctors. There is no Civil Surgeon and the SDMO takes the charge. The administration is not efficient. The Mizo Doctors work very hard and a heavy responsibility is laid upon them. The people felt that the non-Mizo Doctors do not work but get all favours. They wish that these non-Mizo Doctors could be transferred to somewhere else. Proper administration is needed.

Besides, rural Development does not appear in Demand No.28. Do we not have any scheme for Rural Development in the present financial year? This may please be explained.

PU R.DOTINAIIA : I have few questions to be explained. Some of the V/C members have not yet received their remuneration for a long time. Why this is so? The Government has agreed to give them, and they should receive in time. But many V/C members do not receive remuneration for about 10(ten) months. This may please be explained.

As the Hon'ble Member Pu K.L.Rochama has said, some of the important Group Centres like Aibawk, Khawhlailung, Vervek, Khawzawl, etc are supposed to be under Government's plan. It is said that the Government has supplied G.C.I. sheets to the Aibawl people but the others do not get this. Has the Government any proper intention for these planned villages? All the people want that their villages should be well-planned and the public buildings may be constructed as quick as possible. The people face great difficulty and could not make their decision as Government's schemes are not clear-cut.

Formerly, compounder, mid-wife or one nurse and one chowkidar used to be posted in most of the big Grouping Centres to take care of patients and to deliver babies, and to attend to emergency cases, etc. But these are removed and only chowkidars are placed in one grouping centre. Thus the people badly suffered and there arose many complaints against this. Has the Government any new plans for this?

SPEAKER : Now we shall call upon the Minister.

PU K.T.KHUMA : Mr Speaker Sir, I want to add some points to what our Hon'ble Members have said. The Medical Department is one of the most important and biggest Departments in the Government of Mizoram. I think it would be better if we have a Director from among the Mizo Doctors who have completed 20 or 10 years service in Mizoram for the better administration of the Department instead of



promoting those officers having less service in civil service.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the Minister.

PU P.B. NIKHUMA: Mr Speaker Sir, our Demands which we have  
DY. MINISTER discussed yesterday are not few. Regarding  
fund allotment to Sangau and Marpara by  
Lunglei D.C: this Marpara was placed under the jurisdiction  
of Aizawl D.C. But there was an order issued from the Govern-  
ment that Marpara will be under the jurisdiction of Lunglei  
D.C. for there may be administrative inconvenience regarding  
E.G.S., natural calamities, arrangement of supply, etc.  
Regarding the question of how many V/Cs have been taken in  
Aizawl and Lunglei Towns after U.T., we have not yet given  
any V/C to these two towns although there is a proposal for  
it. There is also a question as to when the election to  
Tawipui V/C will be held. That V/C has been dissolved because  
the village is to be splitted to two different villages.  
It is expected to have the election in the near future. The  
boundary will be arranged by the Boundary Commission.  
Pu Saitlawma also asked that 4 members of Zibawk V/C resigned  
and why have their resignations not yet been accepted by  
the Government? This case came to the knowledge of the  
Government as if they have been compelled due to political  
reasons. I think we shall have to discuss with our officers  
at Lunglei if this is correct or not. That is why we keep it  
pending for the time being. One question was why is the  
Resolution of Pawi District Council not laid on the Table  
of the House for so long? I think Pu Saitlawma mistook  
this. The notification when it was drafted was laid on the  
Table of the House and the District Council was dissolved  
after the approval of the House. It was dissolved for one  
year which could be extended by the Government if found  
necessary.

Pu Sapana asked whether there is any pro-  
posal for Municipal Board or Town Committees for Aizawl,  
Lunglei and other important towns. If so, what steps have  
been taken. We have separate village councils in different  
villages. Is it better to have Municipal Boards or Town  
Committees than Village Councils in our present stage?  
This is very important. It was suggested to have Muni-  
cipality or, Municipal Corporation. But it was felt that  
we are not having sufficient source of income to have  
such Municipal Boards. During the time of District Council,  
there was a proposal for Town Committee having one full time  
Town Administrator at Aizawl and part-time Town Administrator  
at Lunglei. This body was to act as Advisory body. It was  
to do all the planning and development of the town.

This proposal was sent to Housing Ministry of the Govt. of India. As it was detained by Home Ministry after some clarification were given by Works and Housing Ministry, we could not implement it.

Yesterday Pu Saiflawma asked why don't we form Village Councils in the U.T. Government as was formed in the time of District Council having the same rules. It is very true. Actually formation of Village Council is the subject of U.T. Government. However, we cannot solve easily the security problem to set up a new institution or new Village Council in our present law and order situation that needs consultation with important Government officials. Even during the time of District Council, they always met the same difficulty.

Pu F. Hrangvela asked whether the remuneration of village council is going to be increased or not, and the position of Village Council Secretary when the existing VCP resigns, and whether his services could be terminated by the new VCP? There is a proposal from the Department for the increase of Village Council remuneration due to economic crisis prevailing in the country. It was also included in the budget but was not through. The no. of members and institution of Village Council is to be reviewed and settled. After that increase of remuneration will be considered. The Village Council Secretary is appointed by Government and should not be removed by VCP at his own will. He (the VCP) is the recommending of authority but cannot terminate the service of the Secretary.

Regarding the process of arrangement in Rural Water Supply asked by Pu F. Hrangvela - the major schemes like pipe system and pumping system are taken up by the PHE Department and minor schemes like water point, improvement in Rural Water Supply are put under the Deputy Commissioner.

Besides, Pu K.L. Rochana asked why didn't Rural Development appear in Demand No. 28? Does this mean we have no Demand either in Housing or Rural Development? Although Demand for Urban Development appears in Demand No. 28, here the budget Head was adjusted. You can see that we get 10 (ten) lakhs for Rural Housing and 2 (two) lakhs for Rural Development on page 116, vol 2 of Demand No. 27.

About the shifting of villages asked by Pu Dotin-  
aia, some villages are to be shifted due to inconvenience of the location. These villages are usually shifted at their own will, because they thought that the location of their village is not good enough in the long run. Changzawl was shifted to Bualpui at their own will. Out-post building was also constructed by themselves for Security Forces.

Tawipui is also to be shifted to two places at their will (Pu Ch.Chhunga - It will be good if clarification is given as to whether the Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei has sanctioned Rs 50,000/- for B.G.S. for the construction of out-post at Tawipui, and whether the Government witness this? Also whether it is the responsibility of the Government to construct the security post) Mr Speaker, when this village was going to be shifted, the Security Forces said that it was necessary to shift their out post with the village and the expense for the construction of out-post at either Mualkawi or Minpuikawn should be borne by the State Government. They will be responsible for the security of the two villages. It is good that the D.C. Lunglei has sanctioned from B.G.S.

Regarding the shifting of Sateek village pointed out by Pu Dotinaia, there was suggestion from among the inhabitants of Sateek, Phulpui, Tachhip, etc that these villages may be grouped into one village for their own benefit. They requested the Government to make plans for them. Generally when these like villages are grouped or shifted, it was through their own will and their requisition. No GCI sheets have been given to any of the villages. I think it is false information.

