

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE MIZORAM
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
FROM 20.10.1972 TO 1.11.1972

2ND SITTING ON 23.10.1972 AT 10 A.M.

PRESENT :

Pu H. Thansanga M.A., E.T., Speaker in the Chair. One Chief Minister and four Ministers and twenty five Members.

BUSINESS:- 1. Questions.
2. General Discussion on the Budget.

SPEAKER: I will first read out minutes of Business Advisory Committee which was held on 21st Oct. 1972.

Members Present: (1) Speaker, acting as Chairman.
(2) Pu Ch. Saprawnga
(3) Pu Vanlalhruaia
(4) Pu Lahlira

Members absent: (1) Pu Hrangia
(2) Pu Zalawma

1. General discussion on the Budget for two days (23rd and 24th October, 1972)
2. Voting on Demands for 4 days (25th, 26th, 27th and 30th October, 1972)
3. 31st October, 1972: Official Business.
4. 1st November, 1972: Private Resolutions.
5. 2nd November, 1972: Unfinished Official business.

The above programme will supersede the programme chalked out by Business Advisory Committee held on 20.10.72.

Now, I have announced in the House the programme chalked out by the Business Advisory Committee and let us see whether we can approve these programme or not. Let Pu Vanlalhruaia move his motion.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the programme as chalked out by the Business Advisory Committee be approved.

SPEAKER: Now, the motion has been moved. Has any member objection to this motion? (Members kept silent). Then the motion has been passed unanimously.

We will now follow our programme; it must be noted that this programme is subject to alteration if necessary.

Now is the Question hour and I want to say a few words first. Needless to say we are starting from the scratch. You may have already gone through "Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Legislative Assembly of Mizoram". It is very difficult to apply these rules strictly in the House. In regard to Questions also, there are some points which we should remember. When we want to raise question, we have to see first whether the Department concerned can give you the required informations without insisting a reply in the House.

Every Member has access to Ministers to get necessary information. Since the replies to questions are to be given by the Department concerned, the questions should be concise, clear and to the point. In this Session also there are some questions which are not clear enough, as such a number of editing had been done so that appropriate reply may be given by the Department concerned. There are, however, some questions which are not clear but still remain uncorrected. As such we must be able to accept necessary correction made to these questions. I would like to remind you once again that we should be very careful in raising questions.

With regard to Resolution, I would also like to point out that there are some Resolutions which cannot but be corrected so as to make them admissible for consideration in the House. In this connection, I would like to point out that some resolutions were admitted without editing. There were also some questions which were rejected. I hope we would be able to frame questions and resolutions in the proper manner in future.

Now is a question^{hour} and we will start right away. Let Pu C. Lalruata read his question No.1.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr Speaker, Sir, I am glad that you have admitted my question. Question No.1 is this: Where were the materials of the Hostel building (Upper Hostel) of the Govt. Higher Secondary & Multi-purpose School that was blown off on the 18th of April, 1972. The size of the building was about 60' x 17'. It was L shaped, C.I. Sheet roofed, bamboo walled, timbered structure and stone floored. This was the Govt's property.

SPEAKER: The Department concerned is P.W.D. Let the Hon'ble Chief Minister give reply to the question.

**PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER:**

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The usable materials obtained from the Hostel building were used in minor repairs of the following buildings.

1) Hostel building No. II (Science building)

- 2) High School latrine.
- 3) S.D.O's (East Division) office Urinal.
- 4) Circuit House No. II.
- 5) Circuit House No. I.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker, I have supplementary question -
Where are the materials namely C.I. Sheet and stone of the bigger Hostel Building that was burnt down to ashes during the disturbances ?

SPEAKER: This had happened before Mizoram became a Union Territory. It is therefore outside the purview of this Ministry,

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr Speaker, is it true that a new building is constructed in the site of the old Hostel Building ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA, CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, this is true. Senior Officer's Bangalow has been constructed in the side of the old Hostel Building.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker, Does this mean there will be no construct a new Hostel ? Is there any proposal to

SPEAKER: This perhaps relates to the Low Hostel?

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: My question is this - Is there any proposal to construct New Hostel or Do we mean that it is not necessary to construct Hostel Building ?

SPEAKER: Your question relates to another matter. The question you raised relates to the Hostel Building that was blown off on 28th April, 72. I think the reply given by Hon'ble Chief Minister is enough.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker, they are in the same compound and there were two Hostels for this High School. Is not the question quite relevant?

SPEAKER: Regarding the relevancy of this question, let me cite an example - A motor accident took place at Ngaizel, 4 persons died and 9 injured. If we ask 'how many men and women were there among the dead?', the question is not relevant. But if we ask how many died at the spot and at the Hospital?, then the question is relevant.

PU CH. CHHUNGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, as this supplementary question is not relevant, we have not yet made investigation.

The Education Department will see whether construction of Hostel Building is necessary or not.

PU HRANGATA: Mr. Speaker, it seems that the Govt. is not to give reply to questions relating to those matters that had been done before Mizoram became a Union Territory? Is this to be so? Will it not be good Mr. Speaker, if the Minister concerned made thorough investigation so that he might be able to give necessary information, even on matters that had been done in the past few years?

SPEAKER: The Department concerned should make investigation on matters both before and after Mizoram became a U.T.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Minister concerned should be able to answer this question, since it has been decided that all the assets and liabilities of the defunct District Council should be taken over by the new Govt. of Mizoram when Mizoram became a U.T.

SPEAKER: Let it be enough. I have already pointed out the position. Now, I will call upon Pu C. Lalruata to ask Question No.2 and he needs not read it out.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, you said that I need not read my question out. I will be very glad if you allow me to read it out:—

"Since Mizoram has come to being of Union Territory many buildings have been constructed at Aizawl. Is there a separate sanction of money for this? Or are they constructed from the General allotment."

SPEAKER: Let the Hon'ble Minister, IWD give reply to this question.

PU CH. CHHUNGA,
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Yes. Separate sanctions are issued for construction of different buildings under the head: 103 Capital Outlay on Public Works both under Plan and Non-Plan.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. May I know the exact numbers of new buildings that have been constructed in the Compound of Mizo Multipurpose and Higher Secondary High School ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA,
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, as the question raised by Pu C. Lalruata concerns only the buildings that have been constructed after Mizoram has become a U.T., we do not include those buildings that had been constructed before Mizoram became a U.T. But I would be able to give necessary information if the Hon'ble Member so desires.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker, it appears that we cannot know the number of new buildings that had been constructed before we have a U.T. But I have ~~more~~ here a few more supplementary questions.

Is there any permission obtained from the High School authority before these buildings were constructed? Or had these been constructed without getting prior permission from the authority concerned? If so, had not the High School authority raise objections? Or had these been constructed in spite of repeated protest from the High School authority?

This High School has been so badly neglected that it looks as if there is none who looks after it, That's why I ask these supplementary questions.

SPEAKER: The Department concerned is Education and the Hon'ble Chief Minister said that separate sanctions are also issued for construction of different buildings. Now, proceed to question No. 3.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased if the Minister PWD will answer my question No.3: —
What is the progress of the Govt. in constructing Secretariat buildings and Assembly Hall ? ”

PU CH. CHHUNGA,
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, For want of suitable and sufficient land, the sites of permanent Secretariat

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and Assembly Hall buildings have not been selected. For the time being temporary buildings have been constructed to accommodate the Secretariat offices. Similarly the old District Council Hall has been renovated for use as Assembly Hall temporarily.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker, Is there any sites selected for temporary Secretariat and Assembly Hall respectively ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA,
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, that is under consideration.

