

- (b) If so, has Selection Board appointed any for this purpose?
- (c) Is it a fact that no single teachers had been appointed till today, after opening the School on 26th Feb., 1973, as they have left the House (building)?
- (d) If question (e) has been a fact, what is the reason?

SPEAKER: Let the Minister-in-charge reply.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the answers are:-
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- (a) It is not correct.
- (b) No such thing has arisen.
- (c) It is not correct.
- (d) No such thing has arisen.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, supplementary Question:
Even if there was no Selection Board,
Why is it that no appointment could be
made after the Selection Board made its recommendations
on 26th February, 1973?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the recommending Board
MINISTER. could recommend, but appointments have
not been made because the appointing
authority could not do so.

PU LAEKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question:
If they could not make appointment on
26th Feb. why did they not order them
not to open this School from the same date, 26th Feb., 73?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, this School was opened
MINISTER. on 1st March, 1973, not on 26th February
1973.

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PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Principal himself said, "They informed (or ordered) me to open the School on the 26th Feb., 1973": it was opened without any teachers present. Why were not the Teachers appointed even on the 26th Feb., though the School has already been opened?.

SPEAKER: If there is no more supplementary question, we shall proceed on to Question NO.21

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Question NO.21:
(a) Is it a fact that Government intends to appoint only Graduates for the posts of Govt. Middle English Schools in the Union Territory?
(b) If so, why did they intend to appoint a particular teachers, non-Graduate, but already passed Normal Second Grade, as Headmaster of Phuldungsei M.E. School?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, as there is no policy MINISTER. of Government, the Education Director, in order to fill up the (empty) vacant posts of Headmasters, appointed them as Headmasters. Who previously had been Assistant Teachers. There are some who have been appointed, who already passed Normal Training, as Headmasters.

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question: Hon'ble Minister-in-charge Education said that Government has no policy regarding the appointment and employment of Graduate only to work in M.E. Schools of Mizoram. Has there been selection among those presently working as teachers in Govt. Schools those who have worked since a long time back?
Was there been differentiation on sex and barring of women from becoming the Head?.

PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I have not heard that women are barred or disqualified for the Heads; as I have said, there has been no formal decision that only graduates will be eligible. But for improvement and to enable them to undergo B.T. Trainings, we usually put graduates as the Heads.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary Question: Speaking especially, there is one Govt. M.E. School, one of the most senior Schools in my Constituency; there are only 3 Teachers, had Government any intention to post more Teachers?!

SPEAKER: It involves Mimbang Case!!.

PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, there is no reason or answer as the question does not concern Mimbang.

PU K. SANGCHHUM: Mr. Speaker Sir, as there are no Graduates in Chhimtuipui District is there any intention to post the qualified local people?.

PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, preference are given if there are qualified people in the locality itself, however, in such special or particular cases, I have not known that Govt. give preference.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: It is a fact that the villagers of Tuipuibari wanted to throw out the presently working teachers and take teachers from Tripura Area?!

- PU LALKUNGA:** Mr. **Speaker Sir**, has there been advertisement for the post of Headmaster, Phuldinsei M.E.School?
- PU VAIVENGA:** Mr. **Speaker Sir**, it has not been advertised, the available trained teacher from the locality has been posted.
- MINISTER.**
- PU VANLALHRUAIA:** Mr. **Speaker Sir**, supplementary question: there are non-Graduates working as Headmasters of M.E.Schools, are they to be replaced by Graduates?
- PU VAIVENGA:** Pu **Speaker**, there is no intention to change the present ones.
- MINISTER.**
- PU ZALAWMA:** Mr. **Speaker Sir**, our Hon'ble Minister said Government has no firm policy; we have haphazardly spent one year, has the Government any intention to have clear cut policy?
- SPEAKER:** Now, Question No.22 Pu Lalguata's : Let the Minister-in-charge Education kindly give reply.
- PU C.LALRUATA:** Mr. **Speaker Sir**, Question No.22;
(a) Is it a fact that Govt. fixed 2 years for the Training of Primary Teachers?
(b) If so, what is the reason?
- PU VAIVENGA:** Mr. **Speaker Sir**, the answers are:
MINISTER.
(a) Yes right.
(b) it was meant for their improvement in teaching and wider general knowledge.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: If it is for better Training, well and good, however, there is no difference from their previous old course.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, they shall study the usual course in their 1st Years, and they shall study another Course in the 2nd Year.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker, supplementary Question: Is it a fact that the course has been made into a two years' course only because there remains only few teachers who are not trained?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, that is right. We fixed 2 years for the Course for the improvement of teachers in teaching.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary questions: as it is Basic Training Case, I think it is relevant. — I would like to ask 3/4 questions. These training courses are fixed for 2 years, and these may be difficult to understand for villagers. Could it not be completed in One year?

Then, will it not be possible to give some amount of money to teacher who undergo training as deputation allowances as was done while we were in Assam?

Besides, it has been rumoured that among the Women trainees, 7 of them could not find accommodation in the Hostel with the result that their training was cancelled. As it would be difficult for our Women trainees to complete 2 whole years, could it not be completed in One year?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, in a matter of
MINISTER: lengthening to 2 years, we did this
for their benefits, since they will
get improvement. *I cannot say about the deputation allowances
now, but I will be able to tell him later.*
In case of Women trainees, as they
are having Children it may be difficult for them to under-
go training; I have contacted the Principal himself
regarding this, asking whether there is any way by which
they can undergo training from outside; but, it will be
difficult to do that since they will have many domestic
works to do at home in the mornings and evenings.

PU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question:
Has the Government any intention to
appoint other teachers in the places
of the trainees?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, we have practiced
MINISTER: this system under District Council;
they were just Officiating, whenever
there was a new post, we appointed them in the post; it
has solved the problem of unavailability of teachers
somehow. Though they were however appointed to substitute
the trainees sometimes we allow them to continue in other
places where there were vacancies.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the spirit is appre-
ciated. But training as well as
preparation of text books could be
useable if they are completed early. As such, why make
the course lengthened to two years?.

SPEAKER: Question NO.23., Pu C. Lalruata's.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Question NO.23.

(a) Is it a fact that Govt. disbursed Deficit Grant, for High Schools of Mizoram, with wide variation of amount?.

(b) If so, what is the reason?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, the answers are -
MINISTER.

(a) Yes, that is right.

(b) After checking the salaries and allowances of teachers, fees and the income of school from such sources, grant was disbursed; hence, different Schools get different amounts.

PU R.ZOLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, supplementary question: It has been mentioned about the procedure of sanctioning deficit grant, do we follow Assam Rules or we have our own?.

SPEAKER: Is not that explained by the next point?-

PU R.ZOLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, we have not touched (discussed) the next point yet.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, supplementary question: When Govt. is about to disburse Deficit Grant, does the Inspector visit the receipt Schools and give them, or they call for information, from which the grants are disbursed?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, supplementary question: MINISTER. put forth by Pu Zoliana and question No.27 are similar. In this connection we follow Assam Rules but not in to-to, The Govt.is considering to make our own Deficit Rules. We have not yet considered Pu Saitlawma's question, we however depend

on our **School** reports; but if there is something improper it must have originated from wrong reports, as we have made allotments on the basis of the last reports.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr. **Speaker Sir**, I don't know whether it is relevant or not, I am ready to withdraw it if it is irrelevant.

In **Deficit Schools**, the teachers draw equal salary with **Govt. School** teachers. However, they are not real **Govt. Servants**. Has the **Govt.** any intention to control them and apply **Govt. Conduct Rules** in their cases?. If not, what is the opinion of **Govt.**?

PU VALVENGA: Mr. **Speaker Sir**, the point is relevant and important, we copied **Assam Deficit Rules**, and we too shall have to add some more. In private schools, they have their own managing Boards who have the authority, and we shall have to supervise them.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr. **Speaker Sir**, I want to point our some point on "Point of information". In our last **Budget Session**, Hon'ble Member **Pu J.Thanghuama** requested the presence of the Department Heads concerned, Department Directors of the **Secretaries**. However none is present now. For this reason, we, the members cannot express what we want them to hear, and I request Hon'ble Ministers to impress upon them of this.

As **Pu Saitlawma** said, this **Deficit** system may be improper or imperfect. Teachers were posted haphazardly after checking out reports and students' enrolment. However in these matters there may be false reports of different kinds. Is the **Govt.** intending to

check these, and the Primary Schools? Is Govt. going to help the non-Deficit Schools? As expenditure is coming higher, I wanted to ask these two questions.

PU VAIVENGA: **MINISTER.** Mr. Speaker Sir, we are glad to hear him point out that matter. As for the question about education, the postings of the inspectors are completed.

SPEAKER: Question NO.24 Pu C.Lalruata.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, has Government intended to prepare better syllabus, Text Books for Mizoram Primary Schools and Secondary Schools?

PU VAIVENGA: **MINISTER.** Mr. Speaker Sir, Yes, the Text Books for Primary Schools and different classes of Middle Schools, prepared for our copying by N.C.E.R.T, are carefully examined now whether they are fit to be translated and applied in Mizoram Schools.

SPEAKER: Question NO.25 Pu C.Lalruata.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker, (a) Has Govt. intended to set up Board of Secondary Education for Mizoram? (b) If so, by and what means?

PU VAIVENGA: **MINISTER.** Mr. Speaker Sir, the answers to
(a) No.
(b) No such thing has arisen.

PU R.ZOLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, this particular question has been asked during the last session; as the Board of Secondary Education is really necessary for Mizoram, cannot our Mizoram Govt. finalise this matter soon?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, question on this was
MINISTER. put last year. But we are ineapable to
finalise matters now.

SPEAKER: Question NO.26-Pu C.Lalruata.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know
the number of post- Matric
students who did not get Tribal
Scholarship yet, and the reasons.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, there are altogether
MINISTER. 580 in number. This Scholarship has
been sanctioned from Centrally Spon-
sored Scheme, - Post - Matric Scholarship for Scheduled
Castes and Scheduled Tribe. This year, 7 lakhs of
Rupees has been disbursed among the applicants whose
applications were received this year.

PU R.ZCEIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, When the Hon'ble Minis-
ter presented Budget to the House during
the last Budget Session, it was considered
that the Budget provision of Rs.70,000
meant Post-Matric Scholarlarship was inadequate.
Will the Government inform the House the names of the
institutions in which students who do not receive such
scholarship are ready and also the name of the institu-
tion when they are the largest in number.

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, please excuse me
MINISTER for my enability to mention the name
of the institutions in which student
who do not receive such scholarship are the largest in
number. But so far students of Delhi University have not
yet received. The reason of this may be attributed to

the remoteness of place their application had been received after a huge amount of money was sanctioned to students, whose applications were received in time. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

SPEAKER: Question NO.27. Let Pu Dotinaia ask. -

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, let the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge Education Department kindly answer. Has Mizoram Govt. enforced Assam Deficit Rules over Govt. Aided Schools, under Deficit System?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, as there are no properly prepared Rules, Mizoram Govt. enforces Assam Deficit Rules as far as practicable.

PU J.NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: the Managing Boards of Schools in the villages have discharged their Headmasters; Is this possible and permissible? Does the Govt. know such case?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, there must be Rules, and just as we need to know their appointments we must know about their discharges too! .

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: as it appears, now we depend on Assam Deficit system; do the Drawing Master, Hindi Masters etc., of other High Schools, besides Deficit Schools, follow the pay scale of their counterparts who are in the Deficit Schools?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, as I have said, the
MINISTER. procedure will be laid down in the
Rules.