The reason why we couldn't get Director of Health Services was asked by our Hon'ble Members. The Central Government recommended the names of 5 persons for the post on our request. But we could not accept them. The Government of India enquired whether we could enter the post of Director into Central Health Service without which none of the Doctors could be compelled to serve in Mizoram. But it was decided not to enter only the post of Director into Central Health Service but we agreed to raise the pay scale. We have a post of Joint Director also. The Government officers, especially Health Department staff are under the authority of the DPC. It is not easy to have a DPC as some of our officers are having Police cases that delayed things very much. Regarding the Civil Surgeon of Lunglei Civil Hospital, a proposal was prepared from the Department including the SDMO at Saiha. It is to be taken up by the DPC and it is expected to have at an early date.

Pu K.L.Rochama's question about the quotation called in June last year, I know nothing about it. I'll try to make it clear and hope I will be able to inform you during this Session. About the drainage of the Lunglei Civil Hospital, I had seen it for myself and accordingly searched for suitable place to throw out the dirty water.

If I am not mistaken, its work schedule was included in the budget provision.

Wiring of electric is not done by Department but through PWD. Internal wiring at Lunglei Civil Hospital may be insufficient. It came to the knowledge of the Government and it will take immediate steps for its repair.

Lunglei Civil Hospital has a pucca latrine but it is used as service latrine. Before the extension of buildings, it was very suitable. But after extension of the building it causes a very bad odour to the Hospital. Septic Latrine could not be made due to bad water supply. This is also felt in Aizawl Civil Hospital. But it could not be solved so easily although the officers also feel the need of making proper latrines in our hospitals. (Pu K.L.Rochama - the nearest room to the latrine, the extended building was supposed to be used for store room. But one room rather dark for patients has been used for store room. Does the Government know this? If so, is there any intention to construct alternate building?) Mr Speaker, yes, it is intended to construct alternate building and it has been included in the budget provision. The strength of Lunglei Hospital is 102 beds. When we had no good store room, that building for store room was used as Medical store.

Fly proof is also very important. Provision was also once made. But it was not implemented because the need of building was felt more important.

In conclusion, about the posting of Doctors, we have three Mizo Doctors, one non-Mizo Doctor, one SDMO who deals with the administration, one non-Mizo Dental Surgeon. We cannot yet get full strength of staff in both the hospitals of Aizawl and Lunglei. We have only two Doctors in Casualty Department for 24 hours duty. Especially for these two months we are badly in need of Doctors. We have only one doctor at Champhai.

and no Doctor at our Dispensaries at S. Vanlaiphai, Bukpui, Sielsuk, Kawrthah, etc. In Aizawl also, it is very troublesome. We cannot have a general duty without specific assignment. However, as our Hon'ble Finance Minister has said we have about 50 Mizo Medical students and 10 non-Mizo Medical students. When these students pass, this problem may be solved to some extent. We cannot keep non-Mizo Doctors for a long time due to our disturbance. I do not deny that Health Department fails especially in the posting of staff. The construction of buildings is rather successful with the help of Public Works Department. (Pu V.L.Hruaia - Recently, they have one great scheme covering the whole territory, called Central Scheme or super post scheme. All the efficient workers in Dispensaries were removed

and they could not find other efficient workers who could take their charge. They trained Health Assistants for about 10 or 30 days and sent them out to take charge of those Pharmacists at Dispensaries. People suffered very much. I think this has not been the practice in other states of India. I want to ask if you could review this to cover only one block for test). I think our Hon'ble member Pu Lalhruaia mistook about the Multipurpose Scheme. It is to be implemented throughout India to economise the expenditure of the establishment staff in this Department. (Pu V.L.Hruaia - I am not sure if it is to be implemented throughout India, but I think they do not yet practise in other states) Mr Speaker, I think he is mistaken. In Bengal State, they do want to practise in half of the state as owing to its big size, it is difficult to take up in one stage. But our state is not so big. So we intend to take at once. What people complain of is true. However, usually the pharmacists look after the Dispensaries. But in the new scheme, they are to work where there are Indoor facilities, where they could do compounding and dispensing for which they are trained. They will be posted in Primary Health Centre where indoor facilities could be used.

(Pu V.L.Hruaia - I do not say that it should not be implemented. I suggest that one block should be taken up for test and more blocks gradually) Mr Speaker, it is true, but the Department felt that it is better to have one busy year than to make new arrangements every year. In short, Health Department has various programmes called Control of Communicable Diseases which is a centrally sponsored programme. This includes control of Malaria, T.S., V.D., Philaria, small pox control programmes. These need their respective specific special duty staff. The Government of India felt that these duplicate staff will not be necessary if we can train them at once and have one who can do • vaccinating, surveillance, etc. This will greatly minimise the staff establishment and thus economise in expenditure. Further we could cover more areas even in Rural areas. Now we are having 40 such trainees (Pu R.Dotinaia - It appears that there are V/C members who have not received their remuneration from 20.5.71 to 29.4.1972. Does the Government know this? If so, can the remuneration be paid now?) Mr Speaker Sir, I am sorry I have forgotten to answer Hon'ble member's question. All the V/C members and liabilities under this District Council are sent to the SAD for liquidation. All their documents are examined for liquidation under SAD not LAD since U.T. Government. Their documents were found excluded here. They informed me and it was checked again. I do not know its present situation. However, they were not included in the clarification of the debts of District Council, I cannot say the present position.

SPEAKER : I think it is clear enough. Let us take votes. It is rather too long and we have taken much time. This is the Demand we are to vote.

"That the Demand, No 22, 25, 26, and 28 for Rs 3 crores 20 lakhs and 53 thousand be passed. Those who agree say 'agree' (Members - agree) Those who disagree say 'disagree.' (members kept silent) Now the demand has been passed.

We shall take Demand No.4. Let the Minister incharge move it.

PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your permission, I move the demands no.1,3,4,5,11,13,18,31,39,48 and 51 for Rs 9 crores 17 lakhs and 30 thousand only, to meet the expenses during 1977-78 in respect of the following Departments.

Demand No. 1	Parliament, State, U.I. Legislature	-	Rs 11,42,000/- only
Demand No. 3	Council of Ministers	-	Rs 5,08,000/- only
Demand No. 4	Administration of Justice	-	Rs 7,25,000/- only
Demand No. 5	Election	-	Rs 5,64,000/- only
Demand No.11	Taxes and Vehicles	-	Rs 1,57,000/- only
Demand No.13	Secretariat & General Services	-	Rs 59,28,000/- only
	Secretariat Social and Community Services	-	Rs 3,22,000/- only
	Secretariat Economic Services	-	Rs 6,25,000/- only
Demand No.18	Supplies and Disposal	-	Rs 41,55,000/- only
Demand No.31	Social Security Welfare	-	Rs 55,40,000/-
Demand No.39	Food and Nutrition under Revenue Head	-	Rs 37,56,000/- only
	under Capital	-	Rs 5,75,69,000/- only
Demand No.48	Road & Water Transport under Revenue Head	-	Rs 63,13,000/- only
	under Capital Head	-	Rs 11,70,000/- only
	under Loans	-	Rs 5,00,000/- only

Demand No.51 Loans to Government  
Servants, under loans - Rs 27,56,000/- only

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Minister incharge has moved his Demands.  
Do we agree to discuss ? Let us start discussion.