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Speaker, Is there any proposal to shift 1st Assam Rifles to another suitable site and utilise their places for construction of Secretariat and Assembly Hall respectively ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA,
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, that will be done when the Assam Rifles are ousted from their present site.

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Speaker, is the Govt. trying to ~~out~~ oust them to another suitable site ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA,
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, the Assam Rifles have been occupying the heart of this Aizawl town for a long time and it would not be possible to oust them without finding an alternative site first. This will be considered in due course.

SPEAKER: Now, I will call upon Pu J. Thanghuama to ask his question.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, Question No. 4(a) - "The estimate amount of the new building in the private compound of the Chief Minister at Saron Veng, Aizawl, and if the building would belong to the Govt. or to the Chief Minister, when completed."

PU CH. CHHUNGA,
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, The present estimate of the Chief Minister's Office Building in the compound of his residence is Rs. 65,705/- and it will belong to the Govt. when completed.

PU J. THANGHUAMA Mr. Speaker, if the Minister, cannot give clear answers immediately in the House, we must be allowed to put more questions to them again after the Session (Speaker: we are to dwell on questions which are not relevant, I am afraid, will take too much time) Let me read out question No. 4 (b).

"If there has been any written administrative approved to construct the said building, if yes, what are the terms

and conditions of the agreement between the Govt. and the land holder and when was that agreement signed? If not, is it permissible under the rules to construct Govt. building in the private compound and by whose authority the construction was made?

PU CH. CHHUNGA, Mr Speaker, the Administrative necessity for the CHIEF MINISTER: building having been accepted, the Govt. have undertaken the construction pending approval of the Central Govt. and the terms of agreement etc. are under their consideration.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr Speaker, is it not better simply to mention the question numbers?

SPEAKER: Yes, that will be good.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr Speaker, I want a clear answer. If the Minister concerned would not give clear-cut answer does it not amount to a "contempt of House"?

SPEAKER: Now question No. 5 of Pu J. Thanghuama. All members have copy of question. So refer only to number of the question.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr Speaker, this is the first time that a member is not allowed to read his question out. I have visited other States but have never heard of this practice anywhere.

SPEAKER: I have also witnessed Lok Sabha meeting and also Assembly meeting of other States; there they do not read the questions out. They state the number only saying question No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and so on. (Q.N. 5: "Is it a fact that the P.W.D. had neither knowledge nor building plan for the extension work in the Govt. buildings now being occupied by the Education Minister and the Finance Minister and that the contractor was doing the work according to the directions given by the Ministers concerned?

If Yes, what are the rules and when was that rules framed? If not, who will pay the bills and what is the total expenditure on these buildings including the cost of retaining walls?")

PU CH. CHHUNGA, Mr Speaker, No, the buildings which were taken over CHIEF MINISTER: by P.W.D. from the defunct District Council were repaired and repaired by P.W.D. to meet the minimum requirement of the Minister's House.

No instruction was given by the Ministers to the Contractors but necessary instructions were given by them by P.W.D. Officers.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr Speaker, here the reply is also not to the point. The question is whether the P.W.D. had any knowledge or not about the extension work in the Govt. Buildings now being occupied by the Education Minister and the Finance Minister. I have learnt that P.W.D. had no knowledge about the work and the contractors were doing the work according to the directions given by the Ministers concerned. Pu Lalawia, Contractor also told me about this.

SPEAKER: Here the question is - If yes, what are the rules and when was that rules framed? If not, who will pay the bills and what is the total expenditure on these buildings including the cost of retaining walls ?

PU J. THANGHUAMA: MR. Speaker, the PWD had no building plan for the extension work and the Contractors were simply doing the work according to the directions given by the Ministers concerned. The expenditure may therefore become too high if this practice is allowed.

**PU CH. CHHUNGA,
CHIEF MINISTER:** Does not arise.

The cost of additional alteration and repairs will be paid by Govt. The total expenditure up-to-date is Rs. 6,170/- and the estimated cost of various works excluding the cost of retaining wall is Rs. 1,62,250/-. The estimate for the retaining wall is yet to be finalised and the estimate cost is not available. No expenditure has however been incurred so far on this work.

SPEAKER: Now answer to question No. 5 has been given by the Hon'ble Minister.

PU LAISANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker, I have supplementary question. According to the estimate made by the PWD, the expenditure for construction of Ministers' Residence is Rs. 160,000/- But Rs. 162,250/- had already been spent on extension work of two old bungalows. In addition to these, there will be expenditure on the retaining wall. Now that the work is now nearing completion, is not it unreasonable to execute works without first having an estimate ?

SPEAKER: Is not that question already answered, when it was answered that the Ministers did not give instructions to the Contractors ?

**PU CH. CHHUNGA,
CHIEF MINISTER:** Mr. Speaker, the residences of the Executive Member of the defunct District Council were in very bad conditions and were not fit for occupation by the Ministers. A great deal of extension works, including addition of more and larger rooms, repairs to the floors and the verandahs were necessary, for which Rs. 162,250/- had been spent. This amount is not very big for the reconstruction and renovation of the residences for Ministers.

PU LAISANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister has misunderstood my question. If these two old buildings were unfit for occupation by the Ministers, why had they not reserved for Junior Ministers ?

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, I have never seen such magnificent bungalows for Ministers even in other States. Since no estimate was prepared by PWD we cannot say that the PWD knows of these extension works. Rs. 1,62,250/- has already been spent for repair works, what is the justification for all these when some lakh ^{of Rupees shall be} to be paid for the retaining wall, which was not at all required to be constructed ?

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker, we have nearly forgotten that this is a question hour.

SPEAKER: The reply clearly states that the estimated cost of various works excluding the cost of retaining wall is Rs. 1,62,250/- and the estimate for the retaining wall is yet to be finalised. I think the reply given by the Hon'ble Minister is clear enough. So let us proceed to Question No. 6(a).

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, Question No.6(a) - "The total expenditure for the renovation of the Govt. buildings now being occupied by the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram."

PU CH. CHHUNGA,
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Expenditure incurred by P.W.D. on these buildings is Rs.2,580/- on repairs and by Deputy Commissioner, Rs. 64,851.37.

PU HRANGAIA: Mr. Speaker, I knew what was the rent during the British period for the Govt. building now occupied by the Chief Secretary. But after extension had been done, will you please tell me the rent that has been worked out, and what is actually paid by the occupant ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA,
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, I cannot say this now. But I would be able to tell the Member if he so desires.
(Hrangaia: Mr. Speaker, does that mean the building has no rent now ?).

SPEAKER: This does not mean that the building has no rent at all; it is simply stated that the information could be furnished, if the member so desires.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, Question No.6(b) - "The total expenditure for the renovation of Raj Niwas (including electrification & beautification). Has any tender been called for the works ? If yes, how many tenders had been received ? If not why ?"

PU CH. CHHUNGA,
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, The total expenditure is Rs.240,300/- only. Some works were done departmentally and some were executed by contractors on negotiations, in view of urgency. No tender were called for.