SPEAKER: Question NO.23 Pu Satya Priyo Dewan.

PU SATYA PRIYO DEWAN: Mr. Speaker Sir, let the Hon'ble
Minister-in-charge Education
Department kindly answer -

- (a) Is there any stipend for Mizo Students outside Mizoram, in Vocational Institutions.
- (b) If so, what Institutions are they, where stipends are given?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the answers are -
MINISTER.
(a) No.
(b) No.

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir Supplementary questions:
Vocational Institutions are important
and I feel sorry that we cannot send
more Students; has Govt. any intention to open Vocational
Institutions in Mizoram?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the I.T.I. is being
MINISTER. prepared by Mizoram Government, but
no students we sent outside Mizoram
at present. This is, as Hon'ble Members said a very
important Institution.

SPEAKER: Question NO.19: Pu Lalsangzuala.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, let the Hon'ble
Minister-in-charge Appointment Department kindly answer -

(a) Is it a fact that particular Departments of Mizoram Govt. made appointment without advertisement, thus contravening the Order of Central Ministry of Labour and Employment?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Yes, appointments were made on some posts.
CHIEF MINISTER.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, if (a) is in the affirmative, what is the reason?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, answer to (b): When Mizoram was made Union Territory, it was necessary to fill up the vacant posts, in various Departments by experienced hands. In order to fulfill that demand, Common List was prepared for the employees of the Assam Government and the District Council, and appointment was made on the basis of their position therein. It was impossible to adhere to usual procedures during that period. For those who have not held office under the Govt. advertisement were published in Local Daily Newspapers for the new vacant posts.

As this has been the policy already, it has been done only when there arises the need for Technical knowledge and experience.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, question - (c): Has Govt. intended to take action against the officers concerned who bear responsibility?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, answer to (c): As stated above, no such thing step is envisaged.
CHIEF MINISTER.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: In matter of appointments, are the available persons eligible to become Joint Directors or these is intention to continue advertising the posts.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: - Mr.Speaker Sir, we are discussing
CHIEF MINISTER. advertisement matter, I think in
this question is irrelevant.

PU C.CHANNGKUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir,Supplementary question:
In one of the newspaper, the appoint-
ment of S.D.C.,P.W.D. as A.O. was
published, what is the meaning?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, it was written P.W.D.,
S.D.C.,Pu Lalhmuaka, which however I
have not seen, it may be that the
pressmen misunderstood; it was another Pu Lalhmuaka, a
P.W.D. Staff, and he is said to be willing to join
Administrative Officer post.

SPEAKER: Alright, question hour is over. We
shall proceed to Item NO.2, This is
a calling attention motion let
Pu Saitlawma move it.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
(Under Rule 54)

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I beg to call the
attention of the Chief Minister under
Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business
in the Assembly to a matter of urgent Public importance
and of recent occurrence, namely to the news item publis-
hed in the " ZAWLKHAWPUI" dated the 15th March,1973, a
local newspaper under the caption "SIPALIN AN SAWISA
SERKAWN DAMDAWI INAH" relating to beating of one Pu
Thanghuaia at Lunglei Town by the Security Forces, and
request the Minister to make a statement in the House in
this regard.

Yours faithfully,
Saitlawma, M.L.A.
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SPEAKER: If you want to make supplementary statement, you may do so.

PU SAILAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon'ble members had mentioned this matter yesterday: Since March, 1966. We have been living like a rats fearing the cat, but since 21st. January, 72 peace has downed in our land; however, till today, We heard unhappy news, rumour, sorrowful gossips and the ones read from the local news papers. I feel dissatisfied and unhappy to hear how our people are treated and how the women folks are raped and dishonoured. I humbly request our Hon'ble Ministers to carefully examine and to their very-best to safeguard the interest of the public.

I feel shameful to have to make this calling Attention even till today. In Lunglei during this very month, Pu Thanghuaia has been arrested from his own home because some hostiles were previously arrested from his house. The Security Forces asked him for informations about these quests and all sorts of tortures were given to him since he could not answer many of their questions. If the people who are to protect us ^{not turn our people this way, even those who} are here now may even suffer in their hands some day. Pu Thanghuaia was taken from his home by the Security Forces on 6th March, 1973, he was confined till the next day; their (bloody) C.O. one Mishra, and the Adjustant kept him with them and the C.O. himself ordered for him to be tortured. Since he was beaten so much, he sustained many injuries and he could not urinate. Then he was handed over to the D.C. and was taken to the Police Station where ^{was} he examined by a Doctor who certified the need to hospitalize him. (Read out the Doctor's certificate)

It is a matter of wonder how such tortures could be inflicted on fellow human beings, when it would be difficult to use the same treatment on other creatures. Say how long we shall need to bear such humiliations and punishments.

Even in Aizawl too, the 1st Assam Rifles killed a man recently as we all know. In Lunglei side, it is often reported of about the frequent troubles and the repin; of women by the 19th Punjab Regiments, but these atmospheres remain unremoved till today.

Mere shouting loudly about the mater here in this House will have little effect, unless the Government pursues it. As I have stated, they have contravened Art 22 of our Constitution and shown no respect for the Indian Constitution.

If the Security Forces who are to protect us, take away the lives of innocent people and torture them, there could be an apprehension that this may destroy our relationship with other Indian Citizens, and may destroy our feelings of kindred. They have far over-stepped their functions.

Pu Thanghuaia was so badly injured that he has now said that he would prefer death to being alive now. This sort of thing can really destroy the public feelings.

SPEAKER: If the Chief Minister have to make statement in this regard, let him say so.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the subject of this CHIEF MINISTER. Calling Attention and the news appearing in "Zawikhawpui" is something no one would tolerate.

The way an old man of 60 years, Pu Thanghuaia was tortured and beaten on his private parts was beyond imagination, and a message was immediately sent to the Deputy Commissioner from whose reply the fact appears to be like this: Hostiles led by Captain Lallawta halted at Pu Thanghuaia's house, and Pu Thanghuaia was then suspected and arrested by the Security Forces, and later handed over to the Police and kept in the Jail. Later on we learnt that he was sent to Hospital for "illness".

Naturally we thought the "illness" was the usual illness due to bad health. If it was due to torture, we shall find it out and the Govt. will take appropriate steps. Since the matter seem to have been

verified by honourable member, Pu Saitlawma, the fact as stated by him may prove to be true.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, may we from whom the Hon'ble Chief Minister received the report? (Pu Ch. Shunga, from the D.C Lunglei). It is likely that what Pu Saitlawma has said is true. If it is so, if there is no justice done the people will be too frustrated. So justice must be done. That sort of behaviour is condemned, by this House. There must be a Judicial Enquiry made on this. Mr. Speaker, Pu Saitlawma's statement was a fact (Pu Zalawma: Mr. Speaker, are we going to discuss this Calling Attention?)

SPEAKER: In Calling Attention, Supplementary Questions can be asked, but not like other general questions. Hon. Member knowing that it is public interest, made this. It is not necessary for the Ministry to make or to give assurances here. Let us continue.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the reason for his hospitalization heard by the House, nothing was said that it was due to torture by the Security Forces. But I would impress upon the Chief Minister that the "illness" was not caused by anything else.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, if the Doctor had not written "Due to beating by Security forces" as Hon. Member have said, it may not be easy. I dare not express my acceptance before knowing it is a fact, proved by the Staffs themselves, However, we shall try to find out the truth.

SPEAKER: We shall proceed on to next Item, we have already spent extra 20 minutes; today, we shall try to finish General discussion and the Members must speak to the point. Now we shall start, 8 Members have already spoken, let us give chances to those who have not spoken.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I am glad we have the opportunity to discuss 1973-74 Budget. From the addresses of Lt. Governor and of the Finance Minister, there is nothing to hope, and it is very frustrating. That we are in the Neglected Area is very clear. Our relationship with the Central Government in the matter of Budgetting is very *dissatisfactory*.

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If our expenditure is borne by the Central Govt. look at what we are given. We should see what used to be given to Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura and N.T.F.M. We have been in the same status like us. One year have gone now, I am grateful we are given this much now. Our Chief Minister's bagged Rs.1 Crore seems excluded in the Plan Scheme, and it is also meaningless because Govt. has no particular policy; we just simply enlarge District Budget we had while we were under Assam Govt., and we are (simply proceeding on) in the dark. From the speech of Lt. Governor and Finance Minister, we come to know there is no proper way for proceeding; in every matter proper plan is needed, but we are going (to proceed on) in the dark. In Administration Department, we have many schools under Deficit System, and Grant-in-Aids, but how are we going to lead this? These are not Education policy; (instead of these) besides our schools and High Schools have never been inspected, they need cross-examination as previously said. We have already proceeded 18 months, but it is wonderful that some schools have never been inspected.

I would like to express my point regarding Forest Department. It is necessary to procure Forest, we appointed Forest Guards, Foresters etc. but they lived only here in Aizawl, can they not be sent to other places? These shall surely happen ruin in the Forest; now, we are approaching ruin; if we go on like present situation we are shaking hands with our fate.

In Development also, making proper scheme and plan, it is high time to examine the spots where proper plan could be carried out; but our Ministers meet difficulties because they did never give proper instructions to our Officers concerned; they do not know how to proceed, and how to start work. It is necessary to take up Development work, as we have experienced, we should pay heed to places where practical experiments could be practiced. Besides this, we have surrendered Rs. 8 lakhs, we are quite humiliated. Even when Security tried their best, there could never be clearance; it is unfair (or should it rather be humiliating) that we had surrendered. Security could not be given when the people needed badly, and Development was badly needed in villages which they could not provide us. The present villages need to be made Model village, we could not even make village economy; if we just hotly discuss Budget here, there shall be no profit, or effect; their economy should be paid importance.

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The mentioned Principal Engineer case, as Pu Hrangala stated, he holds only ~~no~~ ^{B.Sc. degree.} ~~degree~~. ~~There~~, he has no ~~extra~~ qualification to hold P.E. post; among Mizos, there are qualified persons. If we simply hotly discuss Budget here, neglecting villagers' affairs we shall never succeed in Developmental work. Therefore, our Govt. not only concentrating thoughts over this Aizawl capital, I want it to look forward for the improvement of whole Mizoram. If their Administration is not powerful, efficient, incapable of penetrating hardships faced constantly by the people, let it hand over to those who can do so.

PU HI PHAI: Mr. Speaker, it is better to accept
Dy. SPEAKER as ~~over~~ speeches what the members
have expressed.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr Speaker, I feel happy that we have the opportunity of discussing this year's Budget, 1973-74 Session. However, important persons who really work hard for Mizoram, that is the Village Councils are never given importance of which I feel sorry for them. I feel sorry that only small amount of rupees has been sanctioned for Village Council remuneration.

In fact, the Village Council, namely the President or Secretary really work harder than L.D.A. or U.D.A. it functions as Court and Council simultaneously. They are more important than Administrative Officer in settlement of Village affairs and problems. I really feel pity for them because we never show favouritism and small amount of money have been sanctioned for each village.

In Agricultural Department, it is unfortunate that we have no patriotic person who have good feeling and will do good work for our country. When having talk with our Agricultural Department Officers, discussing practicable experiments in village level, we clearly see they have no interests in their jobs. For Mizoram, especially in Agricultural Deptt., we need qualified and interested person.