PU R. DOHENAIIA: Mr Speaker Sir, I have some points to say  
about Demand no. 1, 3, 4, 5, 11, 13, 18 etc.

We see about Supply in Demand no. 18. We are not still self-sufficient in our food supply and mostly depend on ration supply. I suggest that the Government may take immediate steps to reach enough supply to villages before rainy season.

The system of enrolment in Electoral Rolls is not proper. Formerly, enumerators were sent out to do enrolment. And they, in consultation with the party leaders enrol qualified men and women carefully. Now-a-days, some villagers do not know whether enumerators came or not. Even where they came, enrolment was done without any consultation with the political parties. Many voters in General Election of 1972 and V/C election in 1975 were not included in the new enrolment. As such they could not vote in N.F. election. It appears that some individual parties are doing enrolment without the knowledge of other parties as if they have combination with the workers in Election office. I wish the Government looks into the matter more carefully.

About the road transport, BRTF and Public Works Department have constructed good roads. Tipaimukh road has also been constructed with black topping to a distance. People express their wish to run a bus regularly. Now we have about 30 buses. I think their condition must be checked very carefully. Besides, the seats are too limited in our buses. Can't the seats be increased to 100 seats at least. With the increase of population and good roads all people choose to travel by vehicles. Is there any proposal to make the services of buses more regular ? Besides, we have only one booking clerk. This causes late-reaching of the station and people suffer very much. I think this should be looked into by the Government. Also, Bus station is too small. It is difficult to book bus tickets. A plot of land for bus station should have been settled. If we have better building, wider bus station and more staff, it will be better for us all. I think our money should be used for solving our problems.

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PU F. HRANGVELA : Mr Speaker Sir, In demand no. 11, we have Taxes on vehicles. Although our vehicles always go to Silchar, we do not pay taxes to Cachar District because we do not use in Silchar area. Here, I should like to know if the owners of these vehicles coming from other states and service throughout our territory pay taxes to our Government.

In demand no. 39 about food and nutrition, the money sanctioned for various supplies may kindly be given to the sons of the soil. When we were under the Government of Assam, the Motor Owners Association as well as other Associations used to apply for most of the supplies of Mizoram, but were never favoured and these were always allotted to some rich men who come from other states. Even after we have our own Government, it seems there is no chance for sons of the soil. They should be favoured in all possible ways.

Regarding election, I felt it is necessary to cancel all the Electoral Rolls and prepare new electoral rolls as soon as possible.

Here, the salary of MLAs appears. Though the Bill is passed, we do not know the progress. Besides, our facilities for telephons are not heard of till date. The Bill had been passed in the house, but we do not yet have this facility. I think it is so difficult for us. We should work harder in this respect.

PU C. LAIRUMTA ; Mr Speaker Sir, as Hon'ble Member Pu Hrangvela has said, Assembly Secretariat appears to have been neglected for a long time. We said about Committee Officer some five years ago, but we could not get till today. Will the Parliamentary Minister say why this is so? I think the appointment, promotion and use of vehicles in this Secretariat may be made clear. We have a post of Dy. Secretary in the budget but not filled up. Why this is so? The Speaker and Deputy Speaker have been given vehicles. There are 4 other pool vehicles though there are only three drivers. Is it so difficult to have 4 drivers? This always caused hardship to the members.

Regarding election, formerly there was deletion list and addition list in the rolls. In the last M.P. election, there were no deletion and addition lists in some of the electoral rolls. The names of one family was enrolled in separate sheets. Besides, most of the additions appear to have been added by the election officer at the request of individual political leaders. One voter whom I saw at Namhluang polling station was only a small girl. But many qualified people were excluded in the roll. The new Electoral Rolls should be prepared before the next election. And only those



to whom the political parties agree to enrol should be enrolled.

Truck loan to MSF returnees appears in demand no. 48. It is supposed to be given to 50 people. It appears that only those who surrender themselves at their own will after U.T. would receive favour and loans. I think it would be better if the Government reviews its policy to give the loan and other kinds of help to all the returnees including those who surrendered before U.T.

In Demand no. 31, appears the Training of Territorial Army. I have never heard of Territorial Army in Mizoram. Do we have such army in Mizoram? Has the Government any scheme for this?

I think the sanction of help to voluntary organisations like Y.M.A, cultural Club, etc for the victims of some serious diseases should be reviewed. Such assistance is mostly given by the Ministers when they are requested by these organisations during their visit to the villages. As there is no time prescribed for the submission of applications for these grants, etc the organisations apply at their own convenience or whenever the need arises. If there is sanction for this kind of grant, the time and amount of sanction should be notified. The Ministers could not visit all villages and in fact, those who live in remote areas where Ministers could not pay visits receive less grant from the government. Likewise, grant for old age should be notified and distributed equally.

Besides, Mr. Speaker, although I was not present during the discussion on Demand no. 13 yesterday, I want to say about the establishment of Liaison Office at New Delhi. I do not find the necessity of having police at New Delhi while we have no enough policemen in Mizoram and employ CRP, RAC and B.S.F. What is the necessity? Will the Hon'ble Minister be able to explain?

Thank you.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker sir, regarding Administration of justice, the District Council Court has been appearing in the budget. I should like to know the relationship of the work of Magistrate with those of District Court. We have District Courts in different places. In some places, there are no sufficient workers. Is there no way to have at least one Officer at each District since we are no longer under District Council and we make new arrangements in our Courts? Otherwise it seems that our Magistrates have no duties to perform.

Regarding election, I agree with what our Hon'ble members have said about Electoral Rolls. Besides Electoral Rolls, there was something improper about Polling Stations in the last M.P. Election. The Government should have polling Station considering the distance from the nearby villages from where voters would cast their votes in that polling Station. In Pu S.P. Dewan's Constituency and my Constituency, Polling Station were made in such away that many people could not cast their votes due to great distance and did not make use of their voting rights. I hope we are having election soon and the location of Polling Station should be re-considered as soon as possible. It seems there is no fund for District Council Election although we may have Pawi District Council election soon.

About Rehabilitation grants to MNF returnees pointed out by Hon'ble Member Pu C.Lalruata, I think the Rehabilitation grants should be given to all returnees equally regardless of whether they had surrendered before or after U.T.

Regarding Supply & Transport, I am very thankful to the government in that we have enough food. But we have many difficulties in Administration. In some places, the power is confined to a Storekeeper or other staff. There is a provision in the budget for one Officer incharge Supply at Chhimituipui District. Last year, our Godowns were affected by flood. In some places, the workers suffered due to shortage of supply. This is because we do not have any incharge Officer. So one Officer incharge Supply may please be posted for improvement of administration.