SPEAKER: Let me give further explanation so that we would not dwell on this question too long. Raj Niwas is the residence of the Head of the State and as such, we need not discuss this matter in this Assembly. We include this here only because the question was already admitted. I believe the answer was enough for this question.

Now, Question No.6(c).

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, Question No.6(c) - "Is it a fact that the PWD had no building plan for the buildings that are being constructed for the I.G. of Police inside the compound of the Govt. High School and that directions were given direct to the contractors by the wife of I.G. of Police. If yes, is it permissible under the rules to construct Govt. buildings without a plan. If not, why?"

PU CH. CHHUNGA, : Mr. Speaker, Does not arise.
CHIEF MINISTER

PU J. THANGHUAMA Mr. Speaker, it will not be good if we cannot make questions on this matter (Raj Niwas).

SPEAKER: This is his own establishment and should therefore, not be confused with other things. The expenditure will also be met from charged Account of the Consolidated Fund.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, if it is about his separate establishment, it is understandable. But since this is about the work executed by the P.W.D., I have made this question.

SPEAKER: Now, Question No. 7.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, Question No.7 - "That the P.W.D. has placed one Ferry Boat at Tuichang river 3 miles from Keitunkawn on the Keitum North Vanlaiphai Jeep Road with 6 (six) boatmen to carry light vehicles across the river. But the boatmen have since been lying idle for want of wire ropes.

If yes, who is responsible for this? What action is the Govt. going to take?"

PU CH. CHHUNGA, : Mr. Speaker, No, it is not a fact that the boat and six men are idle for want of wire rope. There are only three boatmen who ply the boat with the aid of wire rope which has been provided, during rainy seasons. When the current is too strong the boat is not used on account of risk involved.
CHIEF MINISTER

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister PWD is not well prepared to give reply to the questions;

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this shows his want of respect for the Members. The reply he has given is absolutely wrong. Those who have visited Vanlaiphai knows it quite well. It is not true that six boatmen are posted there. They merely open shops and do nothing else. Now is there any wire ropes here.

SPEAKER: When we speak, we should use words which are parliamentary expressions. If a charge is made against one, there is another procedure which should be followed. What we have heard just now is simply the reply given.

PU HRANGAIA: Mr. Speaker, I want further information. In my copy of 'Starred Questions', Tuichawng river appears to be on the road to N. Vanlaiphai Jeep Road. Tuichawng river flows in this area. That being so, is Tuichawng river existing in this area?

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, this ^{is} Tuichawng river.

PU CH. CHHUNGA, : Mr. Speaker, these boatmen are not required
CHIEF MINISTER to work constantly. The assistance is given only when travellers come. As already pointed out by Pu J. Thanghuama, perhaps they open tea stalls. But that is not very unusual since boatmen in the plains also are known to do the same thing.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, on point of information, I do not charge the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Rather I criticise the P.W.D. for furnishing to him wrong answers.

SPEAKER: Did you give report to the Minister concerned?
(Pu J. Thanghuama : Yes, I gave it to Pu Pahnuna, the then Secretary, PWD). It is good that Members give report to the authorities concerned.

PU K. L. ROCHAMA: Mr. Speaker, has there been fixation of the duration these boatmen are to work in a day?

PU CH. CHHUNGA, : Mr. Speaker, during the rainy season, the
CHIEF MINISTER bridge cannot be used. But in dry season the river is not considered major one.

PU K. L. ROCHAMA: Mr. Speaker, since the boatmen are Govt. employees. Can their services be sought by passengers at any time, even at nights?

PU CH. CHHUNGA, : Mr. Speaker, I think they should be able to
CHIEF MINISTER render service at any time. However, I shall be able to give detailed answers to the Members at some later date.

SPEAKER: The reply will be given month-wise. Now proceed to Question No. 8.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr Speaker, Question No.8 - Is it a fact that one FWD Contractor from Thenzawl had submitted a bill for Rs.16,500/- for the temporary culvert on the Aizawl-Thenzawl Jeep Road which estimate is Rs.3,000/- only.

PU CH. CHHUNGA, : Mr Speaker, No.
CHIEF MINISTER

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr Speaker, that is also another wrong information, this amounts to contempt of the House.

SPEAKER: Now, Question No.9.

PU LAISANGZUALA: Mr Speaker, Question No. 9 - Whether it is a fact that construction of Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei Road as and all weather motorable road is being undertaken by the B.R.T.F.
If so, what is the target date of completion?

PU CH. CHHUNGA, : Mr Speaker, No. Does not arise.
CHIEF MINISTER

SPEAKER: The question hour is over. Now, we will have general discussion on the Budget. We should always remember that this is a general discussion on the Budget and no Members should dwell on the topics which are outside the subject of this discussion. Time will also be fixed for every Member. Parliamentary Chief Whip and opposition Leader will be given 30 minutes each respectively. And other Members will have 15 minutes each. The discussion on the Budget may now begin.

PU HRANGAJA: Mr Speaker, I have taken part for many years past when we used to discuss the "District Budget" when we were under Assam. There ~~are~~ more provisions for the development works of Mizoram in comparison to those Budgets. We must but be grateful for this. But when I turn to Schedule for works, I feel very much disappointed. The Budget appears to have been prepared not for the development of the whole Mizoram but for the Constituencies of the Ministers. Only very small provisions are made for the Constituencies of other Members. For this reason, I find it difficult to appreciate this Budget. At the time of its preparation, all members went to their respective constituencies to study the need of the people and prepare schemes of development for inclusion in the Budget. Accordingly I also submitted schemes to the Development Commissioner and the Dev. Minister. But today I see, to my utter surprise, that none of the schemes I submitted appear in this Budget. In fact, it is a matter of sadness to me that such a huge amount of money is going to be spent for development of the Ministers' Constituencies only. Hence I find it very difficult to approve this Budget.

FU LAISANGZUALA:

Mr Speaker, the destiny of the people of Mizoram is in the hands of this House. We have now before us two paths - the right path and the wrong path. If we choose the right path, Mizos will be crowned with high esteem. On studying the Budget, although the Budget provisions may appear impressive, it tapers down to small amounts in some cases. The reason for this, according to the Hon. Finance Minister is shortage of fund, but the Lt. Governor in his speech in the first Session pointed out that shortage of fund will not be allowed to stand in the way of our economic development. What will then be the meaning of the speech made the Lt. Governor.

Next, Plans and schemes which we found in page 2 of the Finance Minister's speech are too small and as such incomparable to those of other States. For instance, in the 4th Five Year Plan, Budget estimates of Assam, Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram were 223.75 Crores, 40.00 Crores, 30.25 crores, 34.66 crores, 38.00 crores, 17.99 crores and 2.75 crores respectively. Is it not a matter of shame that such a large territory has so ^{small a} ~~small~~ wonder if the inability of our leaders to attend the sitting of the Central Planning Board in time, when it met last May, has not resulted in this sad thing.

Para 4 mentions about taxation. It is wrong to coach the Mizos not to pay taxes. But we should not insist on the Low-Income Group to pay them, since it is true that those who are able should pay taxes.

In para 5, we have creation of Aizawl District with four Sub-Divisions. Bigger administrative divisions have not been made, and this will create disproportion.