Some days ago, we discussed Animal Control. In Mizoram, one thing to be done as in other States, the main cause of damage is Fire Control. Now, Mizoram is like ownerless land, we are like bears feeding on edible plants; we just ~~plank~~ and it is damaged then. Forest catch fire, but we don't care to put down. I feel this sorrowful. In the hilly region of Burma, they practiced this method; whenever forest is burnt wherever, the village authority takes the responsibility.

Govt. fined the Authority in the particular area, like Village Council, or Chief. The authority then tried to find out the ~~Starts~~ (of the fire; if they could find

out such responsible person, he will be found. If they could not find such responsible person, the Village Chief shall have to pay the due fine to Court. Such spreading fire destroyed Mizoram forest. Hence I request Govt. to consider fire control Rules and prevention of it in the next Budget Session, for the benefit of Mizoram.

The stock of seeds in Agriculture Department for example- in Vanlaiphai, Hrangtarzo, Hmawifang, Chal-filh hills etc. are fertile for growing Potato, and people planted in large quantity. Our Agriculture Department, instead of importing Potato seeds from Shillong or Silchar, should have stocked Potato seeds and other seeds, building godown there, and distribute the seeds to the planters cutting the expenditure of transport. Agriculture Department's tender of paddy seeds, like last year, seems a hard task, as this needs to be carefully considered. They called Tender early last year, which could have been done before Christmas. Tender has been called for seeds of 'Tai', but Officers of Agriculture Department did nothing before getting some 'easy money', in trying to get such unfair money, they delay. Now, if we look to their distributed 'Tai' seeds of last year, the Villagers boast about their going to plant 'Tai' seeds which makes them happy; they came from distant villages to take 'Tai' seeds from Agriculture Department at Aizawl: But when they grow the seeds, ordinary paddy grow out of their wonderful 'Tai' seeds. From such incidents, Agriculture Department makes us despair. Some days ago, I went to Rawpuichhip village, some people could buy in advance paddy seeds even before selecting the would-be Contractor, they also bought ordinary paddy seeds. Such thing, I feel, needs close examination.

I warn them to be careful when buying 'Tai' seeds, there is not only one kind of 'Tai'; there are different kinds which vary in their production period. Whenever Contractor distributes 'Tai' seeds, let him write the name or make variation, if not, he mixes up all, and all kinds of varieties grow up simultaneously, and the planter is in despair. Hence, Agriculture Deptt. is despair maker because there are too many 'something'.

Whenever they give Grant-in-Aid, the non-worker instead of the real worker, who can make feast with mutton or, who can see the authority more often are usually given. Let them go and make an on-the-spot study of the real worker whom they should give; let our government know we, the villagers are really despair in our Agriculture Department.

In schedule for works, we the Western Constituency, the whole western side of Aizawl are neglected, we are surprised; our leaders are not grumbling and so do I. However, we take it for granted as not to be developed, as this Budget is meaningless for us, ~~because~~ we have expressed this point in the last year session, this year is the same as last year.

Last year, the duty of Inland Water Transport has been made clear, as I have known; we have submitted our proposals for their works while discussing; however, where are the Inland Water Transport Department and what are they working now? As Hon'ble Member Pu Zalawma had said like Forest Department should be in forests, In Inland Water Transport, instead of having Officers in Chaltlang or Ramhlun veng let them go to their working sites. If they don't do so, living luxurious life here makes their mind long for luxurious way of life, and they do not work any worth of profit.

Pu Lalkunga's speech yesterday regarding FMA, is important; he has submitted Resolution last year, I think we have given assurance with all our might. However, that has been left neglected, I feel an important thing what we left to be done and given even assurance. Forest Department do not know their duties; they suppose arrestment is their duty, and think those who can catch tree-cutter are good worker. They should work without need of catching such tree-cutters. Besides, clearing bamboo-thick area and planting 'teak' is not right; bamboo which can be profit-able within 1 or 2 year period are cut down, which I think is not right.

For Wild Life Sanctuary, as we have passed in the last year Budget Session, only Rs. 20,000/- has been sanctioned, and this is meaningless. Hence, I feel regrettable that government sanctions only Rs. 20,000/- as had been passed in this House, which does not equivalent the sum sanctioned for M.E. School Provincialisation.

We may not have Paper Mill forever, I feel we should prepare ourselves to have it, for I do not see the reason of our not having it. When we look to our forest, there is no reason why it should be the worst kind in comparison to bamboos of other States, if we see the source of bamboo for Paper Mill in Karnaphuli, it is not so vast more than ours. What is the population strength on the western side of Tiang river? Only few ~~than~~ population! If they provide us another source means of life, the whole area will soon be full of bamboo, say within 2/3 years. But it would not be long lasting as Herawt, Mizo spinning wheel, I agree if they find

difficult to make such Mill, but we should hope and try to get it some day. We should never think we shall never get it forever.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, you have given Pu Lal-rinliana extra 5 minutes, can you give me extra-half hour? First of all I shall produce a letter, this letter is that of those who are not satisfied in Mizo Union Party, we have also discussed the grievances of P.M.G. College Students yesterday.

First of all I would like to say this matter-allotment made by Hnahthial Congress Village Council has been cancelled, let our Ministry consider this and try to know whether they want to re-make or not. Our Ministry is too deaf, and reply 'I don't know' to all our questions! They seem like doing thing in half- 'fraught'. Our Members are not executive, let their executives do it. I want then to do things frankly.

Hon'ble Member Pu Hrangaiia said Yesterday 'If Principal Engineer is not discharged, I shall resign, though I never know what wrong has he committed; considerable amount of rupees has been spent for Building Chief Minister's Bungalow. Rs. 70,000/- has been sanctioned for construction of Aizawl Stadium House, I want to know where has this been diverted? The expenditure & sanction for building Tuikhang bridge has been spent for something somewhere, and it is excluded in this year's Budget. In Budget Book, Schedule Work page 36, 37, 38 & 39 our Chief Minister and Mizo Union enjoy luxurious life in their respective Constituencies and Mizo Union people are grumbling over this.

Sufficient sum of rupees has been spent for construction of D.C. Bungalow at Tuikhuh Tlang; it seems we are going to increase Jericho Fort. While spending sufficient sum for construction of Bungalows, we spent hundreds of lakhs rupees for construction of Minister's Bungalows, what is the meaning?

Our Minister said, we shall make the text Books 'Model', I want to ask how he intends to make.

I want to know whether it is a fact that a particular teacher in Phualbung joined with some 'big Officer' and got the job?

What is the reason of medicine not available in villages, There are sufficient medicine at Aizawl, can it not be supplied from that stock? In a case regarding Nurse, what is the meaning of a Nurse having Junior Certificate is given the post of Senior Certificate, as having the Senior Certificate? In Industry, the Master of I.T.I is residing at Silchar, I think he should be

posted here at Aizawl. What we have discoursed and passed in last year Budget Session are excluded in this year Budget, I feel you run over our Congress party as the difficulties of villages and the residents are not cleared yet; I shall not permit such look-down-uponment and run over, not through Village Council as done by Mizo Union. While some cultivate 2/3/ jhums at a time, there are some who are not permitted or allotted even one jhum; they deprived our Congress people in T.R., G.R., etc. our government is driving-away the poors government, they drive away and they imigrated to Burma.

Likewise, great hardship in fire outspread and loan arise, but these consolation or relief are too small, for we expect much. Hence, if our government is incapable to do these things, let them employ or consult us, we shall clear it. We know the hardship faced by Stenography trainees, in case of stipend, why don't our government consider? In Water Supply, it is not as we expected, I think Serchhip has been pointed out too much in this regard. In food supply, his stock in Silchar is nothing. Supply needs careful consideration, I cannot accept food stocked by Food Minister as sufficient.

In Forest, there are too many Secret Tree-Cutters and forest is becoming thinner and thinner everyday. If Forest Department is too inefficient, I think it better be closed down.

Range Officer, Lunglei is too rich considering his source of income, he can buy Motor and costly things too much.

In Electric, if the Minister concerned say this electric is under Assam Govt. and can do nothing, let the Minister i/c Electric struck off his power.

Our Ministers' policy are too party-sided, too many transfer vases of these who are not Mizo Union are meaningless, hence let them drop their too political mindedness. Today we are speaking here on behalf of 2/3 of Mizoram population, who stand behind us, though we are unequal to you in membership, we may change our seats some day, Congress will surely (hold Govt. Office) rule though I cannot predict the time.

Lastly, we make common list which we apply in Office Staffs, but not (in) for High School Teachers. It is like somewhere there is sunshine, somewhere there is rain. I therefore request our government to go on the right path as best possible.

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PU SABLELING:

Mr. Speaker, I am glad we have the opportunity to discuss the Budget for 1973-04. Last years' was sufficient, but this years' is more hopeful if government try its best to uplift and improve Mizoram. The most important and necessary, as I see is good road for communication; improvement is found since BRTF came out with good work, but no such trace is left by PWD. It is necessary to build good road of communication for the improvement of Southern side to join Burma and Bangladesh on the Western side.

I want to say something regarding foodstuff. We should give importance to few good cultivable fields of paddy and try to make it more better. I want to know whether Chhimtuipui Land Reclamation should be done or not; I request them to tell me in detail.

Aizawl, Lunglei, Chhimtuipui are separate Dists. but I feel it is improper. In general, Lunglei and Chhimtuipui are taken as same thing,. In case of Loan, I did not know what Chhimtuipui has done, only those who could come here know it right here at Aizawl. I request you not to take us of one and same thing.

In Medical case, there is no Doctor in Pawi District, neither in Chakma area; I request our Ministers to consider us regarding these matters. Emergency case arose, but no solution to the problem, it is necessary then to come to Lunglei or Aizawl, but all the people cannot afford to meet such expenditure, it is quite troublesome.

In case of Police, Security Forces alone cannot decide all cases, I therefore request our Ministers to send Police as fast as possible. There are Chakma group who criss-cross and recross Bangladesh and Mizoram at their own will, which give us much trouble and hardship. We need authority who can maintain Law and Order to check these trouble-makers.

If Govt. do not support these three Districts there can be no improvement and sufficiency. In Lieut. Governor's Address, in 1971 Misc. Budget Demand No. 25, Rs. 17 lakhs has been sanctioned for the three District Councils, but in Plan Scheme, only Rs. 1.19 lakhs is found, and Lieut. Governor seems lying in this matter. When he came to visit Bualpui, Lt. Governor promised to give them Grant-in-Aid. but when they begged the promised grant, he automatically cancelled his promised grant and did not give them. We don't want people who twist us about like this.

Let us see supply, our Ministers and Officers do not know how many centres are in Chhimitupui; I request to stop Head Load and rather use Air dropping. If our Officers and other staffs do not work properly, in their work for Mizoram, some difficulty will arise, development too shall be checked and may never happen. M.L.As consulting Officers or Ministers too often are heard, it is better if they had properly done their work without need to have talk with M.L.As.; we may avoid such confrontation to some extent. When a country is developed, people get good jobs, as Hon'ble Member Pu Hrangala said, I don't want these who could not do good work for Mizoram development, but I want relation, cooperation; so that we can do real good work of development for Mizoram, with good cooperation.

PU HIRPHET
BY. SPEAKER:

We shall have recess
and start again as usual at
1330 hrs.

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1330 hrs.

SPEAKER: Now, we shall resume Budget discussion, I call upon Pu Dotinaia to speak.

PU R. DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker, today, we are going to discuss 1973-74 Budget, and I am glad we have this opportunity to do so. The money involved is sufficient, last years' too was sufficient; however, if we are really going to develop a country, not only Politicians but Officer and Office Staffs' truth and rightness are important factor, by which we can do so. The money involved may be sufficient, but if the way we spend and implementation are not good, people can never play important part; grievances and anxiety will spread.