About Transport, bus could service upto Kawlchaw. 4 Jeeps were provided because bus could not reach Saiha. But only one jeep out of 4 could service. The service of the jeep should be supervised by Supervisor. As there is no proper instructions from the government regarding the issue of tickets by A.O. Lawngtlai, the authority of A.O. and D.C., there is none to control the driver. This causes much trouble in their service. This may further give bad name to the Govt. of Mizoram. Besides, we need better bus station. If I am not mistaken, the site for bus station has been settled. The construction may be started soon and the system of booking tickets should be reviewed as soon as possible.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr.Speaker sir, yesterday our Hon'ble Chief Whip Pu K.T.Khuma has pointed out that we are sure the State Social Welfare

Officer could not run an office with ut staff. Does this mean our Government ignores Social Welfare in general ?

SPEAKER : We have hardly 5 minutes. We have to stop at 1 p.m. But if we agree to complete discussion on the Demand now, we shall call upon the Minister. Do we agree ? Yes, let us call upon the Minister.

PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, firstly, the Hon'ble MINISTER Member Pu R.Dotinaia has said about Ration stock at villages. I hope we could have enough stock before rainy season. There was little stock at Sorchhip because rice could not come from FCI. From now on the supply position will improve.

Electoral Roll was said by Hon'ble members- Pu Dotinaia, Pu F.Hrangvela, Pu Lalruata and Pu Sapliana. This has been known to the Government and is under consideration.

Pu R.Dotinaia has pointed out about bus service. Bus service is operated as far as possible. Regarding the seat, I have announced in this House that our Government approved the suggestion of our Assembly to transform Supply and Transport Organisation into a Transport Corporation. It was proposed to do so from the 1st April, 1976. But the Central Act was not extended in Mizoram. Administration in State Transport is not going so fast as it is to be transformed into a Transport Corporation. Under the present scheme of Government, 8 buses will be purchased during this dry season. Two of them have reached here. We have 4 booking staff.

Pu Sapliana has said about bus service in Chhimituipui District- Formerly it was placed under the supervision of SDO. Recently, it was placed under the supervision incharge. It is to be examined. Its income is deposited in the Government account. Bus station will be constructed at Lawngtlai.

Pu Hrangvela has pointed out about vehicle taxation. There may be something which you cannot understand as there are different kinds of permits. There is a National Permit used in the whole country and General Permit which is used in Eastern India, Orissa, Bihar and all other eastern states for transportation. This kind of tax is collected by each state where we go. Likewise, there is proposal for agreement for special transportation between Meghalaya, Assam and Mizoram. But it is not yet finalised. Mr Speaker, the vehicles coming from Silchar do not pay taxes as they came

with temporary permit just as we don't pay to Cachar District. (Pu F.Hrangvela - our vehicles go to Silchar for a few days only, but the vehicles of Cachar get service throughout our territory. Does our Government regard as same thing?) It does not depend on the length of the journey, but on time. Tax is paid periodically.

Regarding allotment for carrying supplies, I think you remember, in any contract works, the rates of Mizo contractors should be raised upto 12% and 10% in carrying supply. This has been enforced by our government. But since most of our supplies come from FCI, the cost of carrying supplies from Silchar to Lawngtlai is paid by Government of India. Further, when the FCI was going to call tenders for contract, the Government of Mizoram has asked the FCI to give favour to Mizo contractors and they agreed. But none of the Mizo contractors submitted tenders and it could not be helped. And about showing favour to companies, the Government is showing favour to them as much as possible.

About the MIA salary Bill passed in the House, it always takes a long time to go through the usual process. It does not matter whether it could have gone through or not, the effective date is the 1st November, 1976. However, the Government will pursue the matter (Pu Hrangala - Is there anything known about it after it has been returned to the President for his assent after some corrections were made?) Mr Speaker, that is what we don't know and the Government have to pursue.

The Hon'ble member Pu L. Luata has pointed out about the appointment of Committee Officer in Legislative Assembly. The appointment is under the consideration of DPC and is being processed. In fact, Legislative Assembly is separated from General Administration. We have some difficulties in appointment to Class I posts. The Government felt that it would not be better for the present officers to be fully independent. So only class I officers are placed as common Cadre.

We are facing difficulties in different departments due to economy drive. It is not only in Legislative assembly but also in Transport Department, etc and is being considered.

(Pu C.Lalruata - What is meant by Economy Drive? What is its difference with economic ban? It was said to have been abolished. Can it still cause hardship?) Economic ban is derived from Economic drive. It is not yet fully abolished. We are given special

consideration and it appears to have been relaxed. Post creation is difficult because we have difficulty in the budget.

Regarding Truck Loan : It appears in the budget under the heading for unemployed graduates. It should be unemployed graduates, etc and underneath - MNF returnees, etc. That may be a typing mistake.

Regarding Rehabilitation of MNF returnees : the reason why it is fixed 21.1.1972 is that it was on the date of inauguration of U.T. that the Government first made commitment for rehabilitation of MNF returnees. (Pu Lalruata- Although the date of announcement may be 21st January, 1972 was it was it announced that all the MNF returnees should be rehabilitated or only those who surrender after 21.1.72 ? This will matter I think ? Before 1972, it was said that MNF returnees should be given Rs 100/- and those who surrendered with arms will be given reward according to the arms with which they surrender. There was no other commitment beyond the commitment of the Government. On 21.1.72 the Central Government has announced that the MNF returnees will be given rehabilitation (Pu Lalkunga - if so, does that mean all the MNF returnees before U.T. will not be rehabilitated ?) Mr Speaker, the Mizoram Government has not made any commitment, However, they have rehabilitated as much as possible in terms of government jobs, etc.

About Territorial Army pointed out by Pu C.Lalruata, the Territorial Army is neither Home Guards nor Regiment or police. Government servants are given training so that they may be used as Security Forces in times of emergency. That is Territorial Army. Mizoram is placed under 119 Infantry Battalion Territorial Army. Its Headquarters is at Shillong. (Pu C.Lalruata- Does that include those 4th Grade staff who had received re training at Republic Veng Play Ground ?) Mr Speaker, it does not include those. Those IV Grade staff are given training under Home Guard for maintenance of better discipline. (Pu C.Lalruata- Mr Speaker, are those trainees employed by the Government of Mizoram ? Are they selected by the Mizoram Government ? How many trainees are there this year ?) Mr Speaker, I cannot say the figure. They are not selected by Government. They go voluntarily. They receive the same food and clothing as the regiments receive.

Regarding Ex-gratia Grant to MNF, the Rehabilitation Department draws programme and it is sent to Delhi. More could not be said now.

Pu Lalruata's suggestion to make wider advertisement for giving grant to social organisations will be looked into by the Government.

Regarding Police at Delhi, (pointed out by Pu Lalruata) they were placed by the Government for security because we are in a disturbed area.