In para 6, we see that to entrust the Circle Assistants with local administrative duties is not good. These Circle Assistants, being politically appointed, are never impartial in their discharge of duties. For instance, in a recent election of Village Council at Kanglun one C.A. presided over the election, which election was not fairly conducted. I think a departmental action should at least be taken on this sort of affair.

A change in the Heads of Local Administration Department and Administration of Justice is also a pressing necessity. Otherwise, ~~nothing~~ no great change can be expected.

In para 10 mention is made about Hospitals. Needless to say the Civil Hospital at Aizawl is too small. It is a great pleasure to me that one Hospital is to be established in my Constituency and the site for this has also been ~~surveyed~~ / surveyed. It is the right approach to have more specialists too.

Now para 12. I would like to request the Govt. of Mizoram to pay more attention to the Department of Soil Conservation as we do not make the full use of this Department all these years. Some days ago, one English Daily released that a huge quantity of ginger produced in Mizoram is to be bought by

U.S.S.R. When it is not known yet the price at which this ginger is to be sold, this news rather surprised me.

Again, provisions which we find in para 15 are too small. More provisions should be made for arrangement of conducted tours not only for Govt. servants and students but also for politicians. This is essential if Mizoram is to advance forward. Let us try to keep pace with other developing nations of the world.

With regard to P.W.D. Division, I would like to mention that activities under various sectors of construction have not yet been started till today. This may be, of course, due to lack of sufficient staff. To overcome this, we need proper staffing in the administrative machinery. Without adequate staff, mere availability of huge amounts of money means nothing. It is apprehended that much of the fund will not be spent or they will merely be wasted.

A provision of Rs. 2 lakhs for Plant and Machinery is also too little for Mizoram. As the Hon'ble Members are aware we have to buy tools and implements from outside. We should not feel discouraged when we see difficulties in the way of development and plan schemes. To cite an example, during the Chinese aggression on the Indian territory, the Central Govt. ordered that no Jeep be released for anything than defence purposes. But when an earnest appeal was made to the Central Govt., 60 Jeeps were released for use in Mizoram during the terrible famine. We should not therefore make excuses but seek the assistance of the Central Govt. whenever such help is required. The Opposition side will also be always ready to extend cooperation to you in this matter.

With regard to Water Supply, I would like to point out that there are only 5 water points in my Constituency. This is too inadequate to meet the demands of the people. The Public Health Department should then be immediately up-graded with many more small branches.

We should also put more attention to Supply of Electricity for if we go as we do now, we will be lagging behind the rest of other States of India. Let us try to give electric power to one village every month from 1973. For this is the very programme of other States in India.

It is my earnest desire that people belonging to low-income group should be given priority for rehabilitation.

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loan which we have in para 10 of the Finance Minister's Speech. It is also quite deplorable that only very small provisions are made for low-income group while big provisions are made for middle-income group.

While admitting the need of accelerating industrial development of Mizoram, we have not paid full attention towards implementation of the report given by the expert team. A few years ago also, a Study Team with Pu Lalkhama, our Finance Secretary as its leader, came to Mizoram to study the feasibility of starting Industries in Mizoram and we saw the report of the team in 1971. But till today we do not see anything done to implement their recommendations. This means that our leaders do not pay heed to their reports. So even if new teams are invited, it will have no meaning at all. We must therefore try to implement the reports of the team led by Pu Lalkhama.

It is learnt that the Govt. of Mizoram intends to appoint a good number of persons as Primary School Teachers. It will be highly appreciated if the Govt. of Mizoram gives appointment to those who were once appointed as Primary School Teachers by the Congress Party just before the dissolution of District Council. (Speaker : You take too much time. Is not it enough now?) (Pu J.Thanghuama : Mr Speaker, we have submitted to you a list of members who are going to make speech to-day and Pu Lalsangzuala is one such member. Pu H.K.Chakma will not speak)

I will cut short my speech. Many Co-operative Societies have been formed in Mizoram but most of them failed miserably.

I would like also to say a few words on E.G.S. One Department under Govt. of Mizoram issued orders that E.G.S should be given on contract basis to Village Council or persons of reliable character. For example, irregularity happened in between Village Council and the one man to whom work was given on contract. I will make investigation on this matter in the Department concerned. The Govt. of Mizoram should not tolerate such dirty things and actions should be taken accordingly. (Speaker: It is now quite enough. We shall discuss this again at some other appropriate time)

PU R.ZOLIANA: Mr Speaker, Sir, I am glad to hear the speech made by the Hon'ble Finance Minister. I want to say a few words on this speech and request the Hon'ble Members to note it well. It is stated that "provided we can execute plan scheme in time". This needs further consideration for the time at our disposal is very short.

Many appointments have not yet been made in some Departments and I am afraid, a huge amount of money would have to be surrendered. It is therefore necessary to execute plan schemes expeditiously. Statement about Local Administration is well and good but Town Sanitation should be made into a bigger Department.

Let us go to page 5, para 1 of the Finance Minister's speech. There are many people in my constituency who have

never seen Nurse with white head-dress. When we study the Finance Minister's speech, our Budget appears to be meant for urban area and Doctors are to be provided for Aizawl, Lunglei and Durtlang only and not for interior villages. In my constituency there are 23 villages with 3 Dispensaries only. To meet the pressing demand of the people living in the interior villages, I would like to mention that Ambulances Vans should also be given to these Dispensaries.

It is a humiliation on the part of the Congress Ministry that it failed to shift Industrial Training Institute to Aizawl. This Institute should be shifted to Aizawl as soon as possible.

I would also like to mention that ginger should be included in Bangladesh - Mizoram Trade Agreement. We must always remember that money will not be our problem provided we make reasonable plan ~~xxx~~ schemes. This can be clearly seen from our Finance Minister's speech.

Tourism is very important for Mizoram and as such must be constituted into a separate Directorate. The proposal to start Information Centres at 20 important places is very inadequate. Information Centre must be established in every village. Page 8 of the Finance Minister's speech does not include my constituency. Supply of safe and adequate drinking water must be started in the interior villages and must also be put under Block Development Scheme so as to meet the need of poor villagers. Nothing had been done for surveying the feasibility of this scheme last year.

Page 10. Here we see "small provision" again. If we want to develop Mizoram, should not big provisions be made for every plan? Many villages were burnt down by the harsh and cruel Security Forces and house with bamboo posts are still standing there. It is therefore necessary to give Housing Loan, also Relief and Rehabilitation loans to villagers whose house were burnt during the disturbances.

Again I would like to say a few words on Council of Scientific and Industrial Research which we find in page 10 of the Finance Minister's speech. A team led by Pu Lalkhama I.A.S. already came to Mizoram some years ago and their report has to be taken into consideration instead of inviting a new team to study the feasibility of starting Industries in Mizoram.

There are many sugarcane plantations in Mizoram. In my constituency alone there are 104 sugarcane crushing machines and if hundred more machines are made available, people will buy them off in no time. The statement about Education Director which we find in page 11 of the Finance Minister's speech gives me great delight. But we must not be satisfied with this alone. Has this Department sufficient number of experienced staff? Lastly, I would like to mention that Pilot Project in page 12 has to be started as soon as possible and more Primary School Teachers have to be appointed so that pupil - teacher ratio may come to 1:30 instead of 1:40 which we find in the Finance Minister's speech. Thank you.