Hon'ble Member Pu Zalawma said our relation cannot be firm when we look to the speeches of Lt. Governor and Finance Minister. I however thought our good relation is clearly seen. When looking to different States' Budget, Mizoram Budget comparing the population and Mizoram condition, I thought Mizoram Budget is the highest possible one. I thought they made it so, understanding the hardships of Mizoram, and our Ministers and Central Leaders understanding each other at the same time. Besides sanctioning us Rs. 5 crores only for Plan Scheme, another Rs. 1 crore has been separately re-sanctioned at the fruit of our Chief Ministers'

zest and love for Mizoram; besides these, they promise to sanction more as circumstances shows and demand. I feel there can be no other way of showing good relation and affection.

First of all, let us say about Water Supply. water is very scarce in almost all places, especially in Aizawl. When looking to Budget Book, sufficient sum is sanctioned for water and other essentials. However, I find ~~worth~~ weighing whether our offices staffs are working and serving the people as to balance the sanction. I think we Politicians should carefully look as we serve on behalf of the people; the majority sanction will go for salaries, though sufficient sum are involved in many schemes, do the workers really work for us? It is probable that high salary drawers enjoy and concentrate on themselves neglecting others. Though our government sanctions considerable money, bad results come out ~~if the work is not done properly and righteously.~~ For example- let us say water supply- they do not supply water regularly, in my residence locality, 2 or 3 days lapse are taken for grant it further seems they sold the remaining water. I think it is unrighteous if they receive the Bill from government, with such bad work and means; these are supposed to be public money but which are spent on the other way. The delay and detainment of Public purposes are ~~injustice-like.~~ Let our Ministry carefully see and cooperation too is necessary; on the other hand considerable sum has been found registered in government, and much money has been spent previously.

Besides Aizawl, in many PPs scheme has been planned, in Tuichang Rai Water Supply and N. Vanhaphai, PHE has had scheme already ~~before~~ the outbreak of disturbance, I think I have pointed ~~out~~ in last year Budget Session. I think it is worth continuing the scheme though it does not appear here.

Honble Member Pu J. Thanghuama pointed out Serchhip Water Supply scheme previously, I have doubtful points when I read Budget Book, for the year 1972-73, rupees 6 (Six) thousand has been planned, in revised estimate, it was rupees One hundred fifty thousand, for 1973-74 it is rupees four hundred thousand, but no worth taking note of their work ~~is~~ found. A Subdivisional Officer and few of his men once ~~visited~~ I thought they would care these things. We starved these successive two years, especially ~~of~~ Tuichang Rai people. you too have acknowledged it.

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We troubled government and they consider our cases to our satisfaction and I am glad. But I want to express my grievances regarding these matters; EGS has been planned for the famine-stricken pors, which we found in News Papers, Government trust some offices, and entrust the money to handle for the people. However, for example, Old District Council's constructed road has been the main and important road for supply carriage, which is re-constructed every years through EGS money, Chekawn-Varva river have been six furlong distance last year, which have been repaired at the expenditure of about Rs. 900/- (nine hundred) only. However, Rs. 10,000/- has been sanctioned for four (4) miles, Rs. 25,000/- per mile, the Block Development Officer (B.D.O.) has been entrusted the authority to handle the work and money, but without the acknowledgment of the concerned Village Council and Administrative Officer he has given to a particulars contractor to do the work, and the contractor did not construct road worth the money, and spent it for other private purposes. If we are going to spent our Budget money meaninglessly for useless purposes, it shall turn out to be the root cause of people's misery and famine, without relieving famine; I request our Ministers to be careful for coming future.

I want to say matter regarding Supply, Head load scheme has been planned for Tuichang Ral, but no result is found. Keitumkawn has been planned for stock site, but no sufficient supply has arrived, Pu Hrangvela visited and saw Keitumkawn Godown, which is half empty. Jeep owners too have no work, but if we talk in Ministry level, did Officers give wrong informations to Ministers? Supply Officer said there are plenty of stock, but if there are plenty, why the jeep owners have no supply to carry, it is increasing burden and anxiety.

In case of Forest, Mizoram and ^{especially} Aizawl forests are getting thinner and thinner, it should be good if the workers concerned lived in the forest itself. This morning Pu Lianthuama composed a song, "Firewood is scarce, how will it be in future?", this explains many things. If we look around, Aizawl and Zemabawk forests, are barren like hairless head, on the other side Rangvamaul too is barren; they, the people cut down the saplings and carry home for firewood. The future of Aizawl how and what is shall be like is quite breath-taking and debatable; the forests of PPV are barren, in preservation of forest, if staffs are in sufficient in forest department, I think we should increase the Budget provision. In office hour, it is usually started at 10 a.m., but schools and most offices are

started at 9 a.m. in country where people really work hard. If we had copied such example in school and office hours, and started at 8 a.m., closing at 2 p.m., so that we may do our private work, play and enjoy after 2 p.m. Now we are viewing the world in high level, saying and chatting about Olympic, let us take interest in such games; now office is started at 10 a.m. but they come at about 11 a.m., order has been issued to close down at 5 p.m., but only few remain at 4 p.m., they are really giving no incentive to their work.

If we could do in this manner, I believe our Mizoram Government shall be developed and improved.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker, Hon'ble Members Pu Rochama, Pu Ngurdawla praised our Finance Minister yesterday, but I find no reason to praise a bit. We cannot proceed the session as the programme, Budget to be introduced on the 20th. is introduced on 24th. March.

Anyhow, opposition and Treasury Bench Members find Budget not sufficient and improper, something has to be remade. Some days ago, Chief Minister said 'we are deciding to follow Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi's Policy', Prime Minister Smt. Gandhi said, "Let's build a society of equal" while we say "Let's build a society of Privileged Class". It seems we decide not to make firm policy before we group some people in Privilege Class, we made temporary Common List, after grouping our required Member, it was closed on 15th. February, 1973.

Medical, Education and various departments are improper, let us take Education Department- 7 schools are provincialised, it seems such school teachers superceded government school teachers. Asstt. Teacher who had served more 20 years; it is quite a burden to have such Administration. Our Lt. Governor called Mizoram "Land of Promises" which I take it as "a land of paradise for the rich, the VIPs and the privileged class, and a land of discontent for the mass", which proves true corruption, instead of being checked is showing its face and increasing its growth; previously we heard financial corruption, but now Administrative corruption, Financial corruption, Political corruption are increasing enormously. Whenever there is Political corruption, the status of a country is rotting and in ruin. As Pu Rochama said, the part of Civilians is too weak.

Army oppressed us too much long enough, for example- the incident of Tlangnuam, their Comandant in Press note said as pure accidental, and swore to give Rs. 500/- for condolence. But our Government cleared the Army as innocent, in Press note, instead of consoling the civilians, blamed them guilty.

It seems we over favour power centralisation; it seems administration is going to be ruined if Revenue Supply, L.A.D. and Education are not decentralised.

There are many unfair problems in L.A.D and other departments, if we are to have Director, L.A.D., instead of appointing our IAS or Senior ACS Officers, if we appoint Political appointment officers taken from the old District Council, Justice shall be hopeless in L.A.D. Let justice prevail and rule in our policy and Administration.

We often blame government servants, the staffs, especially PHE department, I think the root cause is we expect and give them too much work beyond their capacity. The reason why we cannot get water supply regularly is that their area and field is too vast; in this regard I have submitted proposad to P.W.D. Secretary. Our Govt. neglect P.H.E. we never try to know and share their difficulties. I request our Hon'ble Ministers to clear these troubles as fast as possible, it is easy to rule and give order from the table, I want then to see and examine all the difficulties.

Hon'ble Members blame administration, looking to the proceeding of Mizoram, our Administrator and our present leaders, who have led Mizoram 18 years who led us to near- Hell, nothing much can be expected from them. I have served under white, (English) people in many and various fields and places, I think our Officers are of overage quality in India, if administration is blamed, it is the fault of the Drivers, the Ministers.

Let us take excise, we blame selling Wine, some blame the issue of permission; but if we had given License, instead of stopping more has been given, and our Ministers had controlled making Excise Act, I find it as a better solution. Prohibition has been decided to be made in various places of India, besides its failure, smuggling and illegal trade increased, it has failed even in America.

Let us take administration again- I find it hard to believe that work could not progress because of lack of sufficient officers. If that is so, I believe the problem can be solved if more ACS have been employed so that work will progress.

I think Government too neglect Circle Interpreter (C.I.). Now the position of C.A. (Circle Assistant) is better, let this be made equal arranging the matter.

Let me point out another wrong committed by government in Mizoram Gazette 19th. January, Dr. Zokhawmuana received 5 year increment because of efficient and excellent service; if we turn the page One IAS Officer has been appointed as Lt. Governor's Private Secretary, who was given Senior Scale pay, who have not yet served and get 10 years service, but he has been given Rs. 2000/- allowance per month. Is this a fair, proper case? Is not our government too lenient?

PU K.SANGCHHUM: Mr Speaker, I am glad we have opportunity to discuss the Budget for 1973-74. I wonder whether action have been taken on our speeches. But I praise our Ministers when I see the Budget book as it appears there is better communication and contact with Central Ministers.

Our land mainly depends on Security, even if our Budget book is as thick as possible, if our land is insecure, our Budget shall be nothing. However, with our government trying its best, and because of our Underground brothers, there is peace to some extent, but when we see our neighbours like Pakistan, Bangladesh, China and Burma, I feel unhappy and insecure. Some days ago, I heard a news or rumour that trouble maker of Burma decides to come here, hence I feel necessary that our Ministers should try their best, ~~the~~ better than what they have done previously; and that is my first point.

Secondly, Agriculture, thirdly communication: In agriculture, it was aimed to try the level best possible but if there is no good communication, good machines cannot be brought here. Hence in order that agriculture may be successful, good road and communication is necessary. We use to mention our respective Constituencies, let me mention my Constituency, since we are within the area of Tuipui. The Deputy Commissioner of Chhimtuipui stated thus- 'we have been here 3 weeks separated from the world, we are not communicable.'

Burma, Pakistan, India cannot be contact, where are they? Why? It is because there is no good road. It could have been we were living outside the world.

The plan of government for 1973-74 not to mention between Hnahthial and Vanlaphai, was to cover the area of 10 Km. from Hnahthial, survey was planned, but no fruit of work is found, it is therefore necessary of your understanding of our difficulties. The result of work is as below:- Development- Nil, Power Electricity- Nil, Industry- Nil, Animal Husbandry- Nil, Loan and advances- Nil, Public Health- beyond Nil, Power & Electricity - Nil, Industries - Nil.

I want to mention Chhinguipui District separately, as we have discussed in Budget Session and found in Estimates 2 Sub-Deputy Magistrate, 1 Treasury Officer, 2 Ex-Emergency Officer and Executive Engineer, PWD have been decided and planned to be posted in Chhinguipui District, but we have not yet seen their faces till today.

In appointment, it is inevitable that we should grieve, because there is no hope to expect any job. In Government Official letter, it was that people from Chhinguipui District shall be given preference, but these are no vacant posts, even if there is, it is usually filled by people coming from Mizawl District, as there are facts.

In case of Medical, we have learnt that people from this District are suppose to fill the vacant posts, and I feel sorry for ourselves. I earnestly request you to understand our difficulties; it is somewhat like the verse of a poet "If you had shared my share", we badly need your understanding and consideration.