Regarding District Council Court stated by Pu Sapliana - the existing District Council Courts function as they did during District Council times. Now, the Government has a proposal for giving them more responsibility and authority. (Pu Lalruata - for whose security were the policemen placed in Delhi, LG or Ministers? Is it not necessary in Calcutta or Silchar? Can't they be provided for LG by Delhi administration?) Mr Speaker, there is difference with Calcutta. It is for the security of LG, Ministers and other important officials. It is not possible for U.T. administration to make arrangements in Delhi as it is the seat of Metropolitan Council and all the representatives of States and Central Government. Other States can provide security.

Regarding District Council Election at Chhintui-pui District, you can see the Receipt and Expenditure Statement budget made by the Finance Department for Chhintui-pui District in our budget.

Regarding the posting of Administrative officers pointed out by Pu Sapliana, it is difficult to have A.O. in every centre. Some time back, one officer at Lunglei was appointed as DCSO and the present DCSO at Lunglei was transferred to Saina. But there was some trouble in the promotion of the officer at Lunglei and he could not take the charge. This matter is under consideration.

About Social Welfare stated by Pu K.L.Rochama, the Government will give instruction to the Department to make arrangements.

Pu Sangkhun said in our general discussion that prices of commodities have risen after relaxation of emergency. There are two kinds of emergency. One was proclaimed in 1971 due to External aggression. In 1975 it was proclaimed due to Internal disturbance. There was provision in DIR to control prices of commodities. After withdrawal of the two kinds of emergency we could not enforce DIR now. However, it appears it is necessary to control prices of essential commodities. So the Central Government is going to prepare rules to control the prices of essential commodities under Essential Commodities Act.

Pu Sapliana point d out about construction of godowns. You can see that in our Schedule of Works. It is proposed to construct godown at Lawngtlai, Saiha. It was already constructed at Lunglai and has a capacity of 5000 quintals. At Serchhip and Kelasib, they are being constructed with a capacity of 4000 quintals each, and in other 9 places, it is proposed to construct godowns during this year. In Mizawl, it is proposed to construct a godown having a capacity of 30,000 quintals.

Besides, in order to control prices of goods in the bazaar, it is proposed to have Co-operative store in every centre and District Headquarters and sub-Divisional Headquarters. To supervise the works, we shall have Asst. Registrar and Senior Inspector in every Sub-Divisional Headquarters as well as Junior Inspectors in Community Development Blocks. The Government is taking steps to be able to sell essential commodities at lower prices even in rural areas - not only goods but also FOL, K.oil etc. Even now, many villages can purchase these things at the same rates as prevail in Mizawl.

The Hon'ble Member Lu Dotindiae has said about purchase of ginger. While it was given to the farmers as loan at the rate of Rs 125/- per quintal, the rate was less at the time of payment. The Government of Mizoram announced before that we shall buy at the rate of Rs 125/- per quintal. As such it was bought by Society. Even now, it was announced that we shall buy at the rate of Rs 100/- per quintal. The rate may be changed every year according to the market rate. The Government is paving the way for the sale of our cash crops like ginger, sesamum, spices, etc. Mr Speaker, I request that this demand be passed.

SPEAKER : We shall take votes on these demands. The question is :

That Demand Nos. 1,3,4,5,11,13,18,31,39,48, & 51 for Rs 9,17,30,000/- be passed. Those who agree say 'agree' (Members say :Agree) Those who disagree say 'disagree'. Members kept silent). The Demands have now been passed.

Now we shall have rest and we'll continue at 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

SPEAKER : We shall take up next Demands. Let the Minister concern move them.

10 CH. S. ERJONGA: Mr Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the  
MINISTER Administration of Mizoram and with your permission, I move Demand Nos. 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41 & 43 for Rs 6,35,22,000/- only to meet the expenses during the year 1977-78 in respect of the following Departments. Special and Backward areas, other economic services, Agriculture and minor irrigation, Soil and Water conservation, Animal Husbandry & Milk supply, loans, Fisheries, and Community Development.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Minister has moved his Demands. Do we agree to discuss them? Agree. Let us discuss them.

10 LALHLIR. : Mr Speaker Sir, I have something to say about Demand Nos. 35, 38 & 40.

Agriculture is our main occupation in Mizoram. Whenever the Government is making schemes for the whole territory, agriculture is most helpful to the people than other departments. A new scheme known as MEC scheme appears in the budget. Besides, the expenditure for special and Backward areas also appears. Here I want to say that although this expenditure as seen from 1975, it seems there is no success from this. Besides, the Government reserved a plot of land near Hmunkhaltha for growing Agency Orchards plant but transferred to Chungte area after one year. But uptill now, not a single plant of orchard has been planted here. Has the money sanctioned for this farm been transferred or not yet been spent? Especially, the eastern part of our territory cannot be used successfully for growing pine-apple or bananas due to its high elevation. It is believed that plum, apple, pear orchard could be grown well in the eastern part of the territory. This may please be explained. Again, it has been proved that pigsticker can also be reared successfully. This may please be pursued by the Government. Regarding land reclamation, the Government should be very careful to issue work orders for terracing, etc by giving to only those who deserve. The Agriculture Demonstrators should see their works at the spot. Now the Government is

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is going to mechanise agriculture in Mizoram. The bulldozers now used for making play grounds and building sites only should be used for making rice fields and other machines like Tractors and Power Tillers which are very costly but left unused in the streets should be made useful.

Besides, it has been published in the newspaper that Forest and Soil Conservation Department is to be put under Agriculture Directorate. Soil Conservation Department is successful in their plan and schemes. So I suggest that it would be better if they are not put together with Agriculture Department.

It is not yet possible to give Agriculture Loan to the farmers in villages, Is it not possible to give Agriculture Loans to the farmers? In fact, it has been taken by the inhabitants of Aizawl and Lunglei who do not actually cultivate a piece of land. The villagers are not able to get this loan because they cannot mortgage their land. This is very bad for it is they whom we should assist in development in agriculture. The Government must take steps to stop shifting method of agriculture completely by giving Loan and grant to cultivators, so that we could make our rice fields permanent. We may not achieve all at once, but we must try to get at least 100 families a year well established in wet cultivation.

Thank you.

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SH. R. DOTNALA: I have something to say on these demands.

Although we have a large amount of money, our Agriculture is not so well-developed because money is not spent as it ought to be. As our Hon'ble member Sh. Lalhlira has said, we do not want jhuming. In order to decrease jhuming method, a large amount of money was spent on WRC. But it is not so successful. The Government should proceed step by step because if we take a large area at once, we do not know how and when the money is spent and we do not get success. We should take all possible areas for WRC and cultivate them by using machines and by irrigation where it is possible. When we have all these areas well cultivated, we may be self-sufficient in food.

Regarding amalgamation of Soil Conservation Department with Agriculture Department, I agree with the opinion of our Hon'ble Member Sh. Lalhlira. We can see the difficulties of the amalgamation from every corner. If it is amalgamated, our country will suffer. As it was decided by Agriculture Consultative Committee, it would be better if it is not amalgamated. Last year certain amount of

money was given on loan to the villagers for purchase of ginger seeds at the rate of Rs 125/- per quintal. This was fixed by a particular Committee set up by the Government. But after sometime, it was fixed at the rate of Rs 100/- per quintal without consulting the Committee. Those who have taken at the rate of Rs 125/- should pay at this rate although the market rate is Rs 80 or Rs 90/- per quintal. The farmers suffered much and there was much complaint against this.