PU R. DOTINAIA: Mr Speaker, Sir, the Hon'ble Finance Minister has presented Budget of Mizoram. I am afraid that this huge amount of money and precious time would pass away due to lack of sufficient daily labourour staff. Three Districts have since been created in Mizoram but this is not in proportion to the population of the area. Aizawl District is far greater in size than the rest and as such should be converted into two Districts. If not, it should rather be constituted into 5 sub-divisions so that development work for interior villages may be accelarated.

But the proposed salary of members of Village Council is too little. These members are working very hard for big officers and political leaders. They deserve special pay for meeting the expenditure on the reception they give to big officers who pay a visit^{to} their villages.

When we look at Schedule for works in our Budget, we see there are big schemes for Mizoram. But their schemes do not include construction of Tuichang bridge which really is a pressing necessity for people living in my constituency. I have already informed the Dev. Commissioner about the need of the people there. These people have to buy essential commodities from N.Vanlaiphai for which good communication is felt imperative. To overcome such difficulty, a bridge should therefore be constructed over Tuichang river.

No mention is also made about Hospital for N.Vanlaiphai. The present Doctor there is inefficient and inexperienced and always relies on the Compounder under him. The building is in a dilapidated condition and badly needs repair. But in our Budget there is no provision for this work and this upsets me very much. I feel it is necessary to extend the building so as to accommodate 30 to 50 beds. I request the Hon'ble Minister to take note of this.

It is seen that only small provision is made for Tourism. In this connection, I would like to say that the area ~~xxx~~ around N.Vanlaiphai is suitable for a Tourist Centre and I am sure its scenic beauty will capture the eyes of tourists.

Let me also point out some difficulties created due to inefficient supply of water. Many people living in the outskirts of Aizawl town cannot get supply of water, and there is no fixed time for drawing this water. That is the case in Aizawl town and you can imagine what difficulties the village folks are facing regarding water supply. When will they get abundant supply of safe drinking water!

It is also learnt that the Govt. of Mizoram proposes to give free supply of safe drinking water to some big towns in Mizoram. But this not enough. Small villages should also be provided with safe drinking water. The Public Health Department had already started work in N.Vanlaiphai but this work had to be discontinued due to the disturbances which broke out in Mizoram. It is now time that this work be resumed since the dark clouds of disturbances have taken a new colour. A huge amount of money is in our hands and the Govt. of Mizoram should employ as many hands as

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as possible in order to make the right use of this money within the specified period.

It is also a fact that the present system of ~~sh~~ shifting cultivation in Mizoram has been a failure and sugarcane plantation is a good means for earning our livelihood. But sugarcane crushing machines are not within the reach of the poor people. Even the subsidised price is Rs. 400-500. It is therefore imperative to make necessary arrangements so that even poor people can afford to buy these machines. The proposal to give loans for 14 Rice Hullers is also not enough. The number should be increased to at least 40/50. Thank you.

PU LALKUNGA:

Mr Speaker, Sir, we have our Budget session very late. In page 1 of the Finance Minister's speech it is stated that "the Govt. of India are fully aware of the peculiar circumstances prevailing in this area (Mizoram), and the need for special care and attention in matters of development. I do not say that the Govt. of India are not aware of the difficulties prevailing in Mizoram. But the fact that we can have Budget Session only towards the end of October led me to think that we do not yet know how to approach the Central Government. Though we have a huge amount of money in our hands time at our disposal is very short and if we cannot spend them properly in time, a big amount has to be surrendered. This will mean simply making us envious of the huge amount of money in the hands of the Central Government. In my opinion, the people of Mizoram are not in a position to pay taxes. People should have to be given development works first before they are required to pay taxes.

Let me say a few words on communications. I come from southern part of Mizoram, so is Pu Nikhuma. Suppose we want to have a tour in our Constituencies, we have to go on foot with a rucksack. This clearly illustrates the imperative need of good system of communication. But we see the Budget provision made for construction of road in these constituencies are less than the provisions made for construction of road in Vairengte village. Let us therefore try to develop those undeveloped and more backward ~~xx~~ areas first.

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For people living in southern part of Mizoram, Tlawng River serves as the main source of thier livelihood, so also Tut river for people living in my constituency. Good system of communication is therfore the urgent need of the people who are living between Vawngawn and Sabual along the Tut river.

I do not also consider proper to praise the Director of Education so highly. People in many villages have no good schools and we, who come from villages have no access to our Director of Education, since even the M.L.As find it difficult to meet him.

Govt. employees in Mizoram are too over-burdened with works and this stands in the way of efficient execution of the duty entrusted to them. If we do not have adequate number of employees, provisions in our Budget will have no meaning at all, however, big they are. Time is fleeting. It is now time to prepare Budget for 1973-74. So I am afraid that this huge amount of money would have to be surrendered due to inadequate supply of employees.

Considering the whole of Mizoram, it is seen that Hospitals and Primary Health Centres are concentrated in the eastern sector. Patients in the western sector have to be carried by the willage-folks for admission into the Hospital. People in villages often die for want of good medicines. It is therefore not necessary to establish 2/3 Hospitals in Aizawl town while people in the interior villages have to go miles to reach the nearest Hospital. In this connection I would like to mention that Primary Health Centre at Kanghmun, demolished due to the disturbances in Mizoram, should be opened again and there must be good communication for people living in and around Lallen, Phuldungsei and Marpara.

I wish that we make the best and most profitable use of this Budget for Mizoram.

PU NGURDAWIA: Mr Speaker, Sir, I want to speak after the Hon'ble Member Pu Lalkunga because the Budget does not include Inland Water Transport which is the special problem of my Constituency. The Finance Minister, in his speech has stated that Inland Water Transport is expected to be transferred to this Govt. shortly. This appears to have also been intended for Tlabung and Kolodyne only. In my Constituency people cannot send heavy goods to the market. Concrete and extensive plan schemes have to be prepared for this purpose and I.W.T. should also be made into a bigger Department.

When I turn to "Schedule for Works", I feel very disappointed. It seems that the Govt. of Mizoram is trying to develop the developed area while neglecting the backward areas. I would like to point out that the area in and around Reiek needs development works. In our Budget, provision of Rs. 75,00,000/- is made for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Aizawl Bazar which was destroyed by fire in 1966. We must not forget that people living in villages are also in need of this kind of assistance, otherwise Govt. of Mizoram will look like government for the urban people.

Land Settlement which we find in the Finance Minister's speech has to be made for villages also and I request the Hon'ble Finance Minister to do so. Again there is no concrete plan scheme regarding Agriculture. As has already been pointed out by Hon'ble member Pu Lalsangzuala, the Lt. Governor in his speech, said that money will not a problem for the economic development of Mizoram. We must always remember this. Agriculture in Mizoram has been a failure. Even if experienced and expert persons are invited from outside, I am afraid the same result would follow.

Lastly, I would like to mention that Tourism should be made into a bigger Department with different smaller branches in order to attract more tourists to Mizoram.

PU SATTAWMA: Mr Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise many points on the Speech given by the Hon'ble Finance Minister on 20.10.72. As already pointed out by the Hon'ble Members before, our Budget is contrary to the expectation of the village folks for only small provision is made for their economic development. The provision is really somewhat too small.