Hence, in this new Budget, I frankly and earnestly request you to give us special consideration.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Speaker, as we have discussed Budget for 1973-74, though some of us are not satisfied, I find it pleasing and sufficient; our previous Budget has been in 2 books, but present one is in 3 books, which means it is much more than the previous one; not only that, in the former Budget we had Rs. 4,00,00,000/- for Plan Scheme, but now it is much more by Rs. 2,00,00,000/- and it proves that we are progressing a bit. Besides this, our former Budget has been Rs. 18,60,00,000/-, this year's we progress by Rs. 5½%, there is plenty of money. In case of Taxes, our economy is too poor,

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and Central Government is trying to uplift our standard, and it is necessary to think whether we deserve and in condition to make it progressive; In fact, we have 6 Opposition Members here, who oppose and criticise our action, but I wonder whether Central Congress think them of seriously, and help them. Though they are dissatisfied at our Budget, they can do nothing much to alter anything.

I do not mean in general to speak about Budget, I propose to review the finished work of our government. It shall be that our government is still enjoying the confidence of the mass, it shall served for 18 years and is still confirmed to rule for another 5 years, when studying the votes, it appears that the people are confiding in our government. I found our government has progressed in work in the past year, let us see Education Department especially my Constituency is one of the most distant ones, people there are happier during 1972 then the period of 1970-71; I think the reason is that Education Department has progressed so much, they tried their best in L.P., and M.E. Schools without neglecting the smallest one, besides many new Dispensaries are open now, I therefore conclude our government has tried its best to march forward to progress. In EGS though it is not sufficiently vast, I found it has worked so much, in 1972-73 Budget about Rs. 5000 lakhs has been planned, not even half of it has been spent for construction of Jeepable roads, it has been spent for something. EGS has constructed about 164 Km. road, I find it as great and progressive, I request our Ministers to take note carefully, for Jeep Road construction Rs.5000/- per mile has been sanctioned, I request it to be fixed at Rs. 10,000/- per mile, for there is vast difference in comparison with the expenditure of PWD., BRTF., I think the Jeep road construction rate is too low. It will be good if our Ministers had re-considered the matter more closely, and we should do much more through EGS and it is good that we have good workers.

Let us talk about Supply the year 1973-74 is in front of us; when we come to the year 1972, we were in grief and sorrow, we were thinking how to proceed on as there was no food stuff sufficient enough. Now we come to 1973-74, there is no report of death due to hunger, this is the great work of government, we should never easily forget it. We severely criticised PWD., I was one who never relied on the Department, our Chief Minister announced he is going to start work in the new born government and there shall be progress.

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We know it was not the same as we were under Assam Government, and I find pleasing to hear their aim to make more progress; PWD has done great work more than we expected and it is very great.

It is not right of our pointing out the weak points of government and Our Ministry. Mizo Union is the ruling authority, we should always remember Congress Government since 1971, I request them to pardon the expression, there ~~one~~ has been Congress Govt. Let Opposition members know our procedure, and let even Secretary, Legislative Assembly remember, and prepare seat on our side for Pu J. Thanghuama for the next Session, as he has longed for it. The people must remember that we should not obey and follow persons who can speak loud and automatically. It is regrettable that they are in a position to be disturbed; they have never troubled Mizo Union who has ruled for 18 years. I think it adviseable to stop their practices as there has been trouble or crisis during the period of their serving for less than one complete year.

They may be dissatisfied at the proceeding of Ruling Party of Mizoram Govt. but this is a difficult task. If we don't mean to criticize our Budget as a rule, it is sufficient enough, we have progressed by over Rs. 5,00,00,000/- in this year, I believe we shall progress much more next year by over Rs. 10,00,00,000/-. It seems every department is progressing in Budget preparation and is gradually increasing.

There has been mention regarding my Constituency concern as Opposition Leader pointed out yesterday, the case of Hnal and Headmaster. I think I have the right to say something as it concerns cases arising in my Constituency. The person mentioned is Pu Lalthanzauva and he said he has not passed B.Sc. I myself heard this and asked him; he himself said he had enquired from Gauhati University Board, and in 1969, the Controller declared him as passing B.Sc. This matter is purely private concern, it should not be dealt with here openly. The reason of the disclosure is purely private matter, a dirty business, his rivals declared Pu Lalthanzauva as Burmese, not a pure Mizo; he has been thrown to Jail during the term of Mr. Ray, Dy. Commissioner. After detecting and verifying the case, Pu Lalthanzauva was declared as pure Mizo and released. As this case is purely private matter and rivalry, it is shameful to disclose, however, as he is under my Constituency, I need to know the detail, and I want to explain the meaning in general.

Last year we grumbled loudly regarding Budget, pointing out the too much expenditure near about here, it seems we had concentrated on the capital causing grievances.

In Supply, especially in my Constituency, there is great hardship, we need to make full progress. Last year supply was done by Air dropping, and the supply goods could come smoothly; this year Head Load is introduced, it is necessary to start right now as wet season shall approach soon. I urge our Ministers to try their best, as good spring season is nearly passing, we may face difficulties if we delay; there are many villages, in my Constituency where supply has never reached them.

I want to say development concern, I though we are concentrating too much on capital, I am a bit hot tempered and grumble. I feel our government neglects South- Aizawl, my residential side, I have also pointed out in previous Budget Session, the reason is that it was not been black-topped, alkatra has not been laid whole through, nothing has been done yet till today. In previous Budget Session, I begged for supply of electricity to Tlangnuam and Hlimen, Minister i/c promised to do so, but nothing of the kind is found yet till today. Our treatment of any part of the capital should not be different. I thought Pu Lalsangzuala, the representative of the Constituency should grumble and shout loudly, yesterday, but he mentioned nothing of the kind. Whether we are Congress or not, as every matter is said to be determined by Central, Central Congress do not help them much. Anyway, anyhow, I want our Ministers to know the need and importance of these things.

PU HLIHISI
DY.SPEAKER:

Mr. Speaker, on hearing the speeches of Hon'ble Members, I feel I have something to say. I have not studied our Budget, and I don't know what to praise and what not to praise; and some shall praise while some shall not; there shall be its merits worth mentioning and the demerits worth mentioning. Likewise, we can praise our Govt. if we want, and we can point out all the weak points, insufficiency of our government if we try to do so. I don't know whether to praise or not, it is just worldly matter.

What I want to say is, when we Members say anything, we use to say my Constituency; when we say 'my Constituency' it may sound selfish, but we clearly know, our Constituency people.

In the south-west of Chhimtuipui District, there are vast plain cultivable area, such as Palak plai, Salak plain, it may be that be that Hon'ble Ministers and Members have not visited the place. If we see our cultivation practice, jhum cultivation, it shall not last for many years to come, and to change and relief the practice there are Palak plain and Salak plai, Chamdur plain etc., only in Palak plai there can be hundreds and thousands of hecter-land cultivable. These areas are not yet surveyed, there is no communication with these areas, even if we try to survey, it shall be impossible if there is no road. Hence if provisions are not included in this Budget for communication, let us try to get somehow from somewhere for the development of these areas; I mention not only because these places are within my Constituency, I shall mention if there are suitable places for such purposes which are within the Constituency of Pu J.Thanghuama.

We are like and serve as Masters or rulers and servants, we are quite powerful in some way and sence, like being Legislators. Anyhow, in order to develop and lift up our land, we need to work hard, throwing away bad evil ways and view things from all angles and sides.

As Hon'ble Pu Hrangala said, EGS is fixed at Rs. 5,000/- per mile but this is nothing, it is not only too little for construction of new road but also Jeep cannot follow the road. If there is way possible way of increasing or cutting down the mile covered, it appears demanding either of the two ways. If the previous 1 mile had not been shortened to 4 furlongs, otherwise I fear our land shall never get profit and reap the fruit. I therefore want and request our government to find these as needful and important and do as requested.

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker, my friend nearby me is / absent today, I would like to have extra 5 minutes, as our Opposition Leader too has prayed for (Speaker: Extra 5 minutes has been granted for Chief Whip).

We have heard much, and our Ministers are in front of us, we have gumed all the weak points and faults of our new government on their back of heads, all their insufficiencies. I think they have only few weak points, I have happiness in some sense and ways. We tell all government staffs all their false-hoods and unrighteousness, which are very important.

My reason of being happy is that when we come to different departments offices, and see office staffs,

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we feel as our own and try to work real hard, while some may not try so but that can be taken for granted, I am very happy and satisfied with our new government-set up. I feel our office staffs - try to work real hard and that should not be left unexpressed.

To mention it particularly, they try to try and work hard, which they have not catch the hey yet, and we the new MLAs have not catch yet, let us mention Police department, they have done good jobs and worked very hard, and I feel the general public have to give cooperation and help.

P.W.D. also try to work hard, however such programmes could not yet be automatically carried out because we are bound by Assam Rules till today, and we have to make our own Rules. Corruption has been continually found in PWD from earlier time, and our Ministers' help are needed, in our new government set up, every departments is trying to work and develop Mizoram.

I remember what Pu Lalbuala said once, "Pu Rawnga, though you try to look handsome your facial appearance is your hindrance," which I accepted; I feel it is necessary that we should try to work first of all, if we are not yet in the position, its well and good.

Something have to be said regarding suggestions, I take Agriculture easy because we are in new government set up, I take Agriculture seriously, but it seems nothing could be done this time; I would like to have better programme next year regarding agriculture.

Another thing, Electricity will be coming from Barapani, by Rail, this is a dangerous power 66 KV., and we shall have to make arrangement with Assam Electricity Board. It is believed that we shall have to interchange with Power post, and fear of electricity failure as inevitable.

In Hindi training, it is good that plenty of money is sanctioned, I am also happy that our government is taking it seriously. In order to tour and visit India, each and every place, knowledge of Hindi is important and it shall not fail us; I feel it would be better to have Training Institute here even if we have students interested in Hindi who want to go for training somewhere.

We know Police Department, try their best to maintain Law and Order, as Members said I think we better have Police Forces as soon as possible. Even in the Power House incident, Bomb blasted while there are Central Reserve Police Force on duty; I say and wonder why we did not know! Enquiry Commission was set up somehow, I feel sorry that such incident arose.

In appointment case, some were appointed to fill some vacant posts, a number of Administrative Officers were appointed some days ago, it is not good and shameful to appoint drunkards, like some teachers, Officers, Office Assistants etc., I request our Ministers to see the case and try what they can do.

Now, Our Opposition Members are absent, they usually or constantly charged us 'Partiality Government'; in these case we too do not favour people who are drunk with party spirit and too extreme Union people as Officers, we don't want extreme Congress people, I challenge them in this case. I challenge them to collect what they know on this case; I too shall have to collect many false charges, I am fed up of their calling us Partiality Government and I challenge them.

PU STYA PRIO DEWAN: Mr Speaker, I want to say something concerning the needs of my Constituency.

Medical Facilities: My Constituency is the most interior part of Mizoram. Foot-hills are particularly unhealthy. For lack of medical facilities most of the people are suffering from disease or others, particularly Malaria is rampant in the area. There is not a single Doctor in my Constituency having more than 19 thousand population. There should be one hospital, in each with 25 beds of the following Grouping Centres as preliminary step. (1) Chawngte (2) Borapansuri.

Education: In Chawngte there is Mizo, Chakma combine and English Medium High School. Barapansuri Bengali Medium High School should be provincialised immediately. We have an original Chakma script, I proposed that should be helped from Ministry level for printing primary education upto III. We shall learn our language through our original.