I would like to know the view of the Government about the success of Fisheries Department after spending a large amount of money.

I think it would be better if the BDOs in Community Development Blocks are given more authority so that they could work more in their respective jurisdiction.

SPEAKER : We have spent much time and we have to finish at 4:00 p.m. But we have Demand and Appropriation Bills to be discussed today. Let us try to say briefly.

IU HRANGAIA: Mr Speaker Sir, we have about Rs six crores for agriculture Department. But I am afraid that this big amount will have no meaning and in some ways it may be thought that it would be more beneficial if it is distributed in cash. There is no advancement after U.T. from the time we were under Assam Government. When we took out bulldozers for making rice-fields, it was mainly used for making playgrounds and building sites. I think all the members of this House know the inconvenience faced in the Agriculture Department. The people of my Constituency are trading with raw-sugar. They could buy sugar cane crusher at subsidised rate. I want to know where the cost of their sugar cane crusher paid by the villagers appear. How many machines have been sold and how much they cost? Administration in this Department is very inefficient and this should be made better.

SPEAKER : We have spent one hour. We have still other Demands and Appropriation Bills to be taken up today. If you do not mind to sit till the end, extension of time may be necessary. I do not mind myself. But if you leave after your speech, we may not be able to do our next item without quarum. Let Iu Ranta and Iu Hrangvella say one after another and after that we shall take up our next item.

PU C.LLRU.TA : Mr Speaker Sir, I want to say about Agriculture Department in a few words, particularly about permanent cultivation and Terrace cultivation. Terrace-cultivation requires better attention. The Government spent much money on terrace cultivation and people are also very active and energetic in their works. But I do believe that our money and energy will have no meaning unless we do not know how much is produced from the terrace cultivation and how it is looked after. I do not know whether our Hon'ble Minister could explain it or not. We often said last year and in last budget session that the information wing of Agriculture Department is not so efficient. This year about Rs 40,000/- appears for publication. In WRC, how many acres have been cultivated after 1972? How many acres have been under terrace cultivation? How much was spent on the two kinds of fields? How much had been produced from these? This should be collected and published by Information Wing for distribution to let the people know how much they gained from their work and in what way they would proceed. Besides, shortage of technical staff retards work in agriculture Department. If we do not increase technical staff, our development will not go fast as it ought to be. Do not the people know enough about the usefulness of fertiliser and manure or is there any difficulty from Planning Commission that the plan is much less than that of the previous years? Provision for machinery in Land Reclamation is less than that of last year although the Government is going to mechanise agriculture. Does this mean the policy of mechanisation has been changed by the Government?

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Regarding nutrition food in Community Development, I think it would be better to spend money on agriculture than on nutrition which is not so useful as/could not continue in our homes.

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PU S.ATLWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, as Agriculture Department is a major Department, it deserves to be discussed more than other departments. I want to say something about it also. Has the cost of making terraces which has been given as subsidy on per hectare basis been increased? If so, at what rate? If I am not mistaken, it was in 1974-75 that the Government gave Agriculture Loan in cash to several persons. Do they have any achievement in agriculture? Do they repay the loan according to the prescribed conditions?

Regarding the amalgamation of Soil Conservation Department with Agriculture Department, I do not think it suitable as they are already big departments

themselves. And it has been said that bulldozers are used for road, field, etc and not for land reclamation. It was decided to place one at Lunglei and two at Aizawl. But the one placed at Lunglei was taken back to Aizawl after a short time. This I think was not proper. Further, Soil Conservation seemed to be neglected by Government. There are many posts of officers lying vacant. This may be considered soon.

Building for Gramsevak Training Centre was to be constructed in Lunglei Hnahthial under Community Development Block. But it has been left incomplete after spending certain lakhs of rupees. Does the Government have any intention to continue?

Animal Husbandry is one of the most successful Departments. It may be expected that they could solve some of our economic problems soon. But the system of distribution of loan in the Department is not so certain.

Besides, about farming under NEC Scheme, there was one saying that the money sanctioned by the Government for construction of farm-houses at Zebawk has been spent by Congress Party for Election campaign. When NEC officers were also enquired about it, they said that it is not yet spent because the Government withdrew the sanction. This may please be explained.

We have much money for irrigation. There are many water pipes in Lunglei Soil Conservation. The poor farmers could not buy even at subsidised rates. This may be lent to the farmers for irrigation instead of being scratched by rats.

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now let us stop our discussion and call upon the Minister. If you are willing to extend the time after 4 P.M. and will sit till the end, I have no objection. What is your opinion? Let the Minister also try to answer questions as short as possible, otherwise we may not be able to finish discussion before 4 P.M.

**U CH. SAFRANNGA:** Mr Speaker Sir, it is now getting late and I'll try to answer the important questions raised by Hon'ble members.

Firstly, U Lalhlira pointed out about growing of orchards at Champhai. These things could not be started without acquiring land and without the permission of Revenue Department. But in this case, the necessary formalities have been gone through and it is expected to start in the month of June, 1977. It is complained that

work orders have been issued to the same persons regardless of whether they deserve or not. In this case, we need your co-operation to issue work orders only to the deserving ones. Now-a-days, those who had been recommended by Gram Sevaks and Extension Officers received work orders. (Pu Lalhlira - Hmunzawl village; from the beginning, this village did not receive work orders till date) I believe so. There may be some others also. So we need your cooperation with Field Management Committee.

Regarding bulldozers, 3 bulldozers were purchased. But two of them met accident and only one of them could be used and was sent to Champhoi. If any two of them could be put into service, one of them could have been sent to Hunglei and one at Mat valley. But things do not always happen as per our schemes. They were purchased from Jessop Company on one year guarantee. We informed them about the condition of the bulldozer with a request to repair them. Before they are repaired, we just don't know what to do with them. ... It is true that they had been used for making playgrounds, etc. This was agreed because during the rainy season, they could not be used for land reclamation and we need fields. About tractors lying unused, it is found that tractors are to be sold on subsidy or hire-purchase to individual farms for they are not so beneficial to be had by departments due to shortage of Engineers to look after them and the drivers had no responsibility. It depends upon their willingness.

Regarding amalgamation of Soil Conservation Department and Agriculture Department, what the members said was true. However, Soil Conservation Department has no particular work. It combines the work of Forest Department and Agriculture Department. It is tentatively proposed to divide it into Forest and Agriculture Departments taking plantation of trees, etc to Forest Department and terracing and irrigation etc to Agriculture Department in order to simplify the works. (Pu Hrangvula - will the money for this Department be decreased after amalgamation?) There is no reason why it will be decreased. The framing of plan and scheme will matter. (Pu V.L.Hruia - from the speech of our Hon'ble Minister, it appears that Soil Conservation Department is to be abolished) I do not mean to abolish the department. Its work will be looked after by Agriculture Department (Pu V.L.Hruia - I think it would be better if Soil Conservation Department is put under separate directorate. Agriculture Department is too big and could hardly manage their functions although they have large amount of money). Mr Speaker, there is no need to have a separate directorate because their work is mainly Hill side terracing and seed-distribution which could be carried on by Agriculture Department. If we put it under

Separate directorate, we shall continue terracing and after finishing terracing, it will not be necessary to have the Directorate. This does not mean Soil Conservation Department is to be abolished. The work had been carried on by Forest Department and it is thought that it would be better if the work is taken up by Agriculture Department than Forest Department. There may be difference of opinion here.