For illustration, let me give one example. Kolodyne, the biggest river in Mizoram runs through S. Vanlaiphai Constituency and Inahthial-S. Vanlaiphai road crosses this river at a point which is known as Darzo Ferry. Every year people living around here suffer untold misery due to flood. No boat can ply in this river as the current is very strong. This year also the river remained unserviceable for 15 days due to flood and the people were drawn on the brink of starvation, very often this nearly drive them to commit undesirable actions.

In July last year people had to cross this river with head-loads and unfortunately seven of them got drowned in the river.

In May 1972, I submitted to the Secretariat a note regarding the importance of constructing a bridge across this river. But the Budget contains no provision for this scheme. I am very disappointed to-day.

SPEAKER: Now, we shall have recess and the meeting will be resumed at 2:00 P.M.

Recess till 2:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER: We will resume discussion on the Budget. This morning Pu Zalawma stood up to speak just before the recess, I will call upon him first to speak.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr Speaker, Sir, I am glad today to have discussion on the Budget. But it is a bit too late to have Budget Session on which depend all the works of development in Mizoram.

Different Heads of Departments have now started preparing Budget for 1973-74 and I am afraid that plan scheme might not be executed in time.

Provisions which we find in the Budget are too small. I say this because since disturbances broke out in Mizoram, we lack sufficient fund for development works. People in towns and villages are facing the same type of Agricultural and economic problems. So I feel very disappointed when I see that our Budget has only small provisions.

Agricultural lands in Mizoram are becoming less unproductive every year and this invites land reclamation. But in our Budget only a small provision is made for this purpose.

I think that our Hon'ble Ministers do not know the importance of Agricultural Research Institute. We have to know what kind of vegetables should be grown, low lying flatlands as well as in the hills. In and around Zawlpui, in the southern part of Mizoram, there are about 1000 acres of Land which can be easily reclaimed. The ministry is responsible for these lands still remaining unreclaimed. Our Development Commissioner and Chief Secretary may not know the problem of Mizoram in details. Now we have own Legislative and the Ministers will work very hard to develop Mizoram and her people.

Remuneration for Village Council members should also be increased for they are working as hard as the M.L.As. With regard to Medical Department, I want to point out that many people died for want of sufficient supply of and non-availability of medicines. As such better facility should be made.

Some days ago, one doctor was transferred to an interior village but that doctor did not move, and remains at Aizawl. I request the Hon'ble Minister concerned to take note of this. Once again, I want to point out that provision in this Budget are too small. The Mizos are socially quite different from other tribes of India. I believe that those Bengalis living in Tripura or Calcutta may not know the real problems of the Mizo people.

Mizoram became U.T. on 21.1.72 and this I hope will be an important step for the Mizos. I want the Govt. of Mizoram to leave no stones unturned to attain higher levels of achievement in the field of education. At the time Mizoram was under District

Council, we had the exact population of Mizoram and we knew that at least 400/500 Primary School Teachers had to be appointed. But here in our Budget we see that the new Ministry intends to appoint only 200 new teachers. This looks quite absurd. When we entered the U.T this Ministry took over every property of the defunct District Council. When the Congress Party was in power, it confirmed 780 house sites given by the Union Party. Likewise, I therefore want to appeal to this Ministry that all those Primary School Teachers already appointed by the erstwhile District Council should also be confirmed. In this connection I would like to say that I saw on the table of the Administrator his approval for sanction of 100 new posts of L.P Teachers. But that letter has since been untraceable and the person responsible for the loss should be found out.

We should learn to respect actions taken by the old Ministry, otherwise, the hard labour of the Ministry will have no meaning at all. Village people are in great need of good schools and we must always bear this in mind.

Provision for construction of Legislative Assembly Secretariat and Hall is also too small. I wonder who has curtailed this! Provision in the Budget is too small for general administration when money is the number one important thing. When we had UMPP we gave out that salaries of L.P. Teachers will be raised when we have U.T. The basic pay of L.P. Teachers is only Rs.80/-. Therefore, the provision made under Plan Scheme is very inadequate. A provision of Rs.75 lakhs which we find in the Budget will trickle down to the Shopkeepers. Therefore, the authorities do not have clear thoughts in regard to the requirements of funds.

Though we have U.T. we are still buying commodities, like petrol at the rate prevailing in Assam. I do not know whether our leaders have looked into this. Some time ago, the price of C.I. Sheets is Rs.200/- only; but now it rose to Rs.400/-. This needs further consideration.

Lastly, I would like to request the Govt. of Mizoram to open Tuirial Air Field as early as possible. Thank you.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr Speaker Sir, I am very glad to take part in the discussion on the Budget for 1972-73. The member who spoke before me took much time. He appeared to be favoured, as he spoke for nearly half an hour though he was allowed 15 minutes only.

Some members thought that provision in this Budget are too small. But I am afraid that even this small amount may not be spent. We cannot get full development all at once. Members of opposition Party taught people that the reason for delay in having the Budget Session is negligence on the part of the Central Govt. towards us. I think they spread such false teaching while knowing the real reason behind the delay in the Budget Session. But now I have come to the conclusion that they did not know the real reason. We have just finished forming the Govt. of Mizoram. Even those States with sufficient supply of employees used to take much time to prepare the Budget. And I feel very happy to see the Budget ready for discussion to-day. I want to express my thankfulness to the officers

and Govt. employees and our leaders for preparing the Budget in so short a time.

Some of the points of criticism raised on the Budget may be true to some extent. This is also the case with my Constituency. At the time of preparation, I submitted to the Dev. Commissioner some schemes for inclusion in the Budget. But none of these appear in this Budget. As a matter of fact population along Silchar- Aizawl road is dense and this is also the Gateway to different States of India, we have to develop this side first and then move to more interior villages. We must remember this. It would be wrong to give importance to one's own constituency, forgetting the need of the country as a whole. Once we reach some measure of development perhaps there will be possibility for us to develop our respective constituencies. We must remember that we are just beginning.

In page 3 of the Hon'ble Finance Minister's speech, it is stated that domestic receipts of our Govt. will have to be increased many-folds. Will that be good? It is not a bad idea to increase taxes ; but judged from the present condition of the people, it is not yet time to do that. People are not in a position to pay anything other than House Tax and Land Revenue. In page 4, para 5 we see creation of 3 Districts - 1) Aizawl District with four sub-divisions 2) Lunglei District with two sub-divisions and 3) Chhintui-pui District comprising the three autonomous regions of Pawi, Lakher and Chakma. But why have not these District start functioning yet? I believe all are very anxious to know the jurisdictions of these District, and what will be their respective Headquarters.

A provision of Rs. 20 lakhs as Housing Loan is too small and it is not clear whether it includes people who are in interior villages. Mortgage will have to be required for housing loan and this is impossible for poor people in villages. A provision of Rs. 75 lakhs is made for reconstruction and rehabilitation of Aizawl Bazar I think provision should also be made for people in villages. House site and gardens allotted to the people by Village Council must be made acceptable for mortgage for housing loans, since people in the village need special consideration.

I have no knowledge about the Committee which we find in page 8, para and I am very anxious to know their works in this regard because the A.R. are occupying the heart of Aizawl town since a long time, and we want to know if they are likely to move out.