Communication: Rttlang to Chawngte-Chawngte to Vaseitlang and Demagiri (Tlabung) to Parva. Demagiri to Cachar to handed over to the BRTF for its immediate completion. This road bordering Bangladesh has an importance in the Security point of view. All the Grouping Centres should be connected by road and with the rest of Mizoram.

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Agriculture: In Chawngte and Borapansuri there are a vast scope for developing agriculture thousands of bighas of flat which is very scarce in Mizoram and hilly fertile land full of unused jungle, wet cultivation will be very profitable if done. But people in the area is ignorant of the improved method of cultivation, they are still sticking to the age-old jhum cultivation. If the vast ~~potentially~~ the area is exploited, ~~it~~ it could be made Mizoram self-sufficient in food production as a step for agriculture development. Opening of a Demonstration of Agriculture farm with a qualified agricultural Inspector to give necessary guidance about the improved method of cultivation. The agriculture department should introduce minor irrigation system in the area for growing winter vegetable like Potatoes, Cabbages, etc., Some rivers and many small stream flows through the year.

MLA Salary now Rs. 350/- should be increased to Rs. 500/- per month.

I proposed that Ministers should visit interior part of Mizoram to look our need and poor fellow brothers' and sisters' condition of Mizoram.

PU Speaker, Thank you.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker, today we have the opportunity to discuss Budget for 1973-74. I don't have reason to express my happiness, as we are going to proceed on, we shall know more in the next coming year. I want to point out what I find necessary and important which our government and Minister should see to them and their best to fulfill.

First of all, as said before, PWD is a vast department, famous too; PWD staffs than other department staffs are having good houses and maintainances; I don't know the reason why, whether they are expert in utilization of their income.

In case of Schedule rate, especially in Aizawl and Lunglei, contractors take them usually at low schedule rate; I believe who take at such low rate shall not be able to complete the work as estimated; if it is means plenty of money has been spent unmindful and meaninglessly besides the work being poor, too bad. If I remember it correct, Executive Engineer, Saiha is said to have said that contractors should not beg him to except low rate, they are said to have done work at a fast speed. Sometimes they go above schedule rate; I wish Aizawl contractors and E.Es would intimate and copy the example set by them.

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I think this is the chance to say this concern regarding the same case; what I think very strange regarding the action of Principal Engineer is that two contractors reply the Tender of the construction of Aizawl-Thenzawl road at Ngaizel; one replied at 15 p.c. above schedule rate, while one at 12 p.c. below schedule of rate. He favoured the contractor who replied at above schedule of rate, but they generally gave contractor replying at low rate, but his favoured one got and undertook the work, which though seal tender was given 13 p.c. schedule rate.

Likewise, in Lunglei, he wanted to have check what could have been done easily if he had said 'yes' they said even Lump sum contract could be being obstruction.

In PWD again, as Hon'ble Member has said, Hnahthial-S. Vanlaiphai road, has been started in 1962, from Zero (0) point to 10 km., that is the first Section; now it is 1973 but the work is not yet completed, it is strange or wonderful. If the progress is in this manner, our land's roads shall never be fully constructed forever. We are just wasting our speeches, hence it is high time to start real work, very hard.

Daily labourers in PWD get Rs. 6/- daily, one Executive Engineer of Lunglei tried to hire them at Rs. 5/- daily, this should not, never happen. If they are forced, it is inevitable that they should work, less they starve.

In saying Lunglei, we have one Land Settlement Office, but he has not even a single staff, he has to office by himself and alone. Hence, there is no progress in work in loan cases.

In L.A.D., other developments, everything of Lunglei are approved in Aizawl, it is quite troublesome.

In supply, the stocked rice of Darlawng Godown, in 1972 was lost in shameful evil way, I want to know what action government has taken on the case.

In Administrative Officer appointments, one A.O has been posted at Tuipui village; after making secret evil agreement with the Storekeeper, they committed something evil, they freely, without cost could take and committed corruption, amounting to Rs. 5000/-. Let government think of better way to stop this evil practices.

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In Relief and Rehabilitation, I thought it should be included in Budget Demand, but it is not seen here, we need Relief and we must be Rehabilitated. In Aizawl, Lunglei, Rehabilitation grant to be disbursed according to the number of family members are kept; there are many who are supposed to get Rs. 400/-, Rs. 500/- etc. but did not get yet. In Grouping Centres where there are no proper A.Cs there are many who still did not get; I think this will be the easiest and best opportunity for Mizoram Govt. to convince Central Government. But it is not included in Budget Demand, if it is again not included in miscellaneous Demand, I am going to mention it as long as I am M.L.A.

During the extreme disturbance, the Security Forces occupied civilians houses as quarters, I want to know whether they pay the fees of rent.

Bus fare for Aizawl to Silchar, Aizawl to Lunglei is too costly and expensive, I want government to know this too.

In Education, whether School Inspectors really Inspect Schools, as it is necessary to enter the Field in order to do real work.

I want our government to think and consider what I have said, and we Members here should speak knowing we are here representing each of our Constituency population, and deliver good speeches. Hence, let our government think and consider what we have said as necessary and important, so that we may have real government, really good government.

Thank you.

PU F.HRANGVELA: Mr. Speaker, today we have discussion on Budget for 1973-74, I am one of the last to give speech as it seems so, as our Mizo Elders said there is much at the end; Mr. Speaker Sir, please give me extra-time if I have any points to say.

When we see our Budget, I feel it is quite sufficient, our Opposition members though grumble, their points of criticism are that too much money, Rs. 2,00,000/- are spent for construction of Deputy Commissioner's Bungalow, and there are too much money in our Party President's Constituency and Chief Minister's etc. I have carefully studied schedule of works, and I wish our Opposition Leader had read and studied too, carefully, if they had read page 42, I also request our Government to look to our whole land. We

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start our new government as we have said last year we are given more than what we were given while under Assam Government, which our government starts spending for development. We poor because our economy was poor and we were unkindly treated by Assam Government. Government prepared how to spend the money and starts work, then people whether Congress or Union leave his service for his party with a fear in mind that he may miss the chance to catch the profit of the development of our land carried on by our own government which is going on, and then Congress man has no time for his party, so also Union-man and people are running the race in that path.

I feel that feeling is in the mind of the people the feeling not willing to express and praise, how far has our leaders, who have accepted Union Territory Govt. for our land known the good, how has they clearly known it will be good for our land; I feel that such feeling is in people's mind but which they are unwilling to express. I find satisfactory things in our Govt. I feel the people ought to praise our new government and sing in its praise.

In our new Budget for 1973-74, it has increased by Rs. 6 Crores and 6 lakhs, when our Finance Minister shall open his leather big bag, where he kept the Budget for our land, we the people will be much more happy. If we shall go on like this, I feel our Ministers deserve praise by singing 'Glory In the Highest' to them.

Our Government thus works for our land, it is probable that we forget something when we work, I want to say that points today. First of all, let us see PHE Deptt. we were under Assam Government and we have new Government of our own only last year, by then only government servants were supplied water, the general public like us were watching with wide-watered mouth, we longed for such facilities, and we have not forgotten yet. In our new government water is supplied for the convenience and availability for the people in large quantity, hence there are many new water taps in Aizawl where there had never been found. The remaining parts where such taps have not been fitted were supplied by Motor vehicles, I feel better and convenience are provided where water is supplied by motor vehicles, as such are what I mean to say. For those who cannot get water from such taps and these who has not get private pipe-line. PHE Department are using 6 motor vehicles to supply water if motors service regularly we get sufficient water, as it seems so. However, the Motors being engine powered, sometimes they fail and have to be checked in Workshops for 2/3 days, as there are only few vehicles supplying water, and when a ~~any~~ vehicles is under repair the point where it supplies water does not get water due to the lapse, we the

people face hardship and scarcity of water when there is lapse in supply, we cannot do without water even a day.

Before and after we had our first day of Budget Session, we got water from Upper Khatla Line, we did not get water for 3 days because our water supplied Motor ZRM 416 has to be checked in Workshop; there is a simply easy way to please the people, if the Minister i/c had transferred the work to Department Head, and use 4 or 3 more motors to do water supply work besides the already servicing 6 motors, it shall solve the problem and it will be the best remedy to Opposition Leader's criticism of not getting water, which he compared as hanging in the sky. I request you, Ministers to do what I demand.

When we see PHE Department Budget book, our government is going to make big programme, it is going to employ more Engineers as addition to the present ones, I believe it shall create new Division, it is quite phasing. We see that our government is going to work out Water Supply Scheme in villages, it has prepared about Rs. 20 millions for the purpose, I am please to hear this good news. It is probable to criticise when we don't see things clearly and carefully, however when we see it clearly and carefully, it is inevitable to say that Central Government approves our Government's plan and scheme to develop our land, such things please me very much. My Constituency is in Eastern part, on Burma side, my Constituency is completely ignored in case of Water Supply; when I learn from my friends that my Constituency is dropped in Water Supply, but when I learn and see for myself that it is not so as my friends said, I felt like crying. In my Constituency, while we had District Council government has started the work on Water Supply, in Khawbung, Vanzau, Vaphai etc, they could get water by pipe line, and now it is high time to rebew the work. In Khawbung village, during his time Pu Rawnga has supplied many pipes, which they still call 'Pu RawngasWell' till today.

I demand and request our Government to make it much more successful. I would like to say regarding PWD it has the backbone of development of our land, and it is necessary to consider it mindfully, government feels necessary to do so, trying to omprove it, opening new Divisions with New Executive Engineers in ~~sch~~ such divisions and more staffs are employed. I feel happy to hear such things done, however, as Hon'ble Members have said, the Heads of this Department are non-Mizos, plain people who donot know our culture and Society, as the Department is very important we contact them much more than our other departments, even other then the Directors of other departments they are important and we contact them day after day. When we express our will and ideas they reject

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completely, hence I want to repeat that it is necessary to make change from the Heads of this Department.

I would like to suggest one thing for the improvement and development of our PWD that concerns the main worker and authority of PWD., the E.Es., I want them to give Financial Power, which I feel will be right. As I have learnt from a reliable person, during British period Executive Engineer had power our Rs. 30,000/- as time went on the power was made higher over Rs. 50,000/- but the power and the value because only few. Now, if they had power over Rs.1,00,000/-, I believe our PWD can do real work in development of our land. I request our Ministers to take note of this, as I find this can easily done by them.

Desides, I want to say matter regarding work allotment; they call Tender and allot us work, in this case if they had alloted work for villagers, let us cite one example-in Sateek new PWD Subdivision was opened, and many new tenders were called to regularise the new Subdivision; many Contractors answered, byt the Tenders were given to Aizawl Contractors, to the despair of the local Contractors and nearby ones, none of them were alloted work. Such happening despaired the people, in some sence of way, it seems that Contractors of Aizawl who befriend officers of PWD were alloted work by the latter; let them give work for they are the main workers. At present in my Constituency, Champhai to Khawbung Road Tender is to be called, my people are waiting with hope and expectation, and I also want to remind our PWD Officers to allot work to thos people.

I would like to say one more thing; though most of the Members have said before me, when we had Budget Session on the 3rd. March, Pu Vanlalhruala and myself mentioned the widening of the scope of Animal Husbandry, our Ministers have remembered too. This Department is a very important department for development and progress of Mizoram, it was well planned having Director and Dy. Director, as we all know our land depends on jhum cultivation, but we completely fail in the process, and we starve each and every year, as our land and soil is no longer fertile enough to produce crop. There is no other way ^{and} hope there; if we had started Animal Husbandry, let every one who can do do as he pleased, I also wish that we could buy and sell our own animals in the Market; I also feel it would be good to take seriously of having and producing milk in a much larger quantity.