Iu Lalhlira said that Agriculture Loan is allotted to Mizawl people only. Agriculture Loan is not allotted to Mizawl people only. Some of them might be allotted. After that it was not encouraged because it is difficult to recover them and it was decided to give them on subsidy and grants. The only loan granted this year is Ginger Seed Loan to ginger growers to enable them poor farmers to have ginger seeds to grow. And it is not so difficult to repay the loan as it could be produced more.

All the suggestions of Iu Datincia could not be fulfilled all at once due to difficulties on the part of the cultivators also.

Fisheries in our state is not yet so successful except those who have enough to sell in small quantities and to meet the requirement of the family who maintain the fishpond because we have no big ponds. (Iu V.L.Hruaia - in my Constituency, the Government gave Rs 20,000/- to a certain person for maintaining fishpond. On what ground has he been given?) Mr Speaker, I do not think such amount has been given to anyone. The maximum to be given at a time is Rs 3000/-. It is impossible to give Rs 20,000/- at a time.

Regarding Community Development, the Department is given less importance in other states. So it is difficult for us to give more importance. The Hon'ble Member Iu Hrangia said about Agriculture Department that only the Department is enlarged with no achievement. Actually, Agriculture Department is not enlarged except in its Directorate, and it is our difficulty that we have no efficient staff. I do not deny that the Department itself is unsatisfactory in its branches. We are trying to find out the fault and make it better.

I could not say the exact number of sugar cane crushers sold at subsidised rate and how much have been collected from them, unless it is properly asked.

The Hon'ble member Iu C.Lalrusta said the necessity of locking after the terraces. This is true. Without notice, I cannot say how much has been produced from terraces and WRC and how many acres have been under

terrace cultivation and Wet Rice cultivation. I do not think much was yet produced because it is the beginning of this method. We want to concentrate in bone meal instead of fertilizer as it has been proved better than other kinds of fertilizers.

It was asked whether nutrition scheme proved to be useful. It is the special scheme of our former Prime Minister to solve the problem of mal-nutrition in India. Other States give great importance. But we cannot execute it here as it ought to be due to transport difficulty.

It was also asked whether terrace subsidy has been increased. It was suggested to increase at Rs 1750/- to Rs 2500/- from Rs 500/- to Rs 1750/- respectively which was approved by Planning Commission of India. It is not heard of since election as our Deputy Chairman Mr Haksare resigned.

The bulldozer taken back from Lunglei was the biggest one and there was no use of a big one at Lunglei. It is proposed to put the smaller one at Lunglei.

Construction of Gram Sevak Training Centre at Hnahthial will be carried on by P.W.D. It is not necessary to have Loan Board for Vety because the Loan is on a small scale.

The money sanctioned for construction of farm houses under NEC Scheme was said to have been spent for election campaign by Congress Party. This might be an usual rumour spread during election campaigns and it is very bad. (By Saitlawar - At first, the farmers were informed by the J.T.Os that the Junior Forest Officers said that there was money sanctioned for construction of farm houses under NEC Scheme. But after completion of their construction they said that there was no money. This may kindly be explained) Alright, we shall look into the matter.

There are many polythene pipes in Soil and Agriculture Departments. However, the farmers could not afford to buy even at subsidised rate. This may be given to the farmers, according to the scheme, free of cost.

**SPEAKER :** We shall take vote on the Demands. The question is:

Demand Nos. 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, & 43 for Rs 63,62,200/- be passed. Those who agree say 'agree' (members say - agree) Those who disagree say 'disagree' (members kept silent) . It is agreed. The Demands have now been passed. Now we shall take up Demand No. 6. Let the mover of the Demand move it. As we have said, we have only 10 minutes.

We will finish this and after that we shall take up Appropriation Bill.

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BU ZALAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, on/recommendation of Administrator of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 34, 30, 42, & 44 for Rs 1,82,74,000/- only to meet the expenses, during the year 1977-78 in respect of the following Departments -

Demand No.30	Labour & Employment	- Rs 8,72,000/- only
Demand No.34	Cooperation	1) Revenue - Rs 20,23,000/- only
		2) Capital - Rs 8,91,000/- only
		3) Loans - Rs 8,05,000/- only
Demand No.42	Forests	- Rs 57,80,000/- only
Demand No.44	Industries Villages and Small Industries	-
		1) Revenue - Rs 69,03,000/- only
		2) Capital - Rs 2,00,000/- only
		3) Loans - Rs 8,00,000/-

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Demands have been moved. Do we agree to discuss? Alright, we shall discuss and try to say for not more than 5 minutes.

BU K.T.KHUMA: Mr Speaker Sir, I looked at Demand No.44 'Industry' and noticed that provision for Industrial Estates is very little. It appears that we must have industrial development in our country. Why is this provision so little? And there is Industrial Training Institute in Demand No.30. It had been managed by Education Department. But now, we have permission to have Labour and Commissioner in Labour and Employment Department. Besides, the establishment of Education Department is big enough. So, Industrial Training Institute should rightly be managed by Labour and Employment Department.

As it was said by Hon'ble members, in my opinion, the amalgamation of Soil Conservation Department with Agriculture Department is suitable (though it is not in the Demand). The staff and officers had undergone



training in Forest Training Institute and not in Agriculture Colleges. So it should go to Forest Department as it will be more suitable with it than with Agriculture.

Thank you.

PU J. TH. JGHUJMA :Mr Speaker Sir, our Ministers including our Chief Minister went on tour and gave to the villagers Sewing Machines, Knitting Machines and Carpentry tools valued at some thousand rupees. But the money was spent on some other purposes. Because of these irregularities in the distribution of the machines, the Secretary of Industry Department was also very much embarrassed. I would like to make a suggestion that if it is so difficult to cancel one of these licences for this purpose, the amount of loan be lowered by Rs 500/- each and this will do for this year.

SPEAKER :Now we have no more time. Do we agree to take up Appropriation Bills now? Let us complete this.

PU SATELWMA :Mr Speaker Sir, I have something to say about various departments under these demands. Firstly we have Employment Exchange office at Mizawl and Lunglai. Those who are seeking employment in Government jobs should register themselves and the Exchange will inform them whenever there is vacancy. The various departments should not give appointments to unregistered candidates. It is learnt that Medical and Education Department do not take this seriously and never enquired whether candidates had been registered or not. This may be considered by all the departments.

Secondly, the wages of daily labourers requires immediate enhancement. It was published in the Government Press Release in September, 1974 that the daily wages of a labourer should be Rs 6/- per day. This is too low now and should be revised immediately.