I consider Water Supply very important because doctors who came to Mizoram recently in connection with the outbreak of dysentery have warned that unless we take pure water for drinking purposes, the same and even more catastrophic epidemic may break out in future. But Public Health Department which has to supply pure and safe drinking water to public is too slow to meet the pressing need of the people. In my constituency this Department has proposed to pump water from Lante river. It has already brought up three truckloads of pipes, but this work is not nearing completion even after many months have elapsed. The water pipes are

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simply lying near the house of the V/C President. And it is learnt that the scheme has again been changed and new proposal is, to pump -up water from Mat river, abandoning the first scheme. ^{made}

In 22 June 1972 this Department called interview for the posts of Begn and Chokidar. But till today, appointments have not yet been made for these posts. And I believe that there may be some secret reasons for this delay. So the Department has to be stirred up in order to make it execute its work properly and expeditiously. —

Budget provisions are made for extension of Hospitals at Aizawl and Lunglei. While appreciating this proposal, I would like to point out that dispensaries at Champhai, Serchhip and Thingsulthliah have to be extended. And in this connection I will also mention that Medical Department is slow in execution of its work. At Champhai dispensary, within my Constituency, necessary medicines like APC are not available. When I went there last, I saw that there were only 15 tablets of APC. The Civil Surgeon is also very negligent in sending medicines to health Centres. That is why many boxes of medicines are lying here and there in the verandah of the Civil Hospital. Once I asked him to send them to the Health Centre and why he could not send them out. He simply told me that these could not be sent out as the Pharmacist at Lungpho left the village. Then I asked him to post another pharmacist there right away. That is the position of Medical Department and it needs to be re-established thoroughly.

Drought has caused untold misery to farmers in Mizoram cannot this House declare Mizoram as drought-affected area? Recently I went to Champhai and saw that many rice plants died for want of water. Small brooks got dry. As a result of this, poor farmers could not expect good harvest this year. Drought has become a problem in India also and Ministers in different States are busy with relief measures for people in drought-affected regions. A huge amount of money was given for this purpose. Will it not be good to follow the same example as is done in other States since our crop prospect is quite dark.

Here we see that Animal Husbandry, Soil Conservation and Forest are under one and the same Directorate. As such, the Director will have many-fold duties to perform which is hardly possible for a single person. If the Director has great interest in Agriculture or Forest, he may neglect Animal Husbandry. Therefore separate Directorate should be created for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary.

Lastly, District Veterinary Officer should be posted in each newly created districts of Aizawl, Lunglei and Chhintaipui respectively. Thank you.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr Speaker Sir, actually, I am waiting for the opposition Leader to speak and say as much as he likes so that I may refute the points he raises. But he does not like to speak before me. In case he may want to contradict my points, I would request him to listen attentively to what I am going to say.

We have been waiting for our Budget for a long time and at last we can have it before us. There are some persons who said in some quarters that the delay in Budget Session is due to certain party's recommendations to the Govt. to create difficulties since that party is not in power. But since we are having Budget Session now, probably they have failed to make their points.

The amount of money in our Budget is not very big. But I think we have to make the full use of it within this limited period. First of all, I would like to point out that we are spending too much for renovation of this Assembly Hall. We must try to get a new Assembly Hall. As such it is not proper to spend too much for this old building. A new Hall is urgently needed for there is accommodation for only 30 visitors here, which is too little. Let us therefore try to have new Assembly Hall which will be able to accommodate more visitors to witness Session.

As we know, time is very short. In order to execute plan schemes in time, a strong administrative machinery will be very important. If we do not have strong and efficient staff, this Budget will be of no use to us, however big the provisions may be. We must also take great care in making appointments for different posts so that money may be spent for the right purpose. I say this because in the past few years corruption is very rampant in Mizoram and people are now keeping watch on us whether we are going to do away with this bad and dirty practice. Some Departments are very corrupt. This does not mean that all Departments are involved in corrupt practices. Money must be used to serve the right purpose.

Therefore we have to remember that some officers are good, some are bad, and some are efficient while some are not. Some are working very hard while some are sitting idle, and some are honest while some are dishonest. Good and efficient officers must be taken into consideration while making promotion. With regard to promotion, efficiency must be the sole criteria instead of seniority. If we neglect efficiency, we will not be able to execute plan schemes in time. I believe that it may not be possible to drive away corruption completely. But I think it can be minimized to a great extent. To do this we must have a good and strong Administration. And those who are in high offices should first set an example. I request the Hon'ble Ministers to keep this mind.

It is also important for the Govt. of Mizoram to have concrete schemes. The Govt. should know the importance of each scheme and what should be done first, so that plan schemes may not end in fiasco. When we were under the Govt. of Assam, there was a Planning Board which looked after Mizoram from a long distance. ^{first} The ~~effect~~ of the work of that ~~Planning~~ cannot be seen even today. We have now our own Planning Board and members of this Board must not necessarily be Ministers and prominent persons. * These persons must be given top priority in the selection of members of the Board.

Agriculture is the first important thing for Mizoram and from the speeches made by the Hon'ble Members before me, it is seen that people solely depend on the Agriculture Department. As we are passing through a difficult time in our history,

* It should rather include educated and experienced persons

people are depending too much on T.R. and G.R. These must be given up as soon as possible. It is necessary to open Research Institute as pointed out by Pu Zalawaa so as to produce more paddy and vegetables. If the Agriculture Department continues to go on as it does, we will never make progress in agriculture field. It is no longer necessary to teach the people to grow crops. But we have to teach them what kind of crops should be grown in dry terrace. To grow rice and crops wherever we like is not good. We the Mizos cannot be forced to do things; however, we could be taught things by proper coaching. What we need is proper coaching, so that we may know the right type of crops to be grown in the right land, and how to grow them in a most productive way. In this connection I would like to point out that seeds supplied by Contractors cannot grow well as these are not good seeds. Amongst the banana seedlings are included many wild varieties, so also, in the supply of pineapple cuttings many of them have no heads. We are going to keep a close watch on the progress made by the Agriculture Department. We may not be self-sufficient in foodstuff overnight. But this Department must make every effort to make Mizoram self-sufficient in foodstuff.

Last year the price of ginger, one kind of cash crop, was quite attractive and very encouraging. Once a man was sent to the plains to study the market for ginger. But he said that big merchants in the plains would not like to buy Mizo ginger and this statement greatly discouraged ginger growers in Mizoram. But shortly after this, another person came and said that Mizo ginger will fetch a good price. It is therefore my desire that enquiries must be made about this man who discouraged ginger-growers and brought to book for his false statement.

So far, the PWD in Mizoram has earned a bad name. It may be difficult to be totally free from criticism. Since it is not very difficult to earn appreciation by doing good, some improvement should be aimed, and the Departmental authorities should work harder towards that end. I would like to mention that I am not satisfied with the replies given by the Hon'ble Chief Minister regarding this Department. There are no wire ropes in Tuichang river and it is not good that 3 chowkidars should remain idle there. Very wrong thing is done.

The Department of Soil Conservation seems to be a great success in Mizoram. Their rubber plantations, Betelnut and Cocoa plantations are flourishing even today. These rubbers are examined by experts and it is learnt that they are good enough for sale in outside markets. This will be a good source of income, and deserves encouragement.