As we all know about Medical Department, our new government knowing the needs of medicines and hospital, builds many new Hospitals or Dispensaries, the Contractors also could complete their construction works just as they

receive work order, the people too are excited. They could work as fast as that cited example, in my Constituency they prepare or build temporary house for dispensary, when Work Order reached the place, the work was almost finished. However, I have doubtful unclear points, I fear if we may not find available Doctor, and we may not be able to relief the needs and demands of the people.

PU HARI KRISTO CHAKMA: Mr. Speaker, I am glad for having the opportunity to discuss 1973-74 Budget and to say the hardships of my Constituency. Even when I was about to come here, there was no rice in Demagiri and in other places, if we do not send sufficient rice to Demagiri and other places there will be hardship afterwards, it is necessary to send rice in large quantity to the said places as soon as possible.

In Agriculture department, there are many plain cultivated fields of paddy in Borapanchari and Chawngte, if Government can not help the cultivators, people shall not be able to make paddy fields. If we don't get much Oxen from government we shall not be able to plough the fields.

In Administration, now in Demagiri one Political Asstt. as acting as Asstt. to the Deputy Commissioner, I have mentioned this in the last Budget Session, I demand that they should send and post One IAS Officer to take the charge and power. I want it to be done as quick as possible, we can do nothing now.

In Medical, when Deputy Minister came to the place, he has visited Demagiri Dispensary; I myself have built this during the British period, but there are only 6 Beds, but the population is thick there, I request you to kindly accomodate 60 Beds at least.

Demagiri and Barapanchari are the District Headquarters of Chakma, but even Jeep cannot come there; PWD could not make road communication of North and South Lokicherra. Road of 4/5 miles could be made, let BRTF take over the work of PWD if the latter cannot make road, it should be made quickly.

In Post and Telegraph, - there is no Telegram system in Demagiri, we have to come to Lunglei by foot which is quite troublesome, tiresome.

In Education, in Demagiri there is only one English Medium High School, which was Provincialised this this year, it will be good and pleasing if government had taken over.

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In Demagiri, there is no Town Hall till today, there is no place to hold meeting and function when some Officers come to visit us.

In Agriculture again, it was said that only few Bulldozers and Tractors are to be purchased, if we could buy many Tractors we could have made many plain cultivations of paddy fields. If we could help and relief the cultivators of Barapansuri and the nearby villagers, it will be quite pleasing, profitable for them.

In Medical there is not even a single Doctor in Pu Dewan's Constituency, there is no medicine too. If a person had come to Demagiri but if there is no medicine, people shall die. It is very necessary to send medicine and Doctor as quick as possible.

PU KAPOOR CHAND THAKURI: Mr. Speaker, we had finished 1972-73 Budget, here we start 1973-74 Session. I wanted to say something in the last Session, but I felt better to keep quiet, for that was my first Session.

What I want to say now is, we have had some money while we were in District Council, but in this new government power and authority has become high and we should make use in good sense. We the Gorkhalis have our own One Middle English School and 6 Primary Schools, M.E. School is Government Aided, in Aizawl; this School of ours is Provincialised and we are glad. The reason is that we the Gorkhalis are poor, in comparison with Gorkhalis of other places, we are backward class, only few are educated. In all these I want our government to give us special consideration.

Our government gives grant for School construction and some are taken over; one of our Primary Schools is in Kolasib, government gives us grant for that, too. But Village Council could not give place for the School, but they cannot afford to buy the School site; it is difficult to know whether the grant was for purchasing the building, or for the purchase of the place or for the rent of the building used as School! The money is Rs. 3,000/- only; I want our Ministers to take note of this.

What I want to say again is that Gorkhali Students still pay fees in Schools, I want you to stop this thing; there are some Gorkha Students in P.M.G College of Aizawl, if they could have Gorkhali Lecturer, and Teachers in High Schools too. Since they have learnt the tongue (Gorkhai or what?) from their childhood days,

it is difficult to pass in College. There are some Gorkhali applicants in the L.P. Teachers examination, who would like recommendations, but I feel we should be careful if we are to give recommendations. If we had recommended, let the department concerned give consideration and call them in Interview also. My recommended persons are especially for Gorkhali teachers, but they do their exams in Mizo, none of them was successful. There is no way for them to be successful, because Mizo tongue is difficult for them.

In School Rules, one teacher has to teach about 40 students, I request you to kindly post one more teacher in these schools because there are not many teachers to teach them.

In Primary Schools, if there are 2 teachers from a particular family, it becomes boring for them to go together and neglect their duties, but this is not right and should not happen. I request our Hon'ble Education Ministers to see and examine the situation.

In Animal Husbandry and Cooperation, we the Gorkhalis are used rearing animals and we live in almost every village. They rear animals wherever they are one person keeps around 50 cones which is heavy and real work and sometimes they damage somebody's properly, garden etc. as it is difficult to keep them constantly under control. In all these I feel necessary to give cooperation to each other, and something has to be done there. Nowadays, Cows and Oxen are taken from Shillong, it is difficult for some people to do such thing, therefore if government had brought here to Aizawl itself, and had been bought from Aizawl itself, that will be profitable and convenient for the people. I request you to kindly consider all these things.

SPEAKER: It is already 4 p.m. we shall now listen to speeches from Treasury bench, as it seems we shall never stop talking, now let the Ministers from the Treasury Benches give speeches.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr Speaker Sir, we consult one another MINISTER. because I thought our programme for today is upto 4½ P.M, and it seems we shall not have much to finish in the fixed time, I beg Members' pardon for that. It seems inevitable that we have to continue till late evening, my neighbour friend here gives me his time and therefore I shall have to have 40 minutes with my friend's 20 minutes he has given me.

Mr. Speaker, only few minutes past Opposition Members too had taken such extra-time.

I feel Hon'ble Members have spoken **exciting** speeches this time, if you pardon my expression our Opposition Members cannot express themselves clearly this time, because it seems they cannot clearly as they stiffened their fists which effect their speeched.

Before we go department-wise, I have here what I think important thing, I shall try to explain. Hon'ble Member Pu Lalsangzuala read out as Press Note of the incident of Tlangnuam where one Mizo killed by Security Forces, I myself too have seen or read that Press Note, it has been sent for correction because I have accidentally seen it, which was left unused. It was drafted by our Chief Secretary, the correct one is this- 'The Officers and other Ranks of some of the 1st. Lushai Hills Battalion Assam Rifles have expressed regret over an unfortunate incident on the night of 10th. February, 1973 when one of Petrol Parties mistook the Sikhar party for hostiles and fired at them, killing Pu Malsawma, and injuring Pu Lal-Ngailova and L/Nk. Rokhuma while on operational duty in Tlangnuam area. The Commandant has conveyed their heartfelt condolence along with an humble contribution of Rs. 500/- to the bereaved family and heartfelt sympathy to the other Party'; I wish Members to know it more clearly, and be corrected rightway.

Another thing Pu Lalsangzuala mentioned, though we agreed not to mention Lt. Governor establishment, we sometimes point out Pu Sarma's case, Rs. 2,000/- Special Pay has been miscalculated, I thought an ordinary man with understanding should have taken for granted. In general they are to be given Special pay, we did not give him just because he is he; ACS, EAC., when they hold the office of Under Secretary in Secretariat, are given such Special pay, that is the real meaning. In Seniority, he is much more Senior than our Supply Director and Deputy Commissioner, besides Central Officers like IPS., IFS. etc. cannot be posted by State Government as its own will, as Central Government has its own Rules and we rather proceed accordingly to the Rules; I think he misunderstood that thing.

I believe he misunderstood the Power Centralisation of Supply Department. Even Supply Officer and Supply Inspector can issue Special Permit; as I have known, whether you Hon'ble Members have applied for it? none have logged of if from me. However, in gathering whether marriage or condolence etc. when they want much more, they come to me begging such special permit as they

dared not begged from Supply Officers; I direct our Supply Officers to issue if there are stock sugars etc. whatever they prayed for, I do not know any centralisation besides these things.

Our continually mentioned power centralisation is matter of the past, now let us explain- In Union Territory Act, regarding power, Chief Secretary only is given power over Head of Department, but there is provision that / the Chief Secretary may delegate his power to his Subordinate Officers; our Officers could interpret that provision a bit later, and now everything is regularised, I hope there is no more hardship and misunderstanding there.

I am glad Hon'ble Members all give importance to corruption cases, I felt it is the most important vice we still carry on from Assam Government, from whom we are now separated; one doubtlessly clear thing is that we treated District Council as ours a bit, and when there occurred any incident on corruption, (there was great and wide publicity on deflation of the concerned person) we made such big noise. We never made such noise when there occurred such corruption in general government it seems there is such inheritance from Assm Government. As our Chief Whip and Members said, our Government Staffs seemed to understand gradually that this is our own Government, I also believe Hon'ble Members shall have much hope on these matters. Hon'ble Members in your enthusiasms and largeness for better work, from what we have learnt and spoken, some find satisfactory while some are not yet satisfied. In that matter, for example, in Common List you filled up the gaps with your chosen selected few and chose it again. There are to be L.DAs., UDAs etc in Secretariat and Directorate Offices, but according to the practices of other States they are totally different cadre; in Directorate, Secretariat etc. there are no L.DAs., UDAs etc who had already served in the Offices, and we are the staffs of District Council and staffs of different branches under District Offices. In such manner we make cross-appointment, on the basis of seniority. I hope and believe there is no trouble there in the matter.

In Development there are certain difficulties, so also in Law and Order too. In general there are certain difficulties in each and every departments, we have been in darkness since 1960, now it is a bit light today. As I have said Development Department has the most difficulties in general, as we are declared 'Disturbance Area' the Department is functioning as General Administration Department, it is necessary to create and appoint new staffs to relief them; we have to make

advertisement and make new appointments in fresh form, it is difficult to clear these things automatically, but it is expected that we may proceed on faster in the coming next year. They criticise us as slow and inefficient in case of transfer and Officer appointments, but as we are independent from Assam Government we still have to see to character role, confidential report and so on in order to make Officers' appointments and promotions, on which Assam Government did not give mind to us. Hence it is inconvenient or improper to make and do haphazardly, while there are some Mizo Officers who shall be coming to work in our Mizoram Government from outside Mizoram, all these are still under process and consideration. For all these reasons we cannot work fast as demanded, and also the main reasons of our progress being slow.

Now, let us go Department-wise, in Agriculture the cases of distribution of seeds, fertiliser etc., and Agriculture and Veterinary Department subsidy given are not of equal amount, the staffs and workers of Agriculture department are inefficient, you give help and relief to those undeserving people, and your distribution of relief is improper, such complaints are heard. You also mentioned your fear in cases of 'Tai' seeds distribution and lands reclamation, if there are need and demand to detect any wrong thing they are to be done so. We cannot say about the past year but we shall carefully see the coming new year. In case of 'Tai' Officers given instructions, Contractors are demanded and they deposited money, they shall not be permitted to draw their deposited money unless and until everything is clear and known; if there is any wrong thing they shall not draw back their deposit, besides there shall be Black List too. Anyway, it is necessary to do many different things in Development. As our Chief Whip have said, it is true that there is nothing new in Budget regarding Agriculture, one thing hopeful we still have on Soil Conservation is that we may find a way and means, which I hope we can fight for from North Eastern Council. Now they are trying their best possible in Agriculture, having new 8 Machines lined up; besides big Bulldozers for Lunglei and Aizawl are being demanded, which shall cost Rs. 4 lakhs. Unless and until the people inherit and have new knowledge, development is difficult and unsuccessful.