Thirdly, the distribution of carpentry tools, blacksmithy tools, Sewing machines and knitting machines in Industries Department in Districts is very uneven. Lunglai District and Chhimgtuipui District seemed to be too neglected by the Government. How is the Government going to carry on like this?

Fourthly, if I am not mistaken, the construction of Sericulture building near Lunglai was allotted to a certain person and work order was issued to him. He had drawn

advance also. But he has not yet constructed the building till date. Why this is so ?

PU SAFLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, I have something to say on Demand No.30. I fully agree with what Pu K.T.Khuma said about I.T.I.

Regarding registration in Employment Exchange, formerly vacancies were notified in Notice Boards. So it was very difficult for those who seek employment in Government jobs as well as for the Government. After some time, we have employment exchange offices at Aizawl and Lunglei and Saiha. There is one difficulty here. In case a person who is registered either in Lunglei Employment Exchange or Saiha came to appear before Interview Board at Aizawl is often not allowed to appear because he is not registered in Aizawl self Employment Exchange. Is it necessary to register one at Aizawl to seek employment at Aizawl ? I would like to suggest that the Government should make rules to enable those persons who are registered in Employment Exchange of Mizoram Government wherever the place may be to appear before Interview Board for Government jobs. Besides, it appears that some non-Mizos are registered although they have not yet stayed in Mizoram for 5 years. This may be verified and proper rules should be enforced here.

Regarding Industries Department, tender for construction of Handloom building was called both by Industries Department and P.W.D. As such some of the tenderers submit their tenders to Industries Department and some to P.W.D. Why should this happen ? There is a proposal for construction of Handloom building in different places. But in some places, like Vaseitlong, Tuipang, etc, the proposal was not carried out by the government. The people are very much annoyed. So the Government should not announce its proposals if it could not implement them. As stated by Pu Saitlawma, whenever Grant-in-aid is given to the villagers the Government should be sure that the materials are available at the time of distribution.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr Speaker Sir, is it a fact that the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India gave permission for separate Directorate for Labour and Employment under Government of Mizoram ? If so, what is the present situation ?

PU LAILLIRA : Mr Speaker Sir, Forest Department is never really successful from the time of District Council. So I would like to suggest that this Department

give up plantation and try to keep safe the existing forests. Besides, Hon'ble member Pu K.T.Khuma said that Soil Conservation Department should be with the Forest Department than with Agriculture Department. All the members agree with him. Is it proper for the Government to act against the opinion of emembers ? Can't we take votes ?

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the Minister.

PU SALAWMA: Mr Speaker Sir, Hon'ble member Pu K.T.Khuma said DY.MINISTER that provision for Industrial Estate is too little. This is because we are only beginning our schemes. The present situation regarding staff and schemes could not but be considered. Creation of posts is under process. Industrial Training Institute is managed by Education Department because we have no directorate of Labour and Employment.

Regarding Directorate of Forest and Soil Conservation, they are under one directorate and function in two wings. This Soil Conservation wing is managed by Agriculture Department because their works are same (Pu Saitlawma - Mash of these departments is already too big. If they are amalgamated, I am afraid they will create greater problems which could not be solved.

Regarding distribution of grant-in-aid, all the three districts should share it on population basis. In 1975-76, we had no fund for blacksmithy tools, carpentry tools, and Sewing machines as it was expected. That was why some of the candidates did not get their share. But they will get from 1976-77 fund.

The wages of daily labourer will be increased. (Pu Sapliana - I want to know the situation of those rejected candidates who are registered in Lunglei or Saiha because of their non-registration at Aizawl) Mr Speaker, they should be accepted if they bring their registration cards from Employment officers with them. Regarding appointment of non-registered candidates, two defaulters were found out before enforcement of the Labour and Employment Compulsory Registration Act and they were cross-questioned.

It was said that work orders were issued for construction of Sericulture building and advance was also drawn by the contractor. But this is incorrect. There is one Sericulture building to be constructed with estimated amount of Rs 10,000/-. But work order has not yet been issued. (Pu Saitlawma - work order has been issued, Contractor has been appointed, and advance was also drawn).

Pu Sapliana's question about Handloom building at Vaseitlong is like this : We thought that the Rs 50,000/- financial power of Heads of Departments was to be restored and the power of Directorate was made at Rs 10,000/- only by Central Government. So tender was called by departments. But the Finance Department handed over the construction of buildings amounting to Rs 10,000/- and above to P.W.D. (Pu Sapliana - Does that mean the remaining constructions that will be done by departments ?) Yes, it was agreed to be done by departments with the permission of Finance Department and this will be discussed again.

The Central Government felt the necessity of having a Directorate of Labour and Employment from the report of Mr Fakzuala who has been sent to Mizoram from Ministry of Labour and Employment, New Delhi. This will be discussed.

Pu Lalhlira said that Forest Plantation at Chemphei area is a total failure. It could not be helped without the co-operation of the inhabitants. Plantation is done at more than 4000 hectares and we are quite successful. The Government is trying its best.

SPEAKER : Alright, we shall take votes. This is the question .

That the demand Nos. 30, 34, 42, & 44 for Rs 1,82,74,000 be passed. Those who agree say 'agree' (Members say 'agree'). Those who disagree say 'disagree' (Members kept silent). It has now been passed.

We shall take up our next item. That is Introduction, Consideration and passing of Government Bill which is Appropriation Bill. The recommendation of Lt. Governor is obtained. Let the Finance Minister ask leave for introduction of the Bill.

PU R. THAGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House  
MINISTER to introduce the Bill, the Mizoram  
Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1977.  
Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Finance Minister asks leave for the  
introduction of the Mizoram Appropriation  
(No. 2) Bill, 1977. Do we agree to its  
introduction ? (Members - Yes) Alright, it is agreed. Let  
him introduce it.

PU R. THANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, in pursuance of the  
MINISTER recommendation of the Lt. Governor  
(Administrator) of U.T. of Mizoram, this  
Bill is introduced to provide for the  
appropriation of out of the consolidated fund of the U.T.  
of Mizoram of the money required to meet the expenditure  
for a sum not exceeding Rs 46,64,84,000/- being money  
required to meet the expenditure - charged on the consoli-  
dated fund and the grants voted by the Legislative Assembly  
of Mizoram for expenditure of the U.T. for the financial  
year commencing from the 1st April, 1977.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill  
has been introduced. Let him ask for its  
consideration.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to move that the  
MINISTER bill be taken into consideration.

SPEAKER : The Bill is for consideration. Do we agree  
to consider it? There is nothing to  
discuss. Do we allow him to ask for its  
passing? (Members - Yes) Alright, let  
him ask.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to move that the  
MINISTER bill be passed.

SPEAKER : Now the Government bill will be voted.  
This is the Question :  
That the Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill  
1977 be passed. Those who agree say 'agree'.  
Those who disagree say 'disagree' (Members - agree) The  
Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 1977 has now been passed .

Sitting is adjourned till 10:30 a.m.  
tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

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