Security Forces are posted in Mizoram to enforce law and order. But their behaviours often appear to be undesirable. Recently it was published in Newspapers that men of the 19th Punjab Regiment committed rape on three Mizo innocent girls, and I consider this a great insult to the Mizo people. I would impress upon our Ministers to take note of this. Some days ago one man suspected to be an MNF escaped from custody and the Lt. Governor ordered one Battalion of Security Forces to recapture him. It would be interes-

ting to know the progress of the enquiry being held in regard to the alleged killing of another man by the Security personels. If necessary, some arrests may be made, but why the indiscriminate beatings? We have our own Legislature now, and our Leaders must see that nothing untoward happens again in future. Our people have very high hopes in our Legislative Assembly and I hope our Leaders shall take steps to fulfil the hopes of our people.

PU K. L. ROCHAMA: Mr Speaker Sir, we are now having the much-awaited Budget Session. I am very grateful for this. As already pointed out by the Chief Whip, though provisions in our Budget are small, I am afraid a huge amount would have to be surrendered as time at our disposal is very short. Considering the limited number of staff and time, I am really happy to see that the Budget is now ready for discussion.

In para 3 of page 1 the Finance Minister states that the Govt. of India are fully aware of the peculiar circumstances prevailing in this area and the need for special care and attention in matters of development. This fields one with great joy. As the Govt. are fully aware of the peculiar circumstances in Nagaland, special care is given to the Nagas. And we have no time to mention all facilities given to the M.I.As and development works done in Nagaland by the Govt. of India. So I would like to request the Hon'ble Ministers to demand special care for Mizoram from the Central Govt. where necessary.

In para 2 of page 2 we see creation of a Consolidated Fund of Mizoram. It is also stated that shortage of fund will not be allowed to stand in the way of our development. There is also additional fund for plan scheme in addition to provisions in the Budget. This given me great condidence in the Central Govt. regarding financial help for Mizoram. As we cannot have this Budget Session earlier, this financial year will have to be devoted for making proper formation of administrative machinery. As such appointments for different posts should be made as quickly as possible.

A terrible famine visited Mizoram only a few years ago and disturbances also broke out in 1966. We cannot have high hope. We are demoralised and many people resorted to begging. As we try to get every thing free of cost we do not strike to be self-sufficient in foodstuffs and daily necessaries of life. It is now time we teach the people to work hard for their living. The practice of making false propaganda by some politicians will surely be a stumbling-block in the way of our development. Rather, we should teach and earnestly persuade the people to work hard, to be diligent and self-supporting.

In para 1 of page 4 we have creation of three Districts in Mizoram. But these districts do not have the same size of population. Also Thenzawl and Dunglelang GC are included in Aizawl District though they are supposed to be included in Lunglei District. This may create some difficulties regarding distribution

of lands for jhum cultivation. It is therefore necessary to revise the boundaries of these three Districts while keeping in mind the size of population.

In para 2 of page 4 we see that Village Council administration is being looked after by Local Administration Department; but no mention is made about town administration. At least Town Committees must be formed in the two towns of Aizawl and Lunglei.

In para 4 of page 4, we see land reclamation. Suitable lands must be reclaimed as early as possible. But in the proposal, there is too much duplication for giving grants for reclamation. Both Development Block Agriculture Department and Soil Conservation Department are giving grants for reclamation. This ~~is a~~ poor formers to the ground of unhealthy competition. It is therefore necessary that only one Department should deal with grants for reclamation.

In para 5 of page 4, we see proposed acceleration in development works. This is very important. The Development Blocks are at a stand-still as a result of disturbances and we are now to start. We must try to open 10 new C.D. Blocks in the next financial year.

In para 1 of page 5, the Hon'ble Finance Minister states that the Govt. have decided to enlarge the existing two hospitals at Aizawl and Lunglei by providing more staff. Indeed Lunglei hospital needs special care and consideration. When the Lt. Governor visited Lunglei town, he ordered that the hospital should be repaired; but till today no repair work has yet been done to this hospital. The hospital has two Doctors only. At present one of them is sick and the other is good for nothing. The former has to hire private vehicle as there is no Ambulance Van in this Hospital.

In para 3 of page 6 of the Finance Minister's speech mention is made about Industrial Training Institute, Aizawl which is now a guest Institute at Srikona near Silchar. This is very wrong. It is as wrong as fishing in the Mat river while expecting to collect the fish from Tuichang river. Let it therefore be shifted to Aizawl as soon as possible. It may also be necessary to point out that the Industry Department constructed one Institute to be used as Production Centre at Zotlang before disturbances broke out in Mizoram. But this Institute is still being occupied by the Security Forces. It is therefore necessary to order the Security Forces to vacate this Institute so that it may be used for the right purpose.

In page 7 of para 1 we see creation of Directorate of Information etc. As Mizoram attained a new and higher status, this Department assumed more responsibilities. This Department deserves to be called Ambassador and Salesman, such being the importance of the Department, District Information & Public Relations Officers should be posted in Lunglei and Baiba. In Lunglei there is no Publicity Officer for a long time and the Block Development Officer has simply taken over charge of Publicity Officer. Being aware of the importance of this officer, the Deputy Commissioner of Lunglei has already written a note to the authority to post one such officer and I would like to request the Minister concerned to take necessary action on this matter.

In para 4 of page 7, we see that residential accomodation for Govt. Officers and Members of the Assembly on a priority basis. This proposal makes me very happy for residential accomodation is very important for Members coming from distant villages. The existing Member Hotel also needs renovation so as to make it fit for the Hon'ble Members of the Assembly.

Mention is also made about supply of safe and adequate drinking water to the population in para 3 of page 8 of the Finance Minister's speech. The Govt. cannot give sufficient supply of safe drinking water even in Aizawl town. In Lunglei people are facing more difficulties regarding water supply and the Public Health Department is very slow in doing its works. This Department is executing its work so slowly and just as it is "PHE" (a short flash of light), their activities are hardly noticable. The Principal Engineer told us in the month of June that he would supply adequate drinking water to the people within 3 months. But till to-day, not even a drop is supplied. This needs thorough probe now

In para 4 of page, mention is made about Electricity. In Aizawl town electricity is available for 24 hours but in other towns we do not get enough supply of electricity. The proposed electric power to be obtained from Unium Hydrel Project may not be available for Lunglei and Chhintuipui. As we find in tour diary of our Lt. Governor, it will be better if we can get electric powers from the Kaptai Dam in Bangladesh. Before we do this, it is also necessary to construct a dam to generate at least 100 KW of electric power for Lunglei.

In page 10 of the Finance Minister's speech, we see Rehabilitation. We must be thankful to the Central Government for giving a rehabilitation loan for rehabilitation and reconstruction. B-ut no provision is made for people whose properties were also burnt to ashes and who are now living in towns so that they may be rehabilitated. This should be considered again.

In page 12 of the Hon'ble Finance Minister's speech, we see the Govt. proposal regarding Education in Mizoram. As a whole it is a good proposal and we must be thankful for this to the Government. Science Department has already been introduced in Lunglei College. But it seems that no provision is made for construction of Science Building of this College. I request the Govt. of Mizoram to do the needful.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr Speaker, Sir, I think the Hon'ble Members have a mind to continue discussion tomorrow. Let us then stop for today.

SPEAKER: I think no members want to speak any more today. We shall continue our discussion tomorrow at 10:00 A.M. Therefore the meeting stands adjourned till 10:00 A.M tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 3.45 P.M.

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