To say in general sense, Pu Zalawma said 'now the forest is barren', however, it is regrettable that we become wise a bit late. As I have known our forest have been devastated during Pu Zalawma's party rule for a short period, but they blame us as the responsible persons, Mr. Speaker, forests become thick

and dense during 2/3/ years time. Here we have to know and appreciate some points, we still cannot change our method of jhuming cultivation, as a result we starve facing famine, it seems inevitable for Forest Department if people report 'if we do not cultivate 'Tai' on the forest reserve along the rivers we shall surely die". We shall surely have good thick and dense forest when we come to know the value of forest and change our method of cultivation gradually. Pu Chawngkunga mentioned cultivation of Bamboo-area, we need not economise bamboos growing wild along the road, we need better save and reserve trees whether big or small; we shall need trees to make planks for construction and making of many things for our government, planks etc. are very costly, and there are such hardships of different kinds. Mizoram forests shall gradually become thick and dense, it is aimed also to preserve them as far ^{and} as best as possible, but there are exceptional persons who can play trick in cutting forests trees for fire-wood, it is also difficult for Forest Guards to safeguard every corner and every tree. At present, new programme on improvement of forests is planned, repairing the old damaged or ruined quarters of Beat Officers, and is still aimed to go on that way.

Our mentioning of Paper Mill is really important for our land, the cost of the engine should be about Rs. 30 millions, government too wanted to have one, and is considering of it, but it shall take longer time. As Hon'ble Member Pu Lalhmingthanga said that our economic position is raced past by our politics in our minds, in development of our land we just shout and talk of things beyond our brains' capacities and impossible things; it is not right and good to talk about what our capacities cannot reach, I also fear that we shall happen to be like a frog in the tale who pumped up himself and burst again.

We are going to start from the bottom in Sanitation, now we are saving Rs.10,000/- for the purpose which seems still sufficient, it shall be gradually increased according to circumstances and demands.

We have said about Supply and Transport, which are facts, it is not shameful to introduce Head Load, we rather should have made it for improvement and development of our land. If we had practiced it for development of our family, it should have been good example, Pu Lalkunga said Supply Director changes the rate of transport of rice at any interval; Pu Lalkunga begged that the rate of transport be made higher, I said I shall have talk regarding the matter with the Supply Director. It is well and good if he could increase the rate of transport without my need of having talk with the Director,

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besides I have not knowledged the rate of Central transport. We tol& them of our wish on the subject principle which the officers concered just work out. I had no time to enquire in detail about the loss of Rs. 500/- deposit by the Storekeeper, I left it to be done afterwards, I want to say a few wards regarding our difficulties in Block; it is supposed that 20 Blocks and 7 Subdivisions are to be created and opened simultaneously, and further supposed there should be no over lapping of area. There is no reason and abstacle of spending the money just because the said Blocks are not yet opened, now 10 Blocks are functioning smoothly ; where there are no Block Development Officers, Administrative Officers or Overseers shall take charges who shall be trusted the money, and they shall draw the money, besides they shall be given grants as far as practicable by some means. Pu Rochama said Rs. 10,000/- is for contingent, but that was made while there were no functioning Blocks, we are proceeding like Assam Government Rules, but it now seems there is no trouble or difficulty on the matter. At present this has been corrected.

Pu Hrangala said 'District Council period attracts our longing for it', yes, it is quite right, but development sanction is quite sufficient, in comparison with the amount received during District Council time. What we thought the people misunderstood is that District Council had given to Village Councils Charge, while we now rather give to the hands of A.O's instead of the Village Councils, though some are still given to the hands of V/Cs. Hence if people misunderstand this, I can take it easy and granted.

Pu Saitlawma said 'you did not give or provide us play-ground', there is no scheme prepare such ground for Lunglei; in Hnahthial Block they are given cash for purchasing or making play-ground. They are not planned; I supposed B.D.O. should prepare scheme for the purpose. Pu Hari Kristo Chakma demanded 'we need Town Hall for and in Demagiri', let themselves first make scheme, and we shall try to remember too.

Now let me answer Pu Lalruata's points on 'your disbursement of Development grant is unfair', when we say development the scope is vast, we introduced special scheme, EGS., CSRE., and so on, like that there are general block fund. When we look tho those systems, we arranged such party is working on this side, let us give this party any work on that side; there is probability that some may be left no chance. Government generally, as recommended by Planning Board aims to make bigger and progressive of FWD., Agriculture etc., for that purposes,

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EGS., CSRE., are utilised mainly for the purposes of land reclamation. Taking the whole area the land, power of reclamation of about 4000 area has been given; Dy. Commissioner and other departments are given too, even only Chhimituipui District is given R. 11 lakhs. Our brothers from Southern part brought their grieves to our notice. I want you Members to acknowledge that their points of grievances are under consideration and process. It is given on the basis of population, for example- if we give Rs. 2/- for Aizawl area. Our brothers of Southern area shall get Rs. 3/- ; they get ours two fold or at least one-fold because they are a bit backward. However, due to trouble and difficulties of communication or other reasons, no work can appear progressive; I hope you, Members, understand this.

In general, our current year Budget is not so bad, even only for Plan Scheme Rs. 6 Crores is sanctioned, we also know that Central Government is ready to give us more if we demand another besides the sanctioned one. It is hopeful that we shall progress in every field with this Budget.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker, there is something which I believed shall be fascinating for our Ministers too, I also want to it to be checked out. They see only a short distance at the time of demand, hence I shall say points by point by which they may not repeat in seeing only a short distance.

I have important points to say regarding Supply & Transport, during 1972-73 countersigned permits other than permits of our homestead, are given to 43 Motor vehicles of Plainers coming to our land; Police arrested other people who came to our land having such permits, but since the authority who countersigned the permits are other than Mizos they released them, and let our Minister i/c take note of it. Besides temporary permits are countersigned there are about 43 or 50 Trucks without permits and let the Minister i/c check up this.

I want to say another thing regarding FWD., it is the way how our Head of our Department (Contractors Association) use to make me a laughingstock; though I cannot continue my contract work. I am, only in name the President of Contractors. Anyhow, in every way it is good to do things carefully, I request our Minister i/c FWD to pay attention and listen to me; our Hon'ble Members are not satisfied at the present contract rate, Principal Engineer's treatment of us is quite unsatisfactory. The tender of Khawzawl-Lungdar (E) road is replied at Schedule rate, as it could not be made below Schedule rate; he then called them together and warned that 'if you cannot reply it below 5% or 10 %, I will not give you the work'

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In seal Tender, his reckless action and looking down upon us is not satisfactory, we are not pleased with his action. I have consulted some of our Ministers regarding the Rate, I advised them to make circular in workable rate, schedule rate etc. the department, and also to have big or more influential power in the department so that the Son of Soil may improve our economy out of this development; but if they had not yet done I want them to have, otherwise Head of Department drive us like mad dog to go their own way.

In A.T. (Aizawl to Thenzawl) Road there are many measured but kept pending bills. but he (the P.E) detained Bills of Mizos uncountersigned; he demanded to know the amount of the Bill of the aid project. At this point non-Mizos, a certain Bhattacharjee and other person, since they could not submit their Bills feared their Bills shall be kept pending for along time, and the two Contractors suffered hardships. I want then to find some way for us in this matter, to do something for us.

Our P.E. (P.W.D) treats his Executive Engineers like dogs driving them mad at his own selfish will; if he not driven away, at least tranfered somewhere, as Pu Hrang-ala declared, if I do not resign I may nealy fulfill it in the least.

In case of Director of Agriculture and Forests, I want Agriculture to be in and under separate Directorate; it is not fair or proper that a person who passed only Ranger Course have Agriculture under his control. He took charge during the absent of one person, (should be his superior offices) in Tripura, I don't want him to take dual charge here.

It is not fair that P.E. should take PHE under his control. I wish that our (own) Mizos expert in Laws should be made to deal with Laws Department, I feel we are almost late as it is necessary to arrange things very soon.

Let Ex-gratia grant be given to MNF personnels who suffered beating and shot dead, to their family in the latter case, though these cases are of the past, I feel this should be better done fast.

Let what had been done regarding basic training be settled since post and other things have been treated.

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There are about 10 vacant S.D.O posts in Sub-Divisions, which have been already settled or arranged, yet appointment have not been properly made or settled, I want our Ministers to make appointment in proper form as soon as possible. Anyhow, there are many things, which are not proper yet, as it is impossible to make them all proper at a time, but what I want to say is that let us post Mizo Officers as Heads of Departments, non-Mizos as Heads of Departments give us much trouble, so that our Ministry may save its face from humiliation. I want it to be fulfilled, what we the general people and our Mizo Officers have waited like scarce water-waiting, in our new form of Government, I also want to say that the owner, sons of the soil take care of every department. Let our new government go in the New Chapter.

Thank you.

PU R. THANGLIANA

MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker, I shall try to reply, our Member has given us good advices which I appreciate. I think we misunderstand Motor Permit, we usually say non-Mizos from outside Mizoram who don't pay even Road Tax, it is possible that they pay Road Tax to any State. If Mizoram Motors had given the Tax ~~to~~ ^{to} even if they had gone to Assam they cannot levy the Tax there. However, recently Central proposed new Rules, proposing that the Tax be paid wherever the Motors are registered, we accepted the proposal for we thought it would be favourable for our land.

PU ZALAWMA:

Mr. Speaker, in Central 45 Motor Vehicle Act, it was for those who have bigger District Area and who have longer roads. We have longer road, as we maintain road reaching Bagha Bazar; for instance, they should pay there if they had only 18 or 28 miles length of road, if we have the longer road. In that Central 45 Motor Vehicle Act, it is very clear about the division of road maintained by two (2) separate Districts or States, for these reasons I just want to make clear.

PU R. THANGLIANA

MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker, that is District (Regional) affairs, it is not the affair of State to State; it is the concern of Assam Motor Vehicles Act, rather an affairs between Mizoram and Assam State. The meaning is that they can give Special Permit, for one journey and return; that need not be countersigned by us here.

Besides, there are some who have Permanent Pass, now I have all the numbers, Mizoram Motors 67, Motors from outside Mizoram 7. There are 32 Zoram Motors having temporary pass, the reason is that there are BRFF and Pushpak duty, who have many transport works, they come and demand 'we want this and that', it is not fair not to countersign them. However, and Hon'ble Member Pu Zalawma himself is one of the Members of this Board, and he may punish any at his and if he will. If vehicle No. ASC 3869 had not paid Tax here, if he had paid in his own land it would have been alright. Special Permit for one journey is misused by some, by coming again, such persons shall be punished by 16 State Transport Authority, let them punish severely; such Act is prepared by S.T.A. I think you took it as done besides rule regarding trial of such matters. For example. if a person or persons want to go to Calcutta, whether one or two Motors, we can easily issue Special permit for one journey, they cannot give them trouble there.

PU ZALAWMA:

Mr. Speaker, in 45 M.V. Act, the distance to go is fixed on both sides.

SPEAKER:

Now we shall adjourn the sitting, we start at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Meeting Adjourned at 1700 hrs.